



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Lance Hewlett

Wild encounters

Redlands Wildlife Rescue needs your help in caring for sick, injured and orphaned native animals.

This great service depends on volunteers and involvement can be very rewarding.

You can either man the phones for the Redlands Wildlife Care Network working from home on a roster to provide advice, or you can volunteer for the Redlands After-hours Wildlife Ambulance.

The ambulance operates from 5pm to 8am each day, providing emergency rescue and transport for sick and injured wildlife.

New volunteers must attend an induction session.

If you are interested in joining the Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service, contact Lisa Bailey at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre on 3824 8611.



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



Coochiemudlo Jetty progress

We should soon see progress on the new Coochiemudlo Island and Victoria Point jetties.

The designs are being finalised and, at the time of writing, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) are planning to call tenders in late April.

The tendering period for the welcome upgrades to these important transport links is scheduled to close four weeks later.

This will be followed by a further evaluation period before the contract is awarded. The DTMR anticipates the contractor being able to commence on site in July/August.

This will mean the facilities – which with the associated dredging collectively form one of the biggest projects now underway in the Redlands – is expected to be operating before the end of the year.

This \$3.5 million project is being delivered through a partnership between Redland City Council and DTMR and will provide a new all-weather, covered ferry terminal for islanders and visitors, with disability access.

Council set aside \$1.75 million for its share of the project in this year's Budget. DTMR is responsible for constructing the jetty, and it will become a Council-owned facility once complete.

Importantly, the dredging work in March/April will ensure access in all tides, which has been a major problem.

The old jetty will be demolished once the new jetty is completed. For updates on the project keep an eye on my Facebook page. You will also find the Coochiemudlo Jetty design and construction proposals on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au

Keep in touch

If social media is your preferred way to stay in touch, just send me a friend request at www.facebook.com/lance.hewlett

Apart from social interaction, I use Facebook as a digital noticeboard for Division 4 residents where you will find Council and community news and alerts as well as details of local events and issues.

I also post times and dates of my regular Information booths at Victoria Point and Town Centre shopping centres.

Remember, if you're unable to catch up with me at an info booth, please feel free to call or email at any time. I am also happy to visit your home or arrange a meeting at Council's administration centre to discuss any concerns.

If you wish to get a digital version of this newsletter and other Council information, please email Lance.Hewlett@redland.qld.gov.au and I will organise.



Get active for a Redlands charity

It's time to break out the joggers and get ready for what is fast becoming one of our area's biggest charity events; The Victoria Point Community Branch of Bendigo Bank - Run for Redlands-48 Hour Charity Festival.

Organised by the Bayside Runners & Walkers and this year based at the Sharks Sporting Club, Victoria Point, there will be a host of activities on May 23-25. In particular, a politician's wheelie bin race should be a real crowd-pleaser.

Importantly, this year's event has two very worthy local beneficiaries in the Redlands Hospital Paediatric Department and the Redland's Centre for Women.

The festival's opening ceremony and gala dinner will coincide with the Run for Redlands relay start on the Friday, with special guests, concerts, food, kid's activities and other stalls at the Sharks as the relay continues through the weekend. The event's special breakfast launch is on May 2 at the Redlands RSL, Cleveland. Contact me for more details.

Last year the relay raised more than \$10,000 for the Queensland Flood Appeal, with this year promising to be much bigger.

Bayside Runners & Walkers are a social group of like-minded locals from kids to seniors who meet at 6am on Saturdays at the end of Colburn Avenue, Victoria Point, for a 40 to 50-minute run or walk.

Helping Division 4

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:

TS Diamantina Unit Support Group: \$3000 to buy a snare drum and bugle for the unit's drum band, along with a ceremonial navy cutlass and sword

Redlands Modern Country Music Club: \$3000 towards expenses associated with the annual music festival and the hire of Kindilan Education Centre and a marquee

Coochiemudlo Island Surf Life Saving Club: \$3000 towards the replacement of a fridge which benefits everyone who attends festivals, celebrations and market days on the island

Victoria Point Bowls & Recreation Club: \$224.55 to help buy a bar fridge for the members

Tom Aitken: \$250 towards travel expenses for Tom to travel to Newcastle to represent Australia in bocce at the Special Olympics Asia Pacific Regional Games

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

COOEE Indigenous Family & Community Education Resource Centre: \$300 to help provide the Indigenous Education Empowerment Program workshops

South Redlands Baptist Church, Victoria Point: \$1082 to help fund its community carnival and carols event

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

Victoria Point Scout Group: \$2101 for lighting and electrical improvements



Inspecting the new mobile tennis net system at Victoria Point State Primary School with P&C president Shannon Kent.

Victoria Point P&C: \$2200 to help buy a mobile tennis net system

Lions Club of Redland Bay: \$745.25 to help fund marquees for events

Rotary Club of Capalaba: \$300 towards the Rotary Vocational & Police Officer of the Year awards presentation

Victoria Point-Redland Bay Meals on Wheels: \$1000 for replacement of a commercial catering stick blender

YMCA Victoria Point: \$50,000 capital grant for a new roof

Victoria Point State High School: \$30,000.00 given towards funding the new lights and acoustic fencing.



As a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Victoria Point, I am very aware of the great service the organisation offers to the local community and there are no restrictions on eligibility. Fresh, hot and nutritious meals are delivered Monday to Friday with frozen meals available for weekends. Phone enquiries are welcome on 3207 7126. It's very convenient and inexpensive.

Please continue to stay in touch with me. Have a safe and happy Easter.

Warm regards,

Cr Lance Hewlett
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