



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Local 'meeting place' project

Soon your local parks will have designated meeting spaces with large sandstone blocks in place. Use them for children's play, adult meetings or family gatherings to suit your area's unique local needs.

Let me know how they help your family to engage with others in your neighbourhood. Remember, the more people we know and the more "eyes on the street", the safer our community.

Heritage, history and our future

This year, the Birkdale School of Arts Hall turns 100; next year, Birkdale State School has its centenary and Wellington Point Cricket Club (based at Thorneside) turns 125.

If you have stories, memories or photographs to share, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the relevant people.

Monster garage sale

St James Neighbourhood Watch will hold its annual combined community garage sale from 7am-11.30am on August 29.

Grab a bargain and join me at the Birkdale Scouts' sausage sizzle and cake stall.

Bring back 'community feel'

Would you like to be involved in co-creating a local, community-run "department of neighbourhoods" for our area? Do you have ideas and the energy to help make things happen, such as local barbecues, street parties, family fun days or movie nights? Please talk with your neighbours and let me know, because no-one has more to gain and contribute than you, your family and our community. I can help with support for good local initiatives.



CLEAN UP: Ellie Fletcher, Margaret Gough, Capalaba MP Don Brown and myself at Tingalpa Creek, from where old wrecks like the one pictured have now been removed.



Wrecks removed from creek

Congratulations to Ellie Fletcher and Margaret Gough, who showed Capalaba MP Don Brown and I the abandoned vessels in Tingalpa Creek.

We have worked with State Government ministers, Maritime Safety Queensland and Council officers along with Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club, Mangrove Watch, Trop Water, the Recreational Boating Council of Queensland, 4BC, Redland City Bulletin and community advocates to remove five submerged craft and hazards.

All your interest and engagement with petitions, Facebook pages, interviews, videos and photographs has resulted in a brilliant outcome.

Care for local bushland

Would you like to assist one of the four dedicated local groups in our region which meet for two hours once a month to help our environment? Your contribution will help keep local vegetation healthy and weeds under control. If you value our environment, why not lend a hand? Contact me and I can introduce you to your local Bushcare group or go to our IndigiScapes centre's website at indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au



GREEN THUMBS: Our Bushcare groups offer an enjoyable way to care for our environment.



Birkdale's old homestead and Commonwealth lands

The future of the privately owned 150-year-old slab huts and Willard Farm homestead, The Pines, will be decided soon, along with the nearby pastoral estate currently owned by the Commonwealth Government.

There is a proposal to reconfigure the 0.8 hectare lot with the homestead and huts at 302 Old Cleveland Road into 12 new home lots.

Sandy, with no heritage listing, the dwellings may be removed but I am seeking to retain them.

The nearby 80 hectares of land owned by the Commonwealth is proposed for sale in 2017. Council would like to buy this land for community purposes, so officers are facilitating a context analysis, including detailed technical

studies, in order to help planners to determine future opportunities and constraints that will help determine Council's proposed bid for the land.

Later this year, an "inquiry by design" process will be co-ordinated by planning officers, whereby community values and expectations will be considered. More details will be released soon.

Local development application update

Recently, more than 300 residents met to consider the future of impact-assessable developments in our area.

Thanks go to Council officers and the dozens of people who helped with letterbox-drops, local organising and raising awareness of the issues.

A Dorsal Drive development received more than 215 properly made submissions, which shows how an informed and actively engaged community can make a positive impact on our local area, in line with community expectations.

The development proposed for 24 Alma Street has not yet advanced to public notification stage. Please contact me for more information.



LOCAL VOICE: One of the four community meetings at Mooroondu Sport and Recreation Hub which were called to discuss the future of local impact-assessable developments.

City Plan and proposed land sale

The Draft Redland City Plan 2015 will enter its community consultation phase once the State Government has given Council the green light for public display. I have asked for a community meeting in Birkdale/Thorneside once the consultation phase begins so you can have your say on the draft plan, which includes new bushfire and storm tide mapping. Your feedback on this document will be important. Council also is investigating opportunities to reduce increasing pressure on ratepayers by adding value to some Council-owned land. I look forward to discussions on all this and more. Please email me if you are interested in coming along, as I'd love to hear your views.

Exercise and celebrate together

Thanks to Councillor Small Grant funds, Mooroondu Sport and Recreation Hub has new outdoor gym facilities, as well as water fountains on Queens Esplanade. This year, Raiders Netball Club and community members will have four courts (with multi-sport marking for volleyball and half-court basketball), in time for the summer holidays. The outdoor gym is free for the community to use. Please take care, be safe and respect others and the equipment.

Stay in touch

As your local representative, I am constantly working with you and other Councillors to determine the best interests of our City and our collective futures. I always welcome any suggestions or concerns, so do not hesitate to contact me via paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au

Fast updates on Facebook

 Social media is a quick way to get messages out. Anyone who uses Facebook may wish to 'like' my Councillor page www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop where I post regular local and city-wide updates, videos, links and articles. You also can visit my website at www.paulbishop.com.au

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