



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman



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.



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.



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

Council grant to the rescue of koalas

Council is taking positive steps towards helping our koalas by financially supporting a plan to target the cause of one of the biggest single killers - the deadly chlamydia virus.

Unanimous support was given to moves to extend a University of Sunshine Coast chlamydia vaccination trial to the City and to use specially trained rescue dogs to track koala colonies.

This is an important step towards a more scientific approach to koala protection.

Mayor Karen Williams has met with Professor Peter Timms from the University of Sunshine Coast, who developed the chlamydia vaccine for koalas, to formalise the Redlands' role in the research. Professor Timms reports encouraging results from the trials of the vaccine so it makes good sense to extend it here.

To that end, Council resolved to contribute up to \$30,000 from the environmental reserve to support this targeted approach to koala protection.

The university will provide a scholarship for a PhD student to do laboratory work.



Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.

As part of the project, koala detection dogs will be used to locate scats which will be tested for signs of chlamydia.

The researchers believe that the future of koala conservation will rely on the ability to non-invasively assess koala presence and health, so key koala populations - or "green islands" - can be identified.

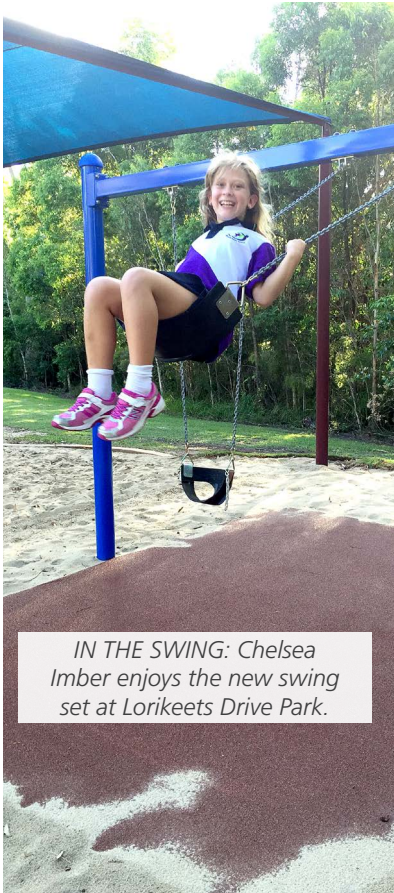
During the trial, researchers will vaccinate koalas from the Redlands taken into care before they are returned to the wild.

Council will also look to partner with the State Government in a wider vaccination of defined koala populations within the Redlands.

Worthy recognition for great Redlanders



THANKS: Congratulations to Australia Day Honours List 2015 recipients for their great contributions to the Redlands. Pictured are Myann Burrows OAM, Peter Drysdale AM, Beverley Giles OAM, Meg O'Driscoll OAM, Jeffrey Underhill OAM and Ross Wiseman AM, with Redland Cultural Award winner Alexa Curtis and Councillor colleagues.



IN THE SWING: Chelsea Imber enjoys the new swing set at Lorikeets Drive Park.



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.



City Plan project update

Redland City Council reached a significant milestone in the State Government-prescribed planning process when it submitted the draft of its new City Plan for State Interest Review in November last year.

Subsequently, Council has made a number of minor amendments and resubmitted them for the Minister's approval. Once ministerial approval is received, Council will take the proposed City Plan to public consultation, giving the community its chance to both

review the scheme and provide formal feedback on it through a submission process. This process will be widely advertised and include community forums, interactive online engagement tools, mailouts, displays, website and social media information and meet-the-planner sessions. When adopted, the Redland City Plan will be Council's blueprint for the future development of the City, so everyone in the community is encouraged to have a look and have their say when it opens for public consultation.

Keeping pesky mozzies at bay

The wet start to the year has created ideal conditions for mosquitoes, which can present a public health issue.

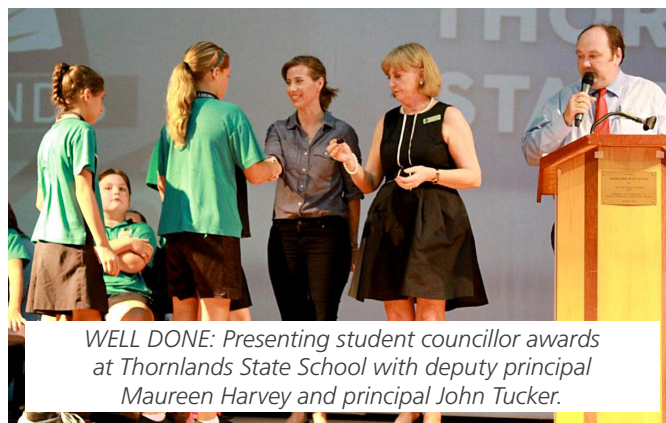
They are more than just a nuisance as they can pass diseases to people, as well as transmit heartworm to dogs.

Council's mosquito management crew has been ever vigilant, conducting surveys and ground and aerial treatments but it is important that as a community we stay on top of the issue.

Residents can help by regularly checking there's no unnecessary water where mozzies can breed around homes, such as in pot plant bases, boats, unscreened rainwater tanks, ponds, blocked gutters and garden features.

You can find out more about Council's treatment program and what you can do at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Go to "About Council" and then "news and publications".

Around the schools



WELL DONE: Presenting student councillor awards at Thornlands State School with deputy principal Maureen Harvey and principal John Tucker.



FUTURE: The leadership induction ceremony at Bayview State School.

Thanks to all

Thank you for staying in touch and helping to continue to make the Redlands a great place.

Warm regards,

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman
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