



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Wendy Boglary

Draft City Plan - long-term investment and vision

I recently addressed the Koala Action Group on Council's City Plan process and how a planning scheme can affect you.

Council's draft scheme is now with the State Government and, once it finishes its check, there will be a public consultation stage. A City Plan is all about development, where and what can be built. It includes residential, industrial and commercial development, as well as community spaces. It also plans for waterways and coastal protection, environmental areas and corridors. My aim is to empower and educate the

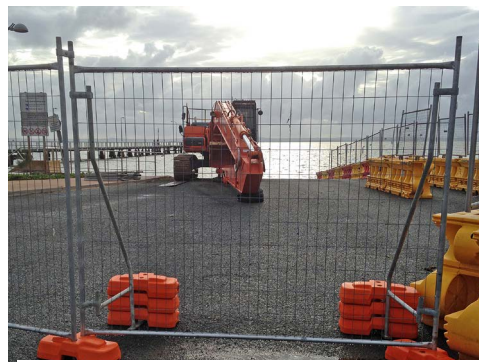
community so when Council's public consultation period commences people understand the importance of the draft City Plan.

To achieve a common goal of constructive, collaborative community input people need to understand what a City Plan is and how it does affect everyone's future.

This is the plan for your City's future so I encourage everyone to be involved. Watch for updates on Council's website and my Facebook page so you can be listened to and be involved.



Making things happen



RAMP IT UP: Wellington Point boat ramp should be ready for the winter whiting run.



ON THE GREEN: Watch this space for a fun development at the Village Green.



FAMILY TIME: The new barbeque facilities in Raby Esplanade, Ormiston.

Community update

Redlands North Community Hub is forming at Trinity Uniting Church. After a successful Christmas lunch the group is continuing with its food bank. We are always grateful for donations of non-perishable foods for distribution to those less fortunate in our community. Donations can be left at the church on Marlborough Road, Wellington Point. This is a great example of community strengthening community.

Catch up for a chat

I continue to hold my regular Community Chats across the division to keep up to date with your issues and concerns.

On the first Saturday, you will find me at Wellington Point Shopping Village from 9am-11am.

It is a top spot to have a coffee while you are browsing for unique local crafts and arts.

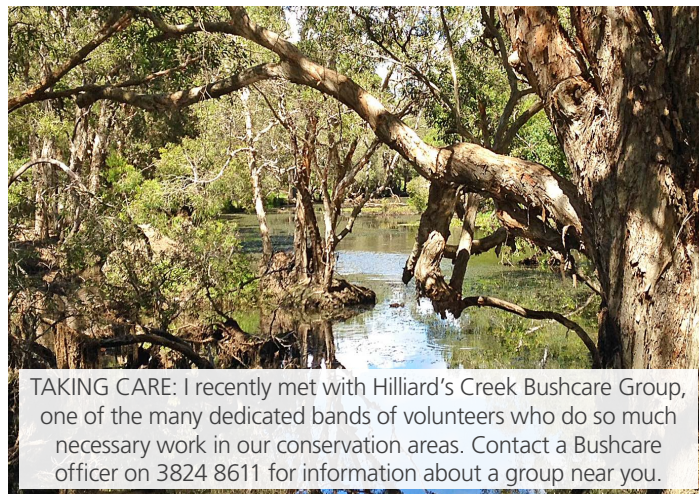
On the third Saturday, I am at Ormiston Foodstore from 10am-noon and, on the 4th Sunday, call in for a chat at the Cleveland Markets in Bloomfield Street from 8am-10am.

As always, I am more than happy to visit residents at any time to discuss concerns, great ideas or simply provide an update on what's happening in our division.



Out and about

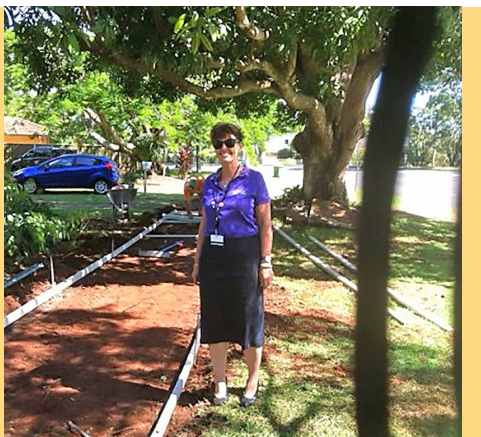
WELCOME: Councillor Paul Bishop and I recently attended the school leader induction at Wellington Point High and celebrated the opening of the school's new entrance.



TAKING CARE: I recently met with Hilliard's Creek Bushcare Group, one of the many dedicated bands of volunteers who do so much necessary work in our conservation areas. Contact a Bushcare officer on 3824 8611 for information about a group near you.

School safety

School safety is always a priority so I am pleased to see a footpath "missing link" near Ormiston State School is being constructed. The missing Sturgeon Street link will also be constructed soon. Also, a big welcome to new principal Neil Randall, pictured far right with P&C president Adele Fisher. Also, thank you to all the new committee members on the various school P&Cs.



Congratulations Meg

I'm happy to support Ormiston House with a Councillor's Grant and also congratulations to Ormiston House administrator Meg O'Driscoll, who recently was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day honours. You couldn't find a more tireless and generous community worker than Meg, who has led many advances in health services in the Redlands.



Boat theme for play by the bay

It has been particularly pleasing to see the new playground at Wellington Point Reserve, *below*, is proving to be hit with children. While it has all the usual playground features, I like a playground to be unique to an area, hence its boating theme in keeping with this beautiful Bay area. I have requested shade to make it more sun safe.



Let's have a great year!

I wish all residents of Division 1 a great year and look forward to working with you. If you have any issues, please don't hesitate to let me know. You can give me a call on 0408 543 583 or email me at **wendy.boglary@redland.qld.gov.au**. Even better, let's catch up in person over a cuppa or at one of my Community Chats. Check my Facebook page for regular updates.

Wendy Boglary

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Division 1

Thanks to our volunteers



WELL DONE: Thanks to all those who volunteered during the recent drenching.



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Cr Craig Ogilvie

Exciting times ahead for City's heart

Residents will soon see a lot more colour and vibrancy in the heart of Cleveland thanks to a landmark agreement to put life back into empty shops.

Called Renew Cleveland, it is part of a national social enterprise designed to generate community renewal and economic development, while providing opportunities for Redland artists and creative industries.

An initiative of Redland City Council and supported by Stockland Cleveland and Ray White Commercial Bayside, it will work with communities and property owners to make otherwise empty CBD buildings available for short-term use by artists and for creative projects and community initiatives.

It is among a range of initiatives and strategies that are focussed on revitalising the CBD for community benefit. The concept has been very successful in Newcastle in NSW and Adelaide in South Australia, where it has helped to transform parts of their business districts while providing opportunities for grassroots business initiatives to flourish.

My hope is that Renew Cleveland will bring buildings to life again by



matching the property owners of vacant commercial premises with artists and new businesses under short-term leases for modest fees.

Tenants will be able to occupy these spaces for, say, a month or so for activities that create community, cultural and investor interest.

Besides the local opportunities that it will provide, Renew Cleveland is expected to generate plenty of community interest and increase the attractiveness of the CBD for local shoppers as well as daytrippers.

It is important to note that tenants under the program are not to compete with existing businesses (food vendors are excluded) and strive to bring positive community,

tourist or investor interest into the commercial centre.

It has the capacity to help property owners generate permanent tenancy agreements while highlighting the creative and cultural talent and great atmosphere we have in Cleveland.

Project participants pay a small fee to Renew Cleveland to cover insurance, as well as paying for utilities.

I encourage locals with creative talent who want to try a business idea of their own to make use of the program. Council has entered into a licence agreement with Renew Australia and will oversee the program. If you want to learn more about Renew Cleveland, visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/renew.

Focus
on Cleveland

Park set to bloom in the heart of Cleveland

Cleveland's Bloomfield Park is about to undergo a transformation, with work to rejuvenate this great spot in the heart of the CBD due to be finished in June, all going well.

The final design was the product of five community engagement events, as well as feedback from local traders and the arts community.

Council is now working on a program of activities for the new space once it is completed.

After expressions of interest from the arts community, a new play sculpture has been designed as a feature of this popular family-friendly park. The new sculpture will have similar qualities to the existing sculpture,

which has become unsafe. Our new park, funded jointly by Council and the State Government, will also have a performance area, improved seating and better amenities. Open grass spaces and shady trees will be retained. Surveillance and safety will also be improved.



CONNECTED: Bob Carter and I enjoying free wi-fi in the CBD.

Connected in Cleveland

You can now stay connected in the heart of Cleveland, with Telstra providing a free wi-fi hotspot in Middle Street.

You can use the Telstra service on any wi-fi enabled device for up to 30 minutes for free. You don't have to be a Telstra customer to use it.

There appears to be good coverage in Middle Street, with the hotspot centred on the public phone booth near the crossing between the Stockland centres.

Cleveland is one of 250 centres around the country to get the service.

Free wi-fi is also available at Cleveland Library. All you need to log in is the membership number on your library card. Library membership is free.

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Quandamooka headlines great program of events

Cleveland is set to host a series of top events in the next few months which are of interest to a wide cross-section of the community.

I am particularly excited about the Quandamooka Festival, a three-month cultural celebration which will begin in July with a wide range of activities in Cleveland, on Straddie and across the City. Unlike anything the City has seen before, this initiative of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation will include traditional cultural activities, dance, music, film, exhibitions, sports and other activities celebrating the culture of the land and waters of the bay.

There are also a number of top events in the next month or so in this busy part of the Redlands.

The Redlands Easter Family Festival will resume on 6 April at Cleveland's Norm Price Park after a year's break. The free family festival started back in 2000 and this year will take over the showgrounds with a host of sideshow stalls and rides, an animal farm, children's performers, free food and drinks and a variety of kids' activities, street theatre and other entertainment. It is expected to attract about 15,000 people, making it one the largest annual events in the Redlands. The show will open at 10am and run to 3pm. You will find the full details at www.redlandschurches.org.



IT'S BACK: Get set for the return of the Easter Family Festival.

There will also be plenty to interest sports fans, with the Queensland Triathlon Series coming to Redland Bay on 19 April, the Redlands Relay for Life on 2-3 May and the Arthur Davis Memorial Cup Touch Competition on 17 May, both at Norm Price Park.

On 4 April, 16 May and 6 June, RPAC will host the RedArts Create and Connect Workshops, which are essentially creative industry forums where people can learn how to make their passion their business from experienced business people in the sector. The forums cost just \$5, including light refreshments. Find out more at www.redarts.org.au.

North Stradbroke Island will be the place in June, with the JUNetunes music festival on the Queen's Birthday long weekend and then the brilliant Lines in the Sand Arts Festival from 26-28 June.

Toondah update

Plans for the redevelopment of Toondah Harbour are continuing following the change of State Government.

I continue to hope that we may see this project deliver good outcomes for the City, which is particularly important for both North Stradbroke Island and Cleveland. I would expect that many of the jobs that this project is projected to create in the construction, commercial, retail and tourism sectors will be available to locals.

I will keep you informed of developments, with the preferred developer, the Walker Corporation, still to release its preliminary designs for this billion-dollar project.

Keep in touch



If you want to follow Cleveland news and my activities, please like the Cleveland Town page. You can also follow me on Twitter @CouncilCraig. You can usually find me at the Cleveland Markets on a Sunday.



If you have any further questions about any issues, please contact me at any time.

Warm regards

Cr Craig Ogilvie
Division 2 – Mainland



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Our sporting achievements

Congratulations to all the sporting stars who have been covering Straddie in glory of late.

The surfers have individually and collectively been on fire. The Point Lookout club's performance at the Australian Championships was amazing. Amity Cricket Club also won the TuTu Cup. The island is a breeding ground for Champions!

Quandamooka first

Congratulations to Quandamooka's Lianne Enoch on being elected Queensland's first female Indigenous Member of Parliament.

Lianne is a proud Straddie Nunukul/Nughi woman and represents the seat of Algester as well as being appointed Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Science and Innovation.

A former high school teacher, she is the first member of her family to graduate from university. Her election and appointment as a Minister is no doubt a source of great pride on Straddie.

Amity Basin access

Council has deferred a decision on whether to construct a new vehicle access road to this popular spot pending talks with the State Government. Council no longer controls the original road to the basin and a report found it would cost more than \$400,000 to build a new road, carpark and staircase into the basin area.

Straddie Camping will provide 24-hour emergency vehicle access.



Township meeting a positive exchange

Many thanks to those who provided feedback at the recent township meeting at Dunwich.

These meetings, which have been held regularly since late 2012, are a valuable vehicle for me as your local councillor to hear your concerns about a range of issues.

The latest meeting at Dunwich Community Hall was dominated by issues at One Mile.

The work there is expected to be completed by the end of June, with

additional parking made available to counter the loss of some spaces close to the jetty that were required to make it safe for buses to turn around. We also have responded to safety concerns by reducing speed limits in Yabby Street and along East Coast Road and will make carparks closer to the jetty 24-hours only, giving priority to day commuters.

While Council will try to minimise disruptions, please allow extra time to access One Mile Jetty and the pontoon while work is underway.

Signs of the time

Council is well advanced in determining an agreed approach to signage on the island.

The North Stradbroke Island Signage Project now has a dedicated officer assessing all types of signs with the aim of delivering high quality, informative signage that meets the needs of the community and visitors.

Signage will meet national standards while blending with the beauty of the island.

Since November, the project has been in a research and

development phase, with a review of current signage and consultation with land owners and managers such as QYAC and state departments.

Some signs will change during the project but most of the visible changes will happen once an ongoing maintenance program is developed.

The signage project will deliver some "on the ground" initiatives such as entry statements for Straddie, as well as for townships.



Boost for popular Gorge Boardwalk

The new work on Point Lookout's ever-popular Gorge Boardwalk will be wrapped up before the busy Easter period, with visitors having a new viewing platform to take in the stunning views.

Keeping the 1.2km cliff-top walk in top shape ensures it remains one of South-East Queensland's most acclaimed sustainable-tourism attractions. The latest work will make it even safer and easier to enjoy.

The work has been progressing in three stages to allow limited access to the boardwalk during construction and full access during the busy Easter break.

This latest stage will bring the total cost of the boardwalk's construction to more than \$2 million.



MISSING LINK: Council workers install the latest section of Point Lookout's world-class Gorge Boardwalk.

Leaders in the making



TOP CLASS: I was pleased to attend Dunwich State School's 2015 leaders' ceremony.

Toondah Harbour update

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I continue to hope that we may see this project deliver good outcomes for the City, which is particularly important should the phasing out of sand mining on Straddie be brought forward.

I would expect that many of the jobs that this project is projected to create in the construction, commercial, retail and tourism sectors will be available

to island residents as the community transitions away from mining to sustainable tourism.

I will keep you informed of developments, with the preferred developer, the Walker Group, still to release its preliminary designs for this billion-dollar project.

Environmental impact studies by state and federal agencies still have to be completed to ensure that the transformation of Toondah Harbour delivers on all community expectations.

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Division 2 – Island



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.

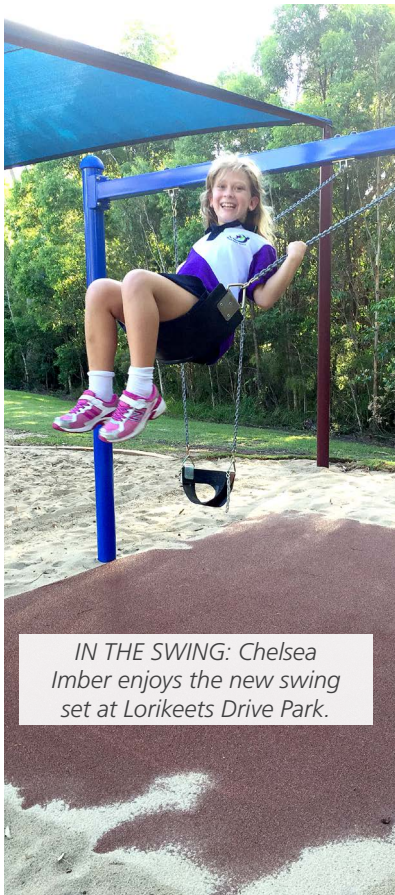
During the trial, researchers will vaccinate koalas from the Redlands taken into care before they are returned to the wild.

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.



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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.

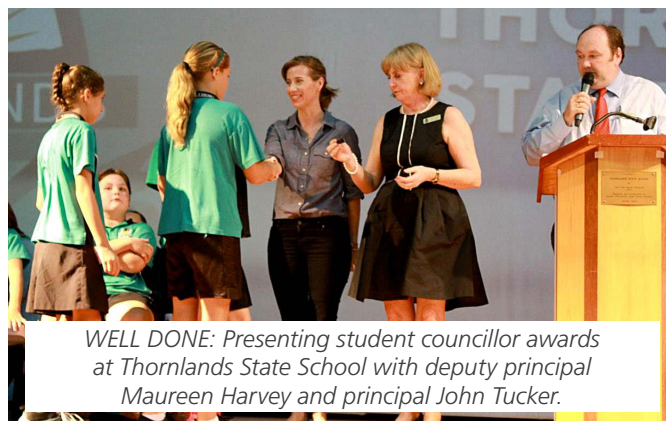
They are more than just a nuisance as they can pass diseases to people, as well as transmit heartworm to dogs.

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,

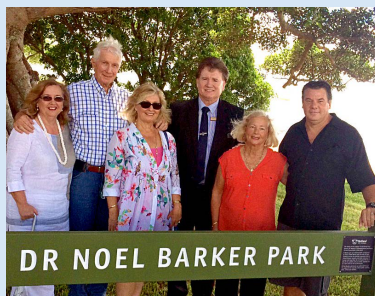
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Division 3



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett



Touching tribute

I was privileged recently to attend and celebrate the official naming of Dr Noel Barker Park at Church Street, Victoria Point, which was officially approved by Council in late 2014.

Before about 100 family members and friends, Dr Barker's eldest brother, Anthony Barker, spoke fondly of Noel's love of the waters of Victoria Point where he and his siblings spent their childhood. I had opportunity to pay tribute to Dr Barker and his genuine care for his patients and his enormous contribution to the local community.

Long-term local resident William Lowe, who suggested the park be named in honour of Dr Barker, also attended.

Dr Barker's wife Lyndal and daughters Carolyn and Bridget said how much it meant to so many to have such a beautiful place to visit.

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Foreshore project to complement new Coochie jetty

Council will be undertaking substantial landscaping improvements to Coochiemudlo Island's main beach to complement the new jetty and pontoon.

These improvements, beginning in July, will cost an estimated \$860,000 and will boost Coochie's attraction as a destination, particularly for families.

The much-anticipated new ferry terminal is one we all should be proud of. It provides a safer, more accessible facility, particularly for passengers with mobility issues or prams.

The new floating pontoon landing area will allow easy all-tide access in line with disability design standards. Being covered, it also provides protection from the weather.

The State Government's investment also includes the work on the Victoria Point jetty and upgrade to the jetty bus terminal.

The new bus station is sure to be welcomed by commuters and Coochie residents. The work, which is expected to be finished in July, will provide residents and visitors with improved facilities when interchanging between the island ferries and TransLink services.

The architecturally designed, fully sheltered bus station will have capacity for two buses, as well as an improved waiting area with extra seating. Security will be improved with better pedestrian access and lighting, as well as 24-hour video surveillance.

This new station was identified as a priority in the area.

The State Government's contractors are making every effort to keep disruption to a minimum during construction but there may be short delays and inconvenience while the temporary bus stop is in use and the carpark partially closed.



READY, SET: It is time to get your teams together and start training for this year's Run for Redlands 48-Hour Charity Festival and Koala Fun Run.

Save the date and get ready to run

Victoria Point Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank, along with Redland City Council, are major supporters of this year's Run for Redlands 48-Hour Charity Festival and Koala Fun Run.

This year the event will start on Friday 15 May at the Ern Dowling Sports Field, Colburn Avenue, and will continue through to Sunday 17 May.

The JJ Richards-sponsored breakfast launch is on Friday 1 May at Redlands RSL, Cleveland, with a dinner and auction on Friday 15 May. For tickets and to register for the runs, go to www.runforredlands.org.au.

This year's proceeds will be going to two fantastic causes: The CAGE Youth Foundation, Redland Bay, and the Paediatric Unit at Redlands Hospital.



Our P&Cs making a wonderful contribution

With the 2015 school year well and truly underway, I believe it is important to acknowledge the great work of the P&C associations within our wonderful school communities.

As a member of most of the P&C's within my division, I have found it very rewarding to be involved in the great work that they do.

Responsibilities of the P&C include many fundraising initiatives, school functions, policies, promoting community interests of educational matters, facilitating

the development and improvements of the schools, and encouraging closer cooperation between the parents, members of the community, staff and students.

It's also a great way to network, make friends and build a stronger community. If you have the time, it's really worth getting along to your school's P&C meetings.



STRONGER COMMUNITY: Myself with St Rita's Primary School Parent Network members, from left, principal Anne McKenny, Fr Paul Kelly and parents Debbie Stone and Antoinette Page.



...and with Victoria Point State School P&C members Darren Sloan, Bronwen Bryett, acting principal Ben Manthey, Angela Woodall and, sitting, Nicole Smeelie and Bronwyn Wood.

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Helping hand for our VMR



VALUED SERVICE: Presenting the cheque to Commodore Alex Malcolm at VMR Base, Victoria Point, watched by members Ian Ivory, Don Jackson, Del Mirams, David Paylor, Neville Mills and Ted Scovill.

It was my pleasure recently to present the Volunteer Marine Rescue, Victoria Point, with a Councillor Grant for \$3300 to buy new wet-weather equipment.

Established in 1982, Volunteer Marine Rescue Victoria Point currently has 44 active members who ensure this essential service is ready to assist boaties across southern Moreton Bay. They are located at Victoria Point near the northern ramp, with two rescue vessels operating between Cleveland and the Logan River.

With minimal government funding, the volunteers spend a lot of time fundraising. Their boaties market continues to be popular, with three events throughout the year at Victoria Point State School. For just \$60 a year, the VMR provides an invaluable on-water service and peace of mind.

Meet and greets

I am committed to getting out and meeting residents in person as much as possible and, as such, continue to set up my Council information booths at Town Centre Shopping Centre and Victoria Point Shopping Centre at least twice a month.

I am also out doorknocking and always happy to visit you at home or arrange a meeting in Council to discuss any issue you have. Just call 3829 8603.



You also can friend me on Facebook for the latest Council updates and other information.

L. Hewlett

Cr Lance Hewlett
Division 4



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Mark Edwards

The CAGE's heart beats for Redlands

Since arriving in the Redlands in 2001, The CAGE Youth Foundation continues to make a difference to the lives of young people, our future leaders, and their families

CAGE stands for Creating A Good Environment, and that's certainly what it has been doing through its local skate parks, dance parties, Epic Days Out, school health and wellbeing sessions, workshops and after-school programs.

It is one of the Redlands' leading youth and community engagement services, coordinating a range of major events, workshops, life skills, personal development, counselling, intervention and crisis care. Having established itself on German Church Road, Redland Bay, it is



now looking to expand and would appreciate any support as it moves to buy the land there to ensure its future and that of Redlands' kids.

As a self-funded charity, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. If you would like to partner with The Cage and make a donation, you will be helping it to help others in the City. For more information, go to www.thecage.info



FUN TIMES: Young Redlanders obviously get a lot out of The CAGE.

Your feedback sought on plan for Men's Shed

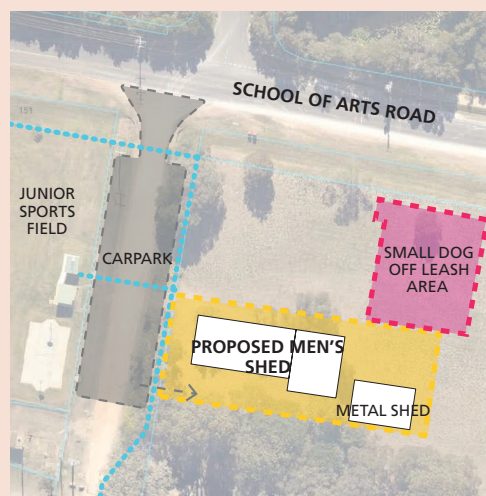
For some time Council has been seeking to make an area available to the local Redland Bay Men's Shed group for a facility to support the men of southern Redlands.

Men's Sheds are known to provide respite from isolation or depression, as well as being a source of new skills. They provide an invaluable service to the community through joint projects and community service.

An area of land off Donald Road (opposite the half basketball court), has recently been identified as an area that may suit this purpose. This area, pictured, will form part of a dedicated public recreation and open space area. The Men's Shed would be quite close to the proposed site of the new dog off-leash area.

The closed dirt section of Donald Road, off School of Arts Road, can be turned into a car park to service the Men's Shed as well as the park.

Your views are very important to us. As part of the process of assessing if this is a suitable site, we are seeking to inform you of this plan for your neighbourhood and asking for your thoughts and feedback. If supported by the community and approved both by the State Government and Council, the Men's Shed group would be offered a lease.

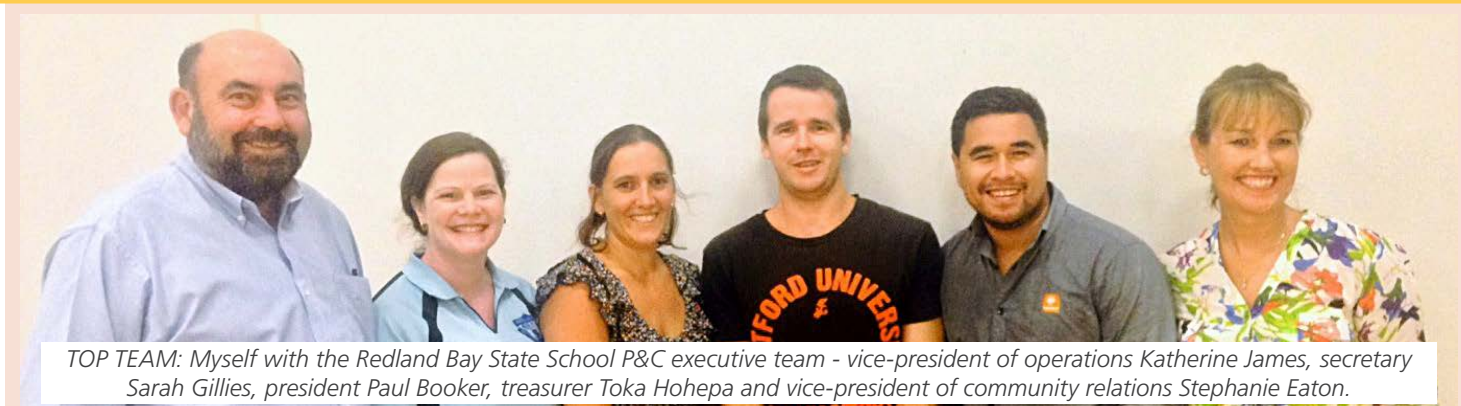


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TOP TEAM: Myself with the Redland Bay State School P&C executive team - vice-president of operations Katherine James, secretary Sarah Gillies, president Paul Booker, treasurer Toka Hohepa and vice-president of community relations Stephanie Eaton.

P&C getting great results for Bay families

The Redland Bay State School is an example of excellence in education with a committed and caring teaching and support staff, led by an inspiring principal.

I had the privilege to attend the recent Redland Bay State School P&C annual meeting, with a record attendance of parents, carers, teachers and community representatives. The executive committee members from 2014 were returned unanimously and they have already developed great plans for this year, including school projects, community involvement and fundraising Initiatives.

The focus of the P&C is primarily to serve as a voice for parents, carers and the wider community to ensure that Redland Bay State School continues to achieve great results academically, on the sporting field, in the arts and within the community. It also operates the school tuckshop and uniform shop, with profits invested back into the school, and raises much-needed funds.

The P&C already has committed \$8000 towards air-conditioning the school library this year and also is looking to develop further community involvement and partnerships.

If you are a business looking for a sponsorship opportunity, a community organisation looking to build partnerships or a community member who can spare a couple of hours to volunteer within the school, they would love to hear from you and work with you to make Redland Bay State School an even better place for our children.

You can contact them via email at pandc@redlandbayss.eq.edu.au or like them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RBSSPandC.

The P&C meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7.15pm in the school's performance arts centre.

ANZAC dawn service at Redland Bay

This year marks the centenary of Gallipoli and the Redland Bay South RSL will again perform the dawn service from 4.45am, with the veterans forming up at the corner of Weinam and Banana streets. The service will start at 5am.

I encourage everyone to attend as we remember Australians who served and died in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

This years' service will re-enact the landing at Gallipoli and, as there will be loud noise, ear plugs will be issued as you pass through one of the three entry gates.

Due to the extended length of the service, please bring a chair. This will enable everyone to see, as the floor of the cenotaph will be raised to assist in easier viewing.

People without chairs will be encouraged to stand at the rear.

I am pleased that Council has assisted in a small way in making funds available via the Councillor Grants program.

A "gunfire breakfast" will be served in the community hall from 4.40am for a gold coin and, after the service, you are invited to indulge in the breakfast that was served to the diggers: bully beef and biscuits with tea.

Anyone who wants to lay a wreath on behalf of a family member or a group can arrange it by calling 3206 9524 or 3829 1432.

On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the Redland Bay South RSL for its hard work and dedication in organising and facilitating the ANZAC Day services.



REDLAND BAY SOUTH RSL

Mozzie watch

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Find out how you can help at www.redland.qld.gov.au.

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Warm regards,

Cr Mark Edwards
Division 5 – Mainland



News from your
Local Councillor
Cr Mark Edwards

This year began with the inaugural Australia Day Bay Islander of the Year, inspired by Russell Island resident Steve Morgan.

When Steve approached me about the concept I was an instant supporter for an award which recognises the valuable contributions that our island volunteers and lobbyists bring to our community. I am privileged to be allowed to personally sponsor the medals and the perpetual trophy for an award that I would like to see continue for many, many years.

The inaugural awards were received by Meryl Dobe (overall recipient), Al Prestwood (senior recipient) and Lockie Hill (junior recipient). The perpetual award, pictured with myself and Mayor Karen Williams, will be displayed at Council in recognition of the contributions made by our residents to build a stronger community.

I would also like to acknowledge all those who had been nominated and I encourage their nomination again for next year's awards. All of you contribute greatly to our community.



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Increased surveillance to catch passenger jetty fishers

On Macleay and Russell Islands there are passenger jetties for the commuters and a separate jetty from which people can fish.

There are signs stating that fishing is not allowed from the passenger jetties. The reason for this is simple: People travelling on the ferries are in clean clothes and expect to be able sit in a clean waiting area.

Unfortunately a small number of inconsiderate people have taken to fishing on the passenger jetties and fouling the area with decaying bait and fish scales.

I ask those responsible to have the maturity and respect for others to stop fishing on the passenger jetties.

There are significant fines for people doing so and I have asked for increased visits by Council officers.

If anyone sees people fishing from these passenger jetties please report the matter to the local police.



A photograph would also help identify those responsible so that action against them can be taken.

Don't accept having to wait for a ferry in the midst of rotting fish bait. Report the offenders so they can be prosecuted.

Islands' ANZAC Centenary tributes

The centenary of the landings at Gallipoli by the ANZACS will be commemorated on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands with services on both Macleay and Russell islands.

We should never forget the sacrifice of those young men, many in their teens, who gave their lives in a barrage of machine gun fire to keep Australia free.

On Macleay Island, marchers will muster on Kate Street in the dark at 5am before heading down to the cenotaph in Pat's Park at 5.15am. The dawn service will be held by the bay at 5.45am, with the *Ode to the Fallen*, *The Last Post* and one minute's silence followed by *The Rouse*.

Wreaths will be laid to represent the Navy, Army, RAAF, New Zealand Services, the Nursing Services, the National Servicemen, Past Conflicts, the Police, Ambulance and Medical Services, the SES and the Fire Service, followed by any Island resident who wishes to lay a personal wreath.



On completion of the Dawn Service, the Macleay sub-branch will host a "gunfire breakfast" for island residents where they can talk, reminisce and mingle over sausages, bread, coffee and pea and ham soup.

Sub-branch members will then muster at Club Macleay (bowls club).

On Russell Island, the club will open at 4.30am before observers assemble at cenotaph for the 5.40am dawn service.

All are welcome at the "gunfire breakfast" from 7am.

For the mid-morning service and march, you should assemble at the corner of Cestrum Street and Canaipa Road from 10am for the march at 10.40am. The service will be at 11am.

Island arts

Macleay Island's incredible artistic talent will be on show again at the fourth annual Artists at Work event in the Progress Hall on the Easter long weekend.

This is developing into a home-grown arts and tourism event for the island, with around 2000 people - mostly mainlanders - attending last year.

Entry is free from 10am-4pm on 4-6 April.

Macleay is fast developing a reputation as the most progressive arts community in the state's south-east.

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Cr Julie Talty

Council funds trial of vaccine for Redlands' koalas

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A University of Sunshine Coast chlamydia vaccination trial is to be extended here. Researchers will use specially trained rescue dogs to track koalas. This will provide real and verifiable data and support further efforts to understand the koala in Redland. It is an important step towards a more scientific and targeted approach to koala protection.

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Your feedback sought on plan for Men's Shed

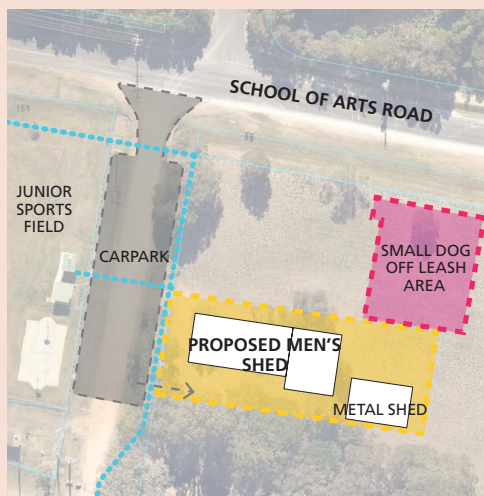
For some time Council has been seeking to make an area available to the local Redland Bay Men's Shed group for a facility to support the men of southern Redlands.

Men's Sheds are known to provide respite from isolation or depression, as well as being a source of new skills. They provide an invaluable service to the community through joint projects and community service.

An area of land off Donald Road (opposite the half basketball court), has recently been identified as an area that may suit this purpose. This area, pictured, will form part of a dedicated public recreation and open space area. The Men's Shed would be quite close to the proposed site of the new dog off-leash area.

The closed dirt section of Donald Road, off School of Arts Road, can be turned into a car park to service the Men's Shed as well as the park.

Your views are very important to us. As part of the process of assessing if this is a suitable site, we are seeking to inform you of this plan for your neighbourhood and asking for your thoughts and feedback. If supported by the community and approved both by the State Government and Council, the Men's Shed group would be offered a lease.



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Better at providing the basics

Council roads in Redland Bay and surrounds have been undergoing transformation through our reviewed road sealing and upgrades programmes.

Local residents will know that Orchard Road and German Church Road have now been sealed with bitumen. Sealing dirt roads improves our transport network, reduces dust for residents and is especially important for those on tank water. This also significantly improves the quality of the water being discharged into our Bay and waterways.

Plans for the continuation and upgrades of Collins and School of Arts roads are well under way, with budget allocations for works to commence on the ground this year. Upgrades of the intersections

of School of Arts Road with Kalmia Drive and Viola Drive are being developed and consideration is being given to closing or limiting the intersection with Watsonia Street to improve safety and traffic flows. Two pedestrian refuges are planned for School of Arts Road, one at the eastern end between the two parks near the proposed dog off-lead area, and one at the other end to facilitate access to bus stops and the school. The dogleg that intersects German Church Road will not be included in this section of works and is planned for another phase in the program.

Work is also under way to improve footpath connections along Collins Road, into School of Arts. Over the longer term, the bicycle and walking paths will connect from Bankswood Street through to Weinam Creek.

ROAD AHEAD: Council crew members Dallas, Dylan and Luke at Orchard Road. Along with all our road crews, they are working hard to improve our network.



At Victoria Point, the western end of Bunker Road - near the intersections with Brookvale Drive and Estuary Avenue - is undergoing testing to ascertain what level of works are needed to bring it up to standard.

Hopefully, the work will be programmed for this year.

Building and supporting our community

With the last weekend in November came the Mt Cotton Community Christmas Party, which has now been running for 15 years. Many locals turned out again to enjoy the spirit of the season and the company of neighbours in the beautiful surrounds of our park.

I am very grateful to the local Mt Cotton Community Fellowship and, in particular, Paster Neale Collier and Mrs Deb Wagner, their families and the members of the C4 Youth who worked so hard to put on the event. We have been very fortunate over many years to have the unwavering financial support of Silkwood Estates and Villaworld, which along with a grant from Council funded this fabulous event. Work has already begun on our next community gathering.



GREAT WORK: Mt Cotton Scouts worked tirelessly to supply food and drinks to the thousands who turned out for the Mt Cotton Christmas Party. This was doubly pleasing as a Councillor Small Grant supported the Scouts' fundraising for their new barbeque.

The CAGE creates a good environment

Since arriving in the Redlands in 2001, The CAGE Youth Foundation continues to make a difference to the lives of young people, our future leaders, and their families

It is one of the Redlands' leading youth and community engagement services, coordinating a range of major events, workshops, life skills, personal development, counselling, intervention and crisis care.

It is now looking to expand on German Church Road, Redland Bay, and would greatly appreciate any support as it moves to buy the land to ensure its future. As a self-funded charity, all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

If you would like to partner with The CAGE and make a donation, you will be helping it to help others in the City. For more information, go to **www.thecage.info** or call 3829 2644.

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Keep in touch

Please continue to stay in touch. Email me at **julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au** or call 0418 218 847 if I can be of assistance.

You can also keep up to date at

 **facebook.com/CrJulieTalty**



Cr Julie Talty
Division 6



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?

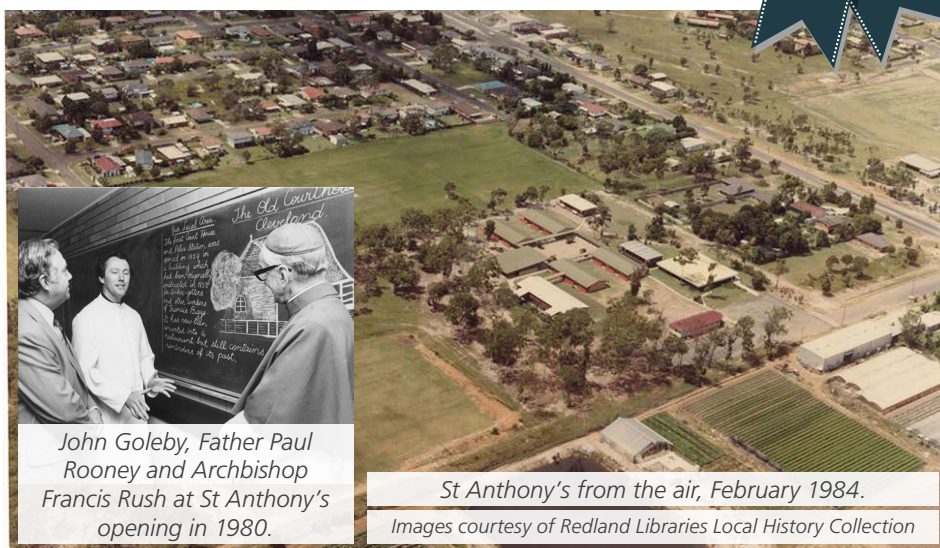
Building company Aspley Homes Pty Ltd suggested the name in 1963. It is most likely named after Princess Alexandra, who had toured Queensland in 1959 during the State's centenary celebrations.

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.

Images courtesy of Redland Libraries Local History Collection

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.



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Lending a helping hand

Congratulations 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 2015

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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,

M. Elliott

Cr Murray Elliott
Division 7



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Alan Beard (Deputy Mayor)

Alex High again shows its class

Alexandra Hills State High School has once again shown it is one of the best with a terrific OP performance last year. Four students earned OP1s, with 37 percent of its Year 12 students in the OP1-10 range. Remarkably, every Year 12 student left this great independent public school with either a VET qualification, QCE or an OP.

This is a great result and shows we are blessed with quality teachers and schools.

Welcome back to family festival

The Redlands Easter Family Festival will resume on 6 April at Cleveland's Norm Price Park after a year's break. The free family festival started back in 2000 and this year is expected to attract about 15,000 people, making it one the largest annual events in the Redlands. The show will open at 10am and run to 3pm.

Sports field boost

Council has committed \$3 million over the next three years towards upgrading sports fields across the City, including Judy Holt Park.

As part of the program, Council is contributing \$600,000 towards upgrading the lights for Redlands Rugby Union Club. The design work is well advanced and we are about to call for tenders for the project.

Council and science to the rescue of koalas

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Application for new medical centre



HEALTHY OPTION: The site of the proposed new medical centre.

Council has received an application to build a three-story medical centre on the land adjacent to Horizons Shopping Village at Wellington Point.

The application, for the corner of Allenby and Old Cleveland Road East, indicates that the centre will contain a GP clinic, dentist, chemist, rehabilitation gym, psychologist, physiotherapist and chiropractor.

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Council surplus a 'red letter day' for Redland City

Council's first operating surplus in more than a decade was quite rightly described as a "red letter day" when it was revealed at the end of last year.

As a long-term Councillor, the \$14 million surplus which was signed off by the Queensland Audit Office in November shows how far Council has come in the last few years to reduce operating costs and realise real benefits for residents.

I remember the days of past councils delivering massive deficits of more than \$20 million, resulting in huge rates increases for residents.

But I am happy to say our improved financial position has resulted in lower

rates rises for residents, with Redland City Council passing on the lowest headline rates increases in South-East Queensland for the Past three years.

While as your local Councillor I am pleased with Council's current financial position, we cannot afford to become complacent.

Council is working hard to identify efficiencies so we can continually improve our bottom line.

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Trolley tracking

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Last year of this council term

Where has the time gone? There is only a year left of this council term, with Electoral Commission Queensland confirming that the next elections will be held on Saturday 19th March, 2016.

I look forward to this year as a number of projects that I've been working on for Capalaba will come to fruition. As always, please feel free to contact me with your concerns, thoughts and suggestions.

Moreton Bay Road makeover continues

The second stage of the Moreton Bay Road beautification works about to start.

The work will include a footpath extension from the intersection of Redland Bay Road, landscaping, seating and the installation of a large (and very proud) entry statement (pictured).

In the 2015-16 budget, money has been allocated to formalise a bikeway/pedestrian path to complete stage three.

This will ultimately improve connectivity between Mount Cotton and Redland Bay roads.

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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.

Development in the Redlands

We are currently seeing a significant increase in the building industry in the Redlands.

Please be aware that this current Council has not completed the new planning scheme and that the increase is mostly to do with industry confidence and market growth and, as such, most of these developments are the result of the 1998 and 2006 planning schemes.

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, the Redland City Plan will be Council's blueprint for the future development of the City, and everyone in the community is encouraged to have their say when it opens for public consultation.

Capalaba Regional Park on show

Through the Councillor Benefit Fund, I have secured funding to build the largest permanent outdoor stage in Redland City. Construction of the stage (including three-phase power) will be completed in the next few months.

I hope that with this facility, new groups will be encouraged to host their events at Capalaba and I can see this part of the City becoming the entertainment hub of the Redlands.

Communication has already started with external groups about ideas such as hosting movies in the park, music festivals, multicultural days and the like.



2015 Bayside Blues Festival

The Capalaba Rotary Club and myself are very happy to announce that we will be hosting the Bayside Blues Festival at Capalaba Regional Park on Saturday 12 September.

Once again, it will be a free, family friendly community day with some world-class Blues acts. Lock the date into your diary. Last year, more than 2500 people attended and we anticipate that the event will only become bigger and better.

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.

Warm regards,

Cr Paul Gleeson
Division 9



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Continuing our ANZAC tradition

You are all invited to commemorate 100 years of ANZAC history and 40 years of services at Wellington Point on 25 April. The community gathering involving local school children, Scouts, Navy cadets, Guides and other dignitaries, will be at **8am** in the Wellington Point State High School Assembly Hall. I am honoured to work closely with local groups as we carry on this important tradition.

Help put Local Area Community Plans into action

Do you have a passion for rolling up your sleeves and making local change that creates a greater sense of community connection? Are you already doing something you would like to tell me about? Let me know how I can help you to help others.

I will soon start to develop our own Local Area Plans (By Community, For Community). If you want to support your neighbourhood and local community, I'd love to hear from you at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au.



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

New taps for thirsty people and pups on Queens Esplanade

The proposal to provide shade on the foreshore between Beth Boyd Park and Aquatic Paradise West somehow resulted in a few residents believing there may be significant plantings in front of people's houses. This is not and was never my intention, so I apologise to those unnecessarily concerned. In the spirit of

common sense, I have requested that Council install two drinking fountains along the Waterloo Bay foreshore for both human and canine refreshment.

The cost will be covered by the Councillors' Community Infrastructure Fund.

City's first beach volleyball court in Thorneside

Division 10 now has the Redlands' first outdoor beach volleyball court in Beth Boyd Park, Thorneside, that is designed for youth and adults to share. Thanks to support from neighbouring park

residents and www.SurfVolley.com.au - we recently had five world-class athletes provide a demonstration match and skills clinic. The court is free to use during daylight hours.



GOOD SPORTS: The skills of Dion Schulz, Sara Montagnoli, Tanya Beths and Ben Abbott on the new outdoor beach volleyball court were an inspiration to local youngsters.





Representing you and your needs

Safety on Thorneside Road has been improved after two years of patience and local community action.

These pedestrian upgrades are a result of work by Council officers, principal petitioners Peter, Donna and Dean and many local residents, who rallied to support this important safety initiative.

We now have two safe crossing points for children, elders, families and people of differing abilities: one near the Thorneside Village Shops, pictured, and the other opposite the childcare centre on Railway Parade.



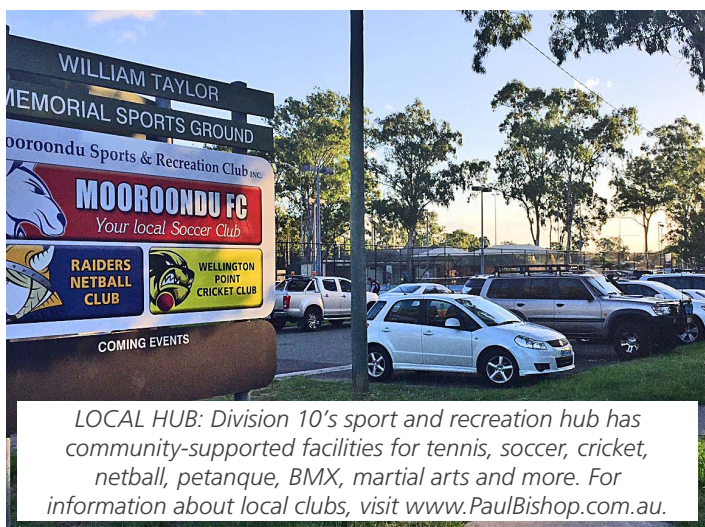
Out & about



GROW LOCAL: I am with founder of the Redlands Organic Growers Inc Emma Baker and ROGI president Jill Nixon at the Redland City Australia Day Awards. For information on ROGI's monthly meetings visit www.ROGI.com.au.

New outdoor gym for our sport and recreation hub

Thanks to the Councillors' Community Infrastructure Grant, Council will soon provide two new outdoor gymnasium/stretch/exercise stations in the centre of William Taylor Sports Field, within the Mooroondu Sport & Recreation precinct. These new additions will increase local walkability, health and wellbeing for locals and visitors.



LOCAL HUB: Division 10's sport and recreation hub has community-supported facilities for tennis, soccer, cricket, netball, petanque, BMX, martial arts and more. For information about local clubs, visit www.PaulBishop.com.au.



Community consultation

Our new draft Redland City Plan remains confidential but is soon to be released for community consultation.

In preparation for this important phase, I recently attended and filmed a presentation by Cr Wendy Boglary, pictured, for Redlands Koala Action Group at IndigiScapes. Her presentation is designed to give people an overview of what kind of things Council has considered and how planning changes may impact you.

The details of this draft plan are still with the Minister, however those who would like an insight can watch the video at www.paulbishop.com.au under "CityPlan 2015".

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

Updates on Facebook

People who use Facebook may wish to visit www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop where I post regular updates, videos, links and articles.



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