



# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).



### Wild encounters

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

## A source of inspiration

I would like to offer a big thank you to Pastor Glen Grey for his wonderful contribution to our community.

Pastor Glen, the man behind the Redlands Easter Family Festival, is our Inspiring Senior for 2014.

He also has been a regular at Council, delivering devotions, and founded the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast for which he still serves on the committee.

At 78, he still volunteers with the Redland City Church Food Ministry, which has supported more than 900 members of our community as well as schools with food for breakfast clubs.

You will find him driving or unloading the truck that transports supplies.

His positive attitude, humility and diligence are to be admired. We are most fortunate that he calls the Redlands home.



CONTRIBUTION: Pastor Glen Grey is still volunteering.



### Christmas by Starlight

As a member of the Christmas by Starlight committee, I am pleased to report that this year's event will no doubt be one of the biggest and best the City has ever seen.

It will be staged from 4pm on Saturday, 6 December, at Capalaba Regional Park as part of Council's commitment to move the concert around the City. The line-up this year includes Luke Kennedy (2013 *The Voice Australia* runner-up), the wonderfully talented Naomi Price, and 10-year-old Redlands girl and *The Voice Kids* winner Alexa Curtis. They will join other home-grown up-and-coming stars, including Jal Joshua, Kiara Rodrigues, Allison Crane, Adeline Williams and Leah Lever in a spectacular program of Christmas favourites.

## Savings returned from tax repeal

Savings from the repeal of the carbon tax are currently being returned to residents via a refund on the current rates notices. The refund totals \$38.48.

The repeal of the carbon tax in July also means it will cost Council less to

dispose of future waste, so commercial tip fees also have been cut.

As well as this immediate saving, Council will continue to identify other cost reductions from the removal of the tax and reinvest them into the

City in a bid to ease cost-of-living pressures.

The full extent of the repeal of the carbon tax is still working its way through the system and depends on suppliers passing on the savings to Council.



### Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au) or by calling 1800 641 497.



### Pet chipping

Council offers a mobile microchipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home and for \$25 people can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



### Local laws

Consultation on the City's proposed new local laws has been extended to 5 November. The proposed local laws are then expected to come back to Council for adoption early in 2015. You will find noteworthy changes at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) under "forms and permits".



### Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.

## Your say on City Plan studies

Consultation on studies that will underpin the upcoming City Plan has provided Council with a broad range of views to consider. Thank you to all those who attended forums on land availability in our City and the draft economic development strategy or who visited us at shopping centre and library displays.

During the process there was a lot of interest in how Council interacts with the State Government on projects, infrastructure planning (particularly roads, rail and parking) and how population growth is managed, as well as environmental and social values and their management.

There was also wide-ranging feedback to the economic development forums, which are a part of City Plan.

Key areas of interest here included how the draft strategy will link with previous strategies, the role of the proposed Economic Development Committee,

and how we can build on our preferred industries, such as tourism.

Formal submissions and responses to an online survey have provided further information to better understand community and business opinions on our local economy. Council will keep you up to date as the project proceeds.

Summaries of feedback from the two series of community forums are now available on the City Plan engagement website, as well as a wide range of background studies.

This site already has had about 15,000 unique visitors, and a growing number of registered users.

Comment can be made on the website at any time. Just register at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan) to have your say, read about the development of City Plan, understand its component parts and receive a regular subscriber newsletter.

## Out and About



*WELL DONE: Women Making a Difference meet at the Dance Palais on Monday nights.*



*WELCOME: New citizen Steve Atwood with his wife Kathy and mother-in-law Pat Davidson.*

## Portfolios realigned

Since 2013, Council's organisational restructure led to a situation where the Councillor portfolios no longer aligned with Council's new structure.

This resulted in a situation where some portfolio spokespeople had to consult with more than one member of the Executive Leadership Team and vice-versa.

To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the

portfolio system and better align it with Council's new organisational structure, a new system was adopted by Council with six portfolio chairs instead of 10.

As part of this process, I relinquished my portfolio responsibilities to allow for the more streamlined approach and to allow me more time to concentrate on the needs of my division.

## 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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