



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman



Brian proves a true inspiration

Our Inspiring Senior for 2015, Brian Russell, has led a very interesting life, much of it involved with the ocean and helping others.

Brian has spent 21 years involved with Cleveland Yacht Club and is a life member and a former club commodore.

On joining Cleveland Rotary 10 years ago, he became heavily involved in club activities, including volunteering at the local museum.

All up, Brian has been involved in voluntary community work for the past 36 years, giving freely of his time to schools, Scouts, the RSL, RedArts and anyone who has needed a helping hand.



WELL DESERVED: Brian Russell with Mayor Karen Williams and myself after receiving his Inspiring Senior award.

A Rotary Paul Harris Fellow, he loves history and wrote the history of the Cleveland Yacht Club for its 100th anniversary, as well as the history

of the dredge *Sir Thomas Hiley* that played such an important part in the maritime history of the region and his own life story.



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.

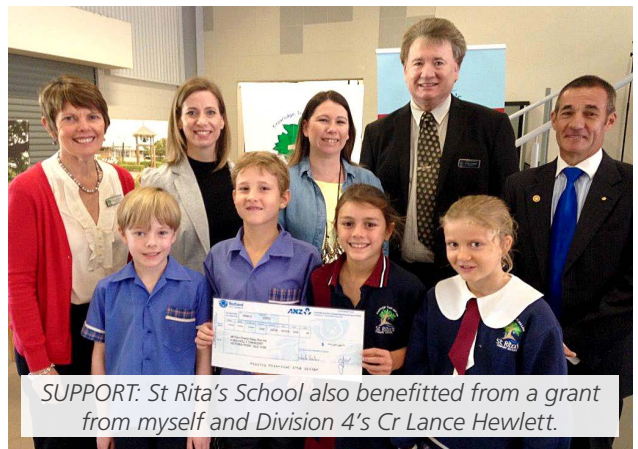
The plan can be downloaded from www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au

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

Grants helping to support our community

I have been fortunate to help many community groups in the past few months and, in doing so, support the invaluable work they do in our division and the wider community.

All up, more than \$8500 was distributed, with the beneficiaries including the Redlands Spring Festival, Mt Cotton Community Fellowship's annual Christmas party, Special Olympics Redlands, Redlands branch of the Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association, St Rita's School Parent Network, Redland City Bands and the Bayside Mental Health Network's Thrive by the Bay.



SUPPORT: St Rita's School also benefitted from a grant from myself and Division 4's Cr Lance Hewlett.



TEAMWORK: Council colleagues Paul Gleeson, Julie Talty, Mayor Karen Williams, Alan Beard and myself with Mt Cotton Community Fellowship's Pastor Neale Collier.



Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at www.trolleytracker.com.au or by calling 1800 641 497.



Pet micro-chipping

Council offers a mobile micro-chipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25. People can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



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.

Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.



VIBRANT: The revitalisation of Toondah Harbour promises to significantly boost the Redlands' economy and help the City capitalise on its tourism potential.

Toondah Harbour project update

It has been a big year for Toondah Harbour's revitalisation plans. The Walker Group has been busy working with specialists in urban planning, design and the environment to prepare a concept masterplan for the site.

Since the State Government formally endorsed the \$1.3 billion Priority Development Area project in June, the Walker Group has sponsored the Relish Festival at Raby Bay in October and the Island Vibe Festival at Point Lookout in October/November, as well as launching a website at www.toondah-harbour.com.au.

By the end of the year it is expected that Walker Group will refer the project to the Commonwealth Minister for the

Environment under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and apply to the Coordinator General for a coordinated project declaration. During the environmental impact assessment process, there will be opportunities for residents to have their say on the project plans.

The revitalisation of Toondah Harbour is important to the Redlands' future as it will boost the local economy and tourism industry by delivering a world-class ferry terminal and marina, waterfront retail and commercial space, apartments and public parks on the 67ha Cleveland site. It has the capacity to generate more than 1000 jobs during construction and an estimated 500 jobs a year post construction.

Park upgrades on the way

An exciting upgrade is in store for William Stewart Park, with a shelter picnic setting, barbecue and new playground equipment expected to be completed before Christmas, weather permitting.

This project will cost about \$200,000 and, as many families in this area will know, it is long overdue. We at Council look forward to bringing this new equipment to the Thornlands families and our greater community.

Thank you to all residents who came out to our information day at the park and gave their input, it was great to meet you all.

A new double swing, toddler equipment and softball area will also be installed at Conley Avenue Park, Thornlands.

Merry Christmas

This is a joyous time to take a step back from our busy lives and enjoy being with our loved ones. May this Christmas end the year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright new year. Here's to wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and safe new year. Best wishes to you and your families.

Warm regards,

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman
Division 3