



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Murray Elliott

### Budget provides for park upgrades

This year's Council budget provides for significant works and funds to maintain community infrastructure.

Two local parks will receive a total of almost \$300,000 in upgrades under this budget.

This is part of more than \$8.5 million being spent across the City on upgrading local parks and open spaces.

The works will include an upgrade of play equipment at the popular Keith Surridge Park at the corner of Finucane and Windemere roads, along with new boardwalks.

Residents who frequent the Windemere Road Park will also notice some works with the construction of

an amenities facility, allowing users of the popular dog off-leash area and skate park to use these facilities for longer.

Residents will also see new footpaths for Division 7 thanks to a \$160,000 commitment.

### Helping our volunteers

During the year a range of projects totalling \$18,332 were funded from my Councillor grants.

These helped provide water tanks, a shed and swags for community groups that include Alexandra Hills Community Garden Group, 136 Army Cadet Unit and Swags for the Homeless.



### Remember September

That's the month in 1965 that Alexandra Hills was registered with the Place Names Board.

With almost 17,000 residents, it rivals Capalaba as the Redlands' most populous suburb - a remarkable achievement in just 50 years.

### Busy program of road upgrades

Division 7 has again ranked highly for asset maintenance on our local roads. The following streets will be partially or totally resealed in the coming months: Cochrane Street, Bryant Court, Dellamarra Close, Bellini Court, Chantilly Place, Mantanna Road, Redruth Road, Moray Court, Iona Court, Whitehaven Street, Alston Street, Scotby Court, Workington Street, Wetheral Place, Carrock Street, Lambley Court, Garden Street, Hanover Drive, Paraka Street, Karara Court, Wimbourne Road, Verwood Court, Alexandra Circuit, Kimberley Court and Maxted Court.

This year's budget commits more than \$21 million to upgrading roads, transport and pedestrian paths across the City. But if there is a local road or street that you believe needs more attention, or a pothole that needs filling, let me know and I will take up the issue.







### Dob in a dumper

Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at [www.ehp.qld.gov.au](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au).



### Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) or by calling 1800 641 497.



### Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).



### 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.

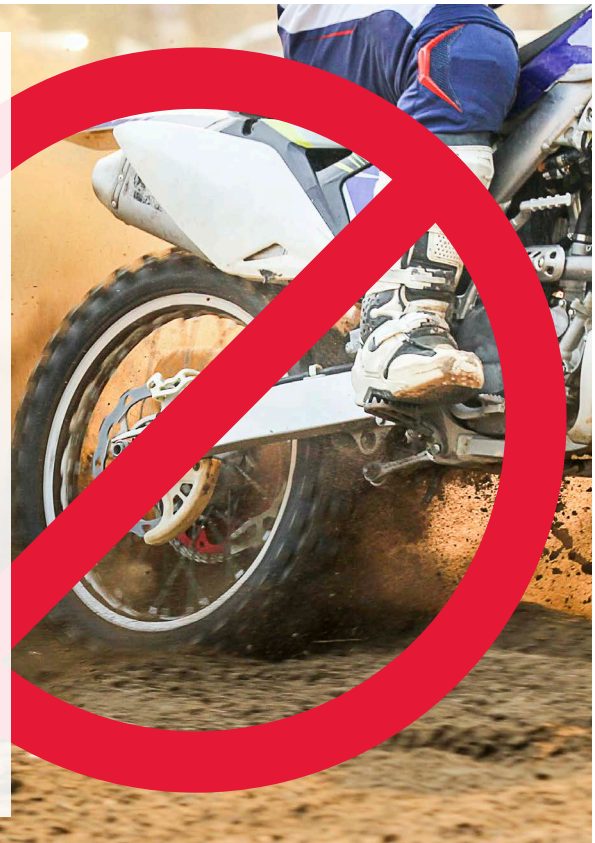
### Report illegal riders

Residents who have motorcycles, quad bikes and, in particular junior trail bikes, are reminded that it is illegal to ride them in parks and conservation areas.

Ignoring this law makes riders liable to a \$589 fine.

Most riders are responsible but they may not know they are breaking the law. It is causing great concern and agitation to those residents who live next to these areas and to walkers using the trails.

Any resident who knows the address of offenders can either contact me or Capalaba police on 3433 3333. Details and a description would be a great help but please do not confront the riders yourself - leave it to Council officers and the police.



### No need for speed

I remind residents that the sole responsibility of enforcing speeding laws on all roads rests with police.

Only continued writing and calls to police on 3433 3333 will provide the resources we need "on the ground". There is simply no other way to achieve this police presence.

Residents also have a responsibility to their neighbourhoods in monitoring their own speeds when driving and encouraging others to do so as well. It all helps to ensure a safer environment in which to live.



### Call in for a chat

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am-midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7.

Thank you to all the residents who have contacted me over the past few months with regard to local issues in the area.

Kind regards,

**Cr Murray Elliott**

Division 7