



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Paul Gleeson



Capalaba, the entertainment capital of the Redlands

The second Bayside Blues Festival was held in September and this year the event attracted more than 4000 people to what was a fantastic free, family friendly community day. It was also a great opportunity to officially open the new outdoor stage at Capalaba Regional Park.

Saturday, 17 October saw the City Slider, a fun 325m water slide, come to the Redlands for the first time with thousands of people enjoying the alcohol-free street party on Ney Road throughout the day.


Currently I'm working with a local jazz group and we are hoping to host a Christmas jazz concert on the new stage at Capalaba Regional Park on Saturday, 5 December. Watch my Facebook page for more details about this free, family day.



SHAKIN': The second Bayside Blues Festival at Capalaba Regional Park attracted more than 4000 fans.



FUN: The City Slider brought plenty of fun for youngsters and the young at heart to Capalaba's Ney Road.



Help is now at hand

Those impacted by domestic and family violence have a new support base with the opening of the first-ever Redlands regional domestic and family violence service – WAVSS Across The Redlands.

The service offers a range of support, including free information, court support, counselling, crisis response and perpetrator intervention programs for domestic and family violence.

More information is available at www.wavss.org.

Beautification and better roads

Beautification works on Moreton Bay Road are about to continue to build on the upgrades which can already be seen on the corner of Redland Bay Road.

The new works will include a large welcome sign to Capalaba, the northern gateway to the City, as well as landscaping, footpaths, cycleways and lighting.

Meanwhile, Banfield Lane (behind KFC) is about to receive a huge upgrade with boulevard parking for about 50 cars, as well as a new footpath. It will be constructed from concrete to stop the land subsiding due to issues with the previous landfill.



YOU BEAUTY: The next stage of Capalaba's entry statement at the City's northern gateway will get underway soon.

Council recently called for tenders for this work and we hope to see it started in November. This is a fairly large job which will continue over about six months.

A number of roads in Capalaba have recently

been resurfaced. This program will continue over the coming months, with some roads being well and truly overdue for a new top.

To this end I will continue fighting for our fair share of road renewals.



Weather outlook makes it vital to Get Ready

The last few summers have brought significant weather events and bushfires to the Redlands, showing that we are not immune from potential natural disasters.

With the Bureau of Meteorology expecting hot, dry weather with an increased possibility of severe storms and increased fire risks over the next several months, all residents should take time to make their homes ready.

You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a disaster which might force you to quickly evacuate your home.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to the Redlands is available at www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au.

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through its website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio and it would be well worth connecting with Council's social media feeds so you can keep up to date with the latest information. Here's some information you might find useful.

REDLANDS... BE BUSHFIRE & STORM SAFE



We are approaching bushfire and storm season, so it is important to plan for both.

- Prepare a family emergency plan
- Prepare your home to minimise damage

Redland City Council's disaster management plan provides information on how to prepare for and recover from a disaster.

The plan can be downloaded from www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au

Ten things you must include

Your emergency kit should contain:

- a portable radio with spare batteries
- a torch with spare batteries
- a first-aid kit
- candles and waterproof matches
- a waterproof bag for valuables
- important documents including emergency contact numbers



If evacuation is likely or required:

- a good supply of any prescribed medications
- any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm or elderly
- strong shoes and protective clothing
- food and drinking water

Assembling an evacuation kit

Division 9 residents should consider putting together an emergency evacuation kit containing the items that you will need should you be forced to relocate. Here is a list of essential items that you can personalise to suit your own requirements.

Medical: Prescriptions, medicines, Medicare number, contact details of your local doctor, puffers, spare glasses, a clear account of any special medical needs that you may have.

Documents: Passport, driving licence (copy), Medicare card (copy), bank account details, credit card numbers, birth certificate, copy of your will, list of critical telephone numbers.

Insurance: Policy documents including vehicle and/or boat policies.

Clothing: Sufficient for five to 10 days (include comfortable shoes). Remember personal items such as a toothbrush, comb and toiletries.

Irreplaceable items: Photographs (scan irreplaceable memories onto a memory stick), jewellery (heirlooms such as grandma's wedding ring).

Things to consider: A few good books, transistor radio and batteries, diaries.

There are other things that you might consider important enough to include in your kit, but the main thing is to be prepared.

We all hope that we will never need to grab the kit and run, but if the day ever does arrive, you will so relieved that you have everything ready to go.

Here's a tip! Keep your kit somewhere accessible but secure - you do not want it falling into the wrong hands.

The disaster management and community safety section on Redland City Council's website contains suburb-specific emergency information and advice for Division 9 residents, so check it out at www.redland.qld.gov.au

We're all in this together www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au

Helping hand through grants

I was very pleased to have helped a range of worthy Capalaba and City-wide community groups with grants during the past few months.

Capalaba Junior Rugby League Club received \$3000 to help cover the cost of repairing the clubhouse roof, with \$4315 in a joint grant with Mayor Karen Williams going to Capalaba Girl Guides for work on its premises. I was also able to help community events such as Redfest and the Wiosna Polish Multicultural Spring Festival, as well as Capalaba's Bayside Blues Festival.

Merry Christmas and stay in touch

From my family to yours, I wish you a fantastic Christmas period and please stay safe. To keep in touch throughout the holiday season, please 'Like' my Facebook page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)'.



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