



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Murray Elliott



Happy 50th birthday Alexandra Hills!

Did you know that Alexandra Hills is one of the newest suburbs in the Redlands? It was originally planned as a satellite town in 1961 and, in September 1965, the name Alexandra Hills was registered with the Place Names Board.

What's in a name?

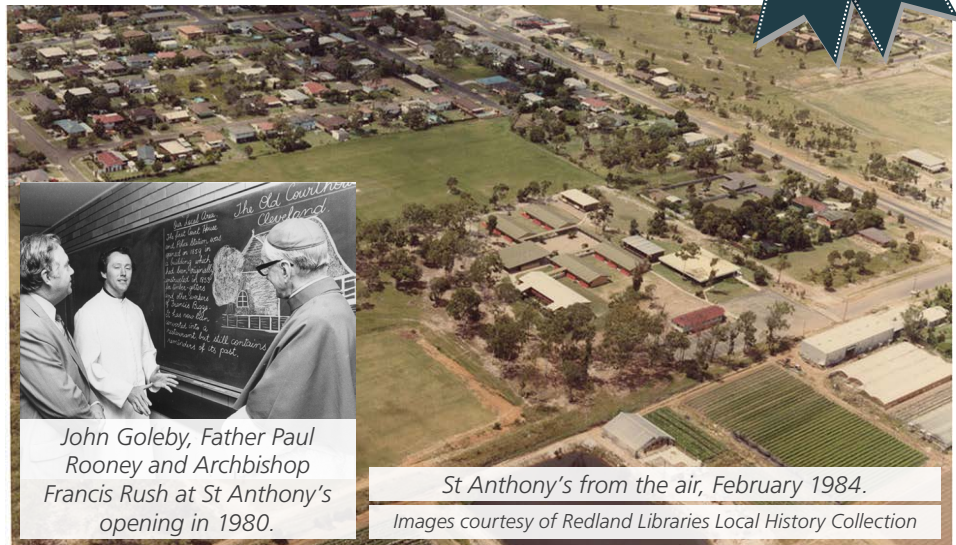
Building company Aspley Homes Pty Ltd suggested the name in 1963. It is most likely named after Princess Alexandra, who had toured Queensland in 1959 during the State's centenary celebrations.

Why was it created?

The main impetus for the development of Alexandra Hills was the completion of Finucane Road.

Progress on the road was slow after it was started in October 1951. Before Finucane Road was built, there was just a rough track surrounded by bushland and small farms. The main road between Capalaba and Cleveland was Old Cleveland Road, which went through Birkdale and Ormiston.

During the 1960s, the bushland areas of Alexandra Hills were quickly cleared for houses, roads and other services. Then, in 1969, parts of Alexandra Hills were connected to the Redlands' water supply. As each area, or estate, was cleared, it was sometimes given a name. Two of the first estates in Alexandra Hills were



John Goleby, Father Paul Rooney and Archbishop Francis Rush at St Anthony's opening in 1980.

St Anthony's from the air, February 1984.

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Windemere Gardens and Vienna Woods, both of which were approved in 1971.

The population of Alexandra Hills grew very quickly as houses were built in the new estates and, by 1976, Alexandra Hills was the fastest growing area of the Redlands.

The key dates

The following timeline indicates some of the most significant dates since its inception.

- 1961** - Satellite town proposed for both sides of Finucane Road.
- 1965** - The name Alexandra Hills is registered.
- 1969** - Parts of Alexandra Hills are connected to the then-shire's water supply.

1975 - Alexandra Hills State School opens.

1976 - The suburb becomes the fastest growing area of the Redlands.

1978 - Oaklands Street Child Care Centre opens; Alexandra Hills Scout Group forms.

1979 - Phyllis Diller performs at the opening of Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre.

1980 - St Anthony's Catholic School opens with 167 students in grades 1-4.

1984 - The State Government approves a senior college offering senior high school subjects and trade courses.

1985 - Vienna Woods State School opens.

1987 - Alexandra Hills State High opens.

1991 - Hilliard State School opens its doors.

1992 - The Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre is redeveloped, with the suburb's population now at 14,548.

2015 - The suburb's population hits 20,000.



Guess who?

Does anyone remember the chiselled chap on the left, who cut a striking figure in the aisles of the hardware store at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre when he ran the business back in 1989? I'm not going to give the game away but he is one fixture from the old hardware store that's still regularly spotted around the shopping centre. If you reckon you have it sussed, send me a line at murray.elliott@redland.qld.gov.au.



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.

Keeping pesky mozzies at bay

The wet start to the year has created ideal conditions for mosquitoes, which can present a significant public health issue. They are more than just a nuisance as they can pass diseases to people, as well as dogs.

Council's mosquito management crew has been conducting surveys and ground and aerial treatments but it is important that as a community we stay on top of the issue. Find out more about Council's treatment program and what you can do at www.redland.qld.gov.au.

Lending a helping hand

Congratulation to Tony Chapman and the hard working team from the Alexandra Hills Community Garden in Oaklands Street, Alexandra Hills. The Connect 2 Group received \$16,605 in funding for a new shed and two water tanks, pictured, to expand the group's activities. If you are interested in joining the group contact Tony at the Connect 2 Group on 3286 7398 or just wander down on the weekends and meet the team. They are at the end of Oakland Street - just walk down the path into the complex.



Redland 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, mailouts, interactive online engagement tools, displays, website and social media information and meet-the-planner sessions.

When adopted, City Plan will be Council's blueprint for the future development, so everyone is encouraged to have a look at it and have their say during the public consultation period.



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,

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