



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Alan Beard (Deputy Mayor)

New portfolio structure

Last year Council replaced the committee structure that had been in place for more than 40 years with a portfolio system.

Initially we opted to create 10 portfolios, each headed by a different councillor.

Following a restructure of Council's internal departments, we have now reduced the number of portfolios to six to better align with the organisation.

I have retained the position of Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group, Chairman of the Local Disaster Recovery Group and will assist the Mayor in her role with Organisational Services. The other five portfolio chairs are: Mayor Karen Williams (Organisational Services), Cr Mark Edwards (Office of the CEO), Cr Julie Talty (City Planning and Assessment), Cr Lance Hewlett (Community and Cultural Services, Environment and Regulation) and Cr Paul Gleeson (Infrastructure and Operations).

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, leading to a cut in commercial tip fees.

Our inspiring residents

You might have noticed the sign at the pedestrian walkway from Randall Road into Judy Holt Park and the Redland Multisports Club. It bears the name of club stalwart Don Elkins, a long-time resident of Bayford Street, Birkdale.

It is my intention to continue to honour our many Division 8 residents who have made notable contributions to our community, beginning in this issue with Don Elkins and our 2014 Inspiring Senior Col Limpus.

Don's contribution to the sporting clubs at Judy Holt Park over 25 years has been extraordinary to say the least. He was a founding member of Muddies Cricket Club in 1990 and the club's first treasurer.

A team manager, senior team co-ordinator, committee member and club representative on external boards, Don also served as groundsman from 1990 until he retired in 2012.

He was made a life member in 1996 and continues to raise money for the club with his annual golf day, now in its 25th year. Don has also made a similar contribution to the Redlands Rugby Union Club and was made a life member in 1998.

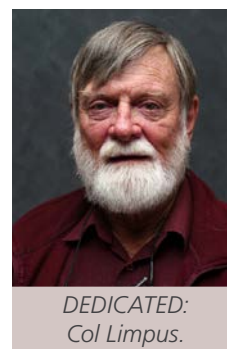
These days, Don will often be found at the Multisports Club or perhaps on the track that bears his name.



NAMESAKE:
Don Elkins.

Congratulations Don and thank you for a wonderful community contribution.

Col Limpus's love of the Redlands and the wonder of our natural environment is surely hard to rival. A noted marine biologist, he is recognised internationally for his four decades of work with sea turtles. His dedication has certainly been an inspiration to others.



DEDICATED:
Col Limpus.

I was honoured to present Col with an Inspiring Senior award recently for his work in involving the community in turtle monitoring and conservation, as well as his willingness to share his considerable knowledge.

Landfill site cap to give closure

We are getting "closure" at the Birkdale waste handling facility with a clay cap being put over the existing waste area.

This will complete the closure of the landfill site and meet environmental licence conditions.

A quality testing regime has been developed to ensure the works meet accepted standards.

Off-site impacts will be minimised and landfill gas diverted.

The hardstand used for green and construction waste stockpiles will be reinforced to protect the new cap and the rest of the site will be grassed to enhance aesthetics and improve stormwater quality. A new one-way bitumen ring-road also will be constructed.

The work will be staged over two main areas to allow the transfer station to continue to operate as best as possible. Construction is expected to start after Christmas and it could take up to two years to complete. Council will keep residents informed of possible delays and direction changes on site closer to the work.



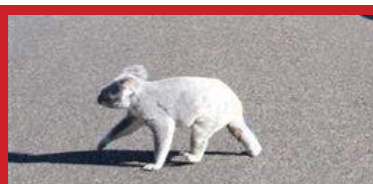
Pet chipping

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 under "forms and permits".



Wild encounters

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



Inquiries

All general Council inquiries can be made on 3829 8999.



New planning scheme for Redland City

As you might be aware, Councillors and Council officers have been working long and hard over the past 12 months on the formulation of a new planning scheme for the City

The State Government has introduced a new planning policy to replace the previous regulations introduced by the former government and all councils across Queensland are required to amend their planning schemes to comply with the new state planning policy.

Our current planning scheme was adopted in 2006 and so was due for a complete overhaul anyway.

The new scheme will be out for public consultation early in 2015 and I would encourage you to take the time to look carefully at it and, in particular, consider how it might impact on you and your property.

You will have noticed the flurry of development activity in the strip on Finucane Rd between Elizabeth Street and St Anthony's Drive. These 2000sq m lots were all zoned "medium density" in the 2006 scheme and, over the past year or so, most have been redeveloped into unit blocks.

The rationale for this zoning is that the properties are close to schools, shops and public transport, and therefore appropriate for higher density development.

I am predicting very little change to zoning within Division 8 but many of you will have broader interests than our own division.

For further advice and detailed information, visit either the Redland City Council Facebook page or official website at www.redland.qld.gov.au

Memorable Christmas by Starlight planned

Christmas is rapidly approaching and in response to Mayor Karen Williams' invitation to once again produce the annual Christmas By Starlight concert, I have been hard at work for several months on the program.

I have no doubt that the 2014 concert will be one of the biggest and best the City has ever seen. I

am delighted to announce that I have engaged the services of no less than Luke Kennedy (2013 *The Voice Australia* runner-up), the wonderfully talented Naomi Price, and 10-year-old local girl, *Voice Kids* winner Alexa Curtis, to join our 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.

Council is committed to moving the concert around the City in the coming years and will stage this year's event in wonderful Capalaba Regional Park from 4pm on Saturday, 6 December. Put it in your diary - it will be truly memorable.



Keep in touch

In closing, may I invite you to keep informed on Division 8 issues by visiting my Facebook page, 'Division Eight news'.

Cr Alan Beard

Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Division 8