



News from your Local Councillor

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Dear residents of Division 1,

This year so far has been busy and productive!

Ormiston Rail Station Park n Ride

This facility will be constructed during May, June and July this year as advised by Queensland Rail. I am looking forward to this improvement.

Wellington Point Reserve

The construction work at Wellington Point Reserve has been slowed due to the weather, but hopefully the bulk of the work will be completed by the end of May.

Concept plans have come back from the consultant for the Village Green at Wellington Point Shopping Village and further community consultation will be held soon. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Ormiston Raby Bay Foreshore

The master plan for Ormiston Raby Bay Foreshore will be soon be ready for community consultation. This is an exciting project as this area has had limited facilities for so long. It will be fabulous to see families using the area to its full potential. New facilities suggested include a dog off-leash area and an all tide launch area for kayaks.

Three Paddocks Park

Money from my Community Benefit Fund was allocated to install exercise equipment in Three Paddocks Park on Birkdale Road. A seat has recently been installed in the small dog off-leash area as owners enjoy the social experience as much as their precious pets. The installation of play equipment in Vantage Drive has been delayed, but will be installed as soon as weather permits.

BMX track

Work will soon begin on a BMX bike track in Apex Park. Council has been meeting with young riders in the area over the past 12 months and everyone is very excited with the plans. Apex dirt jumps will feature three jump sets of varying difficulties. The low challenge set is a roll over jump followed by a set of whoops. The medium difficulty jump set will feature a twin set of two-tiered table top jumps, and the advanced set will feature a larger table top as well as a gap jump. Riders will have choices to take on different sets according to their skill levels. The track, which will be located in the north-west corner of Apex Park, will be given careful design to avoid impact on this precious environmental area while providing a recreational space for the older youth.

Relay for Life

Relay for Life is on the weekend of 8 and 9 May this year at Norm Price Park - Cleveland Showgrounds. We need to support cancer research by raising those valuable funds. Please support the Relay and put in your team today it's easy, just go to the Relay for Life website. See you there!!



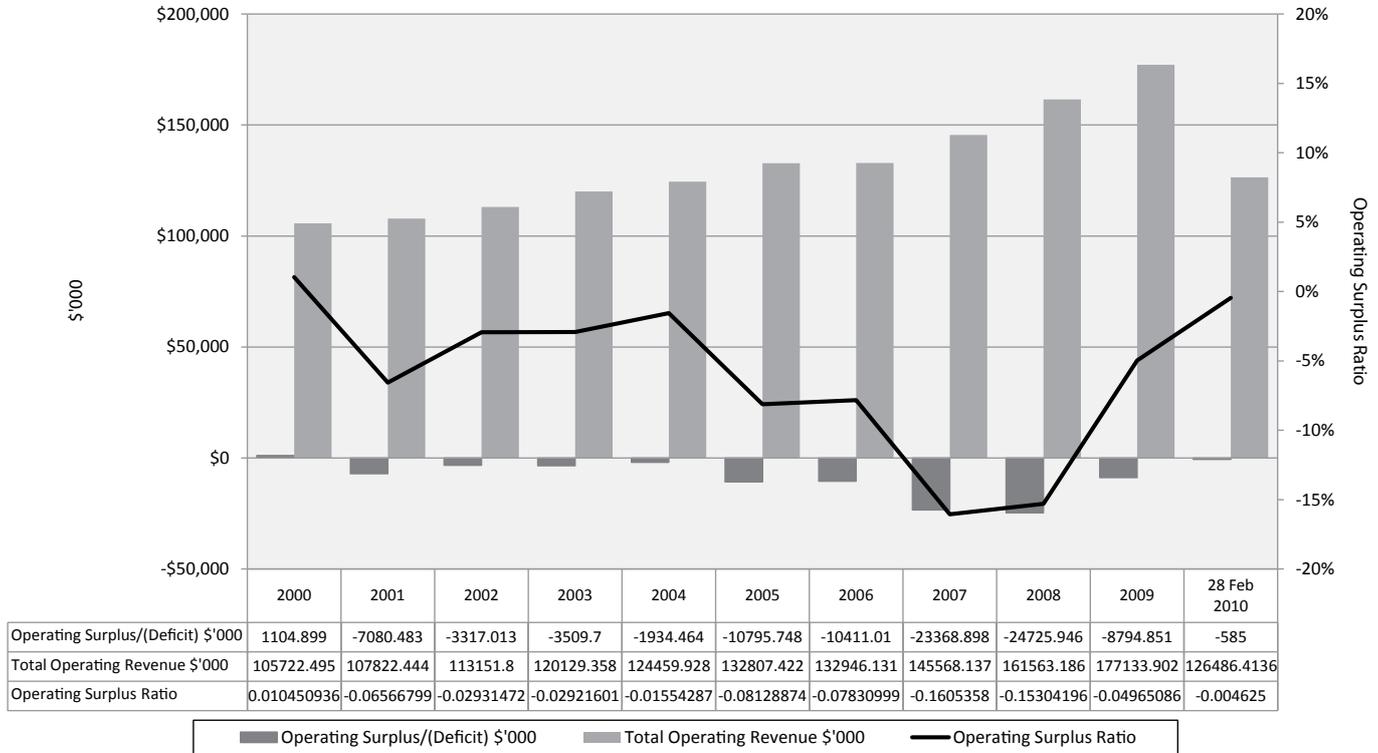
Congratulations to June Craven and her team who won the district greatest fundraiser for the Qld Cancer Council. Thank you to the Community for their support.

Budget

Presently, Council is in the middle of budget deliberations. With the potential reduction in revenue from water, due to the state government water reform, Council is carefully formulating a financial strategy to ensure financial sustainability over the long term for the benefit of the community.

The graph shows the revenue (\$'000) that Council has collected over the last 10 years (2010 is to 31Jan), and the associated operating loss (%) after depreciation position. As can be seen, Council has been running at a loss after taking into account all of its expenses during this period and Council's financial strategy is currently being reviewed to ensure that this is addressed in the medium to long term.

Operating Surplus/Deficit after Depreciation and Interest on Loans



Koala Diaries

Something of interest A website created for a community-based koala sighting census in Queensland has been honoured with a Community Award. The award was presented to the Koala Diaries website - a first in terms of integrating technology with community engagement to record the occurrence of a single species in Queensland. koaladiaries.com.au uses world leading location intelligence software to plot the points of koala sightings contributed by members of the public throughout Queensland to help tackle three key questions: Just how many koalas are left? Where do they live? In what general condition? The information gathered is freely available to all members of Koala Diaries, including government agencies, councils and other stakeholders to assist with policy making and activities such as scientific research, development and infrastructure planning. Go to www.koaladiaries.com.au and become a member (for free) to see koalas in your area.

Trail bike riding

A growing sport with already more than 230,000 riders in south-east Queensland (SEQ), is trail bike riding. As a representative on the SEQ Trail Bike Taskforce, I am pleased with the announcement of the new 750ha site for the Wyaralong Trail Bike Facility near Boonah. This is the first step in providing legal riding options across SEQ. Hopefully the first stage will be open in early 2011.

Please visit me at:

- *Wellington Point Shopping Village*, every second and fourth Saturday between 9-11am
- *Ormiston Shopping Village* every second Thursday of the month between 4.30-6.30pm.

Thank you everyone for contacting me and I will continue to do my best to assist you.

Kind regards,

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