



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Kim-Maree Hardman

### Deaf subsidy

Redlanders with hearing difficulties can get access to specialised smoke alarms under a state-funded scheme.

Launched by Deaf Services Queensland and funded by the Department of Community Safety, the Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme provides approved deaf or hard-of-hearing applicants with a specialised smoke alarm at a reduced price.

Applicants must have a pensioner concession card to be eligible.

For more details, go to [www.deafservicesqld.org.au/sass](http://www.deafservicesqld.org.au/sass).

### Five in a row

Congratulations to the Redlands SES Unit for its extraordinary run of awards for excellence.

The unit is the reigning Regional Unit of the Year, an award it has won every year since being named State Unit of the Year in 2009.

This is a record which says much about professionalism and dedication of this bunch of Redlanders, who are always ready to answer the call in emergencies such as the North Straddie bushfires.

All residents of the Redlands can be justifiably proud.



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

### Be part of the plan

The Redlands Planning Scheme – our blueprint for the future of the City – will be released this year for public comment.

It is vital that residents have their say on the scheme to ensure it can become the clear and comprehensive plan the Redlands needs to ensure it remains one of the most sustainable cities in Australia.

While the Redlands Planning Scheme will focus on preserving the enviable lifestyle we enjoy in the Redlands, it also is about giving investors the confidence they need to provide the projects we need to boost the local economy and create local jobs, especially for young Redlanders.

Importantly, the new scheme will define appropriate land uses throughout the City.

Catering for anticipated growth while ensuring community expectations are met are critical factors, which make it important that the community has input into this detailed strategy review.

The plan takes on extra significance with Thornlands identified as a key growth area for the Redlands.

This will be your opportunity to tell us what you are passionate about and what you would like to see in Thornlands, and it will be crucial in delivering what you want.

People need to be aware that it is coming, so keep an eye on the Council website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for updates.



*Having your say on the Redlands Planning Scheme is important to preserving our bayside lifestyle.*

### Bridge to better lifestyle

The new pedestrian and cycle path and bridge on King Street, Thornlands, will have significant lifestyle benefits for local residents.

The bridge and path are designed to improve walking and cycling connectivity for residents living between Thornlands Road and King Street, which was sometimes cut off in wet weather.

It will also help link nearby open space areas and improve recreational opportunities for residents.

The \$234,000 project was part-funded through a developer contribution.

### School safety boost

The safety of children at Thornlands State School and the Special School has been improved thanks to the installation of flashing traffic lights.

The lights act as an extra reminder for all motorists, including parents, to slow down in and around the school at peak periods.

Part of a \$10 million State Government initiative to increase school road safety, the lights have been installed at schools where there was deemed to be a significant history of safety issues, including speeding.



## A round of applause

Congratulations to all our Australia Day Award nominees for your wonderful community spirit.

Our Citizen of the Year Meg O'Driscoll deserves special praise for her leadership skills and selfless contribution to the development and delivery of community nursing.

She has dedicated many years to caring for the sick and elderly and establishing a close relationship with the Redlands Hospital, particularly in support of cancer patients.

Meg also has dedicated many years of voluntary leadership at the historic Ormiston House, helping to modernise one of Redlands' best tourist attractions.

As president of the Redlands University of the Third Age (U3A), Senior Citizen of the Year Julie Porteous exemplifies what seniors in the Redlands can do to keep their minds and bodies active during retirement.

A special mention goes to Young Citizen of the Year Laura Arnold, who already has dedicated much of her life to working with young disabled people in the city.

Other awards went to: Bob Corbett (Sports); Bert Maynard (Local Hero), with a special commendation to Bob Possingham; Calisto Park Equestrian Centre (Community Organisation; Twilight Makers Market, Deanne Caruso (Cultural Award), with a special commendation to Salt Water Murriss - Quandamooka (Steve Johnson); and Narelle Renn (Environment).

The dedication of all award winners, special commendation recipients and nominees typifies the community spirit for which the Redlands is renowned.

Well done and thank you to all.

## Helping Division 3

It is my privilege to support many very worthy local community groups and causes through Council's grants program.

My congratulations go to those who have been successful, including:

- **Redland City Bands:** \$272.73 towards buying a trophy cabinet and paying for hall hire and catering, ergonomic chairs, drummer's seat and snare drum stand
- **Bayside Community Radio:** \$2000 to help buy equipment for telephone interviews
- **N Green:** \$250 to help Ellie Green represent Queensland at the touch football championships
- **COOEE Indigenous Family & Community Education Resource Centre:** \$300 to help provide the

Indigenous Education Empowerment Program workshops

- **Lachlan Carter:** \$500 to help with travel expenses for Lachlan to represent Australia at the Men's and Mixed Netball World Championships
- **Redlands Centre for Women:** \$272.73 for expenses associated with the hire of RPAC for the Redlands Women's Expo
- **Redlands Netball Association:** \$2000 to help buy shade structures
- **Brian August:** \$250 to help with travel expenses incurred with representing Queensland at the Football Nationals
- **Lions Club of Redland Bay:** \$745.25 to help fund marquees for events
- **Rural Fire Brigade:** \$1008.40 to help with catering and expenses associated with a charity concert for the brigade.



*What a fine bunch of young Redlanders there are at Bay View State School, where I was honoured to present the School Captain badges recently along with Member for Bowman Andrew Laming, who presented the Student Council badges. Congratulations go to captains Ella Bird, Aliesha Peacock, Joshua Lane and Blake Allen, who I am sure will be worthy leaders of the school.*

## Mobile microchipping

Council offers a mobile microchipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25 and people can pay on the spot using mobile Eftpos. It means people can be responsible and microchip their animals without having to leave home. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



Thank you for staying in touch and helping to continue to make the Redlands a great place.

Warm regards,

**Cr Kim-Maree Hardman**  
Division 3