



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson

Welcome capital works boost

This year's Council budget once again delivers among the lowest rate increases in South-East Queensland.

It will equate to about 31 cents a week for a typical household, while also allowing for a very conservative surplus of \$106,000.

Importantly, it also provides for a large increase in capital works for Division 9.

Over the next year, we will see improvements to many of the City's roads, further landscaping works along Moreton Bay Road, more new footpaths and the new outdoor stage at the Capalaba Regional Park, among other improvements.

All up, \$21 million has been committed to upgrading roads, transport and footpaths across the City.

The funding includes more than \$8 million to resurface local streets city-wide. A further \$4.8 million will be spent on pedestrian and cycleway upgrades and bus shelters, making it easier to get around the Redlands.



A typical Redland household* will see a modest rates increase of just

0.5%

or



about

31 cents

a week including water, rates and utility charges.



Average domestic water user (200kl) costs

down 0.46%

excluding waste water



Predicts a

\$106,000 surplus

continuing Council's strong financial performance over the previous two years, including a surplus in 2013-14 and a predicted surplus in 2014-15

* a category 1A owner occupied property; with a property value of about \$280,000 including all water, rates and utility charges.

Sounds of the Bayside Blues Festival to resonate with Redlanders



SAVE THE DATE
**BAYSIDE
BLUES FESTIVAL**
September 12
Capalaba Regional Park
1pm-9pm
FREE!

After the success of the inaugural Bayside Blues Festival last year, I can confirm that the Capalaba Rotary Club and myself will once again be hosting the event.

This year's free community festival will be on from 1pm-9pm on 12 September and will be bigger and better, with a number of improvements and a few surprises planned for the day.

Keep an eye on my Facebook page for details of this year's big attractions and other festival news.



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 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.

Rhodes concession

I can report that attempts to stop the Rhodes development at 54-58 Mt Cotton Road have been unsuccessful.

Following an application to extend the development approval from the new owner, the legal advice to Council was that, due to the previous approval in 2009, a refusal could not be contested in court. At this stage, the approval is only for the two towers closest to Moreton Bay Road.

I was able, however, to get an agreement from the developer and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to construct a left in/left out access directly on to Mt Cotton Road. This had not previously been a condition of the application. This will reduce some of the traffic impact on Holland Crescent and Aramac Court.



NO CONTEST: Council has had a small concession on the Rhodes plan.



Dob in a dumper

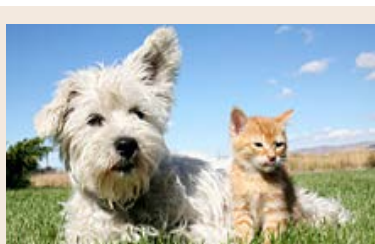
Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.

Major Redland project proceeds

The formal endorsement of plans to revitalise Toondah Harbour takes us to the next step in this vital \$1.3 billion project, which has the capacity to generate more than 1000 jobs during construction and an estimated 500 jobs a year post construction.

This project is important to the Redlands' future as it will revitalise the local economy, particularly the tourism and building industries, by delivering a world-class ferry terminal and marina, waterfront retail and commercial space, apartments and

public parks on the Cleveland site. Council will now work with the State Government and the preferred developer to formalise a development agreement. Residents are guaranteed a further say on the new harbour's design.



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.

Helping the community



TRIBUTE: I was proud to present Capalaba Men's Lawn Bowls Club president Wally Jacobson with a \$200 grant to help fund the club's new ANZAC memorial.

Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.

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