



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett

Let's keep it clean

Whether it is a food wrapper, drink can or plastic bag, litter not only has a detrimental effect on the aesthetics of our beautiful bayside community but also on our environment.

On Pick Up Australia Day earlier this year, my wife Sheena (pictured) and I collected eight bags of rubbish on Colburn Avenue.

We all must make an effort to "Do the Right Thing", so I'll be organising more litter collection days soon. Let me know if you're interested in participating.



Timely rates refund

Savings from the repeal of the carbon tax are currently being returned to residents via a rates refund.

Ratepayers will see a \$38.48 refund on their current notice, with this quarter's rates due by Monday, 10 November.

The repeal of the carbon tax in July also means it will cost Council less to dispose of future waste. All up, it means savings of about \$2 million for residents. Council will continue to identify other cost reductions from the removal of the tax and will reinvest them into the City.

It's all about community

As a member of the Redland Bay-Victoria Point Lions Club, I appreciate and understand the value of the many volunteer organisations in the Redlands

At the local level, a small club like the Redland Sunrise Rotary breakfast club at Thornlands is doing its bit to make a difference and change lives.

Rotary clubs raise money for youth projects, emergency relief in times of drought and flood, literacy programs, music therapy for children affected by domestic violence, and much more. There are many reasons to join Rotary, from making the world a better place, networking for business purposes or simply making new friends.

Redland Sunrise Rotary Club meets at the Thornlands Dance Palais on Wednesdays from 7am and new members are most welcome.

I have attended a number of the breakfast meetings and they are



NOW WE'RE COOKING: Rotary's local volunteers are doing their bit to make a difference.

thoroughly enjoyable and the presentations by guest speakers are always entertaining and educational.

For information, contact Rosemary on 3207 7778 or desros@bigpond.com.

Rotary International is recognised on a global scale for its highly successful campaign to eradicate polio.



NEW ROLE: Learning more about the Redland Art Gallery with gallery volunteer and Cleveland artist Heath Ziegenfusz.

Relishing the responsibility

I am thoroughly enjoying my new role heading Council's new Community and Cultural Service portfolio.

This includes responsibility for the key areas of customer service and strengthening communities, as well as the Redlands' wonderful performing arts centre, art galleries and libraries.

Customer service is something close to my heart as Council continues its drive

to be more responsive to the needs and aspirations of all Redlanders.

My role now also covers environmental education and health, development compliance, property services, animal management and local laws compliance.

The number of portfolios has been reduced from 10 to six to bring them in line with Council's organisational structure and objectives.



Welcome boost for W.H. Yeo Park

I am looking forward to construction starting in February/March next year on the second stage of W.H. Yeo Park.

It will provide a revitalised playground that offers a safe and challenging space for toddlers and primary-aged children. Toddlers will be encouraged to explore and develop their skills on equipment that caters for a wider range of ages.

In addition, the Eagle St playground will get a small facelift with a new double swing, basketball shooting area and picnic shelter. A small informal wedding space and seating node along the footpath will offer a great view of the bay.

Council recently completed Stage 1, which included new bollards and concrete wheelstops to better protect vehicles when parking.



SERVICE: Mayor Karen Williams and myself with Phil and Dorothy Elliss.

Congratulations to our Inspiring Seniors

Phil and Dorothy Elliss had a combined 75 years of voluntary service with the St Vincent de Paul Society behind them when they moved to the Redlands, a devotion they have now directed to their new community.

I was honoured to recognise that devotion by presenting them with an Inspiring Seniors award for 2014.

When they retired here, Phil became president of the residents' association at Tranquil Waters Retirement Village, with Dorothy at his side.

They are now the organisers of many of the activities provided for residents and have been at the heart of the success of this great community at Victoria Point.

They also are active members of the St Rita's parish and continue to volunteer to do home visits.

Phil and Dorothy put their hearts into everything they do and we are indeed fortunate that they chose to "retire" in our part of the world.

Congratulations Phil and Dorothy.

Sign the petition

Join us in trying to encourage the State Government to upgrade the state-owned Cleveland-Redland Bay Road to dual lanes from German Church Road, Redland Bay, to South Street, Cleveland.

You can put your name to the petition online at www.parliament.qld.gov.au. Go to "Work of the Assembly", then "petitions" and "current e-petitions". Look for petition 2311-14. You also can sign a hard copy at one of my regular information booths.



PEOPLE POWER: Your voice can help get busy Cleveland-Redland Bay Road upgraded to dual lanes.




OUT AND ABOUT: Meeting local mum Caralyn Nicholson and her daughters Lucy-Rose (left) and Lily-Bella at Victoria Point.

Meet and greets

I am very 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.

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