



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Alan Beard (Deputy Mayor)



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.

Action request system: graffiti

The most effective way to manage graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible, preferably within 24 hours. Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers, which is often their primary motive. It also reduces the likelihood that the area will attract further vandalism.

Smartphone:

Download the handy VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti

Phone:

Ring or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334

Email:

graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au



Work is under way on the transformation of the Judy Holt Park precinct.

Your money at work

All across Division 8 at the moment you will see evidence of your money being put to good use providing critical infrastructure.

If you have the time to take a stroll around the Judy Holt Park precinct, I know you will be pleased and probably surprised at the transformation of this area in recent years.

Starting at the Redlands Multi Sports Club (entrance off Randall Road) you'll notice the wonderful work that has been done on the hill overlooking the cricket fields. This hill, known locally as 'Cleary Hill', looks magnificent and is a credit to the officers involved in its transformation.

The Redlands Dog Obedience Club has recently constructed a brand new shed to house its equipment and to provide meeting space for its members.

Continue your walk across the Eddie Santagiuliana Field and you will see the new car park being constructed to provide parking for both the Muddies Cricket Club and overflow parking for Redlands Rugby Union Club. A second car park is nearing completion also for Redlands Rugby Union Club, opposite the entrance to their clubhouse.

Council has also just completed the restoration of a second playing field for Redlands Rugby Union and will begin a very significant upgrade to the field lighting in the next few weeks.

And there's more to come ...

The Birkdale Waste Transfer Station (Birkdale Tip) will see nearly \$4.5 million spent in the next financial year on final capping of the site. This is a requirement of the State Government and will be funded from your Landfill Remediation Levy.



Abandoned shopping trolleys

Visit: www.trolleytracker.com.au

Phone: 1800 641 497



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

Focus on the solutions

Traffic safety is a high priority for me and for many years the most dangerous piece of road in Division 8 has been the dreadful right-angle bend on Valentine Road heading north after passing Jenifer Street.

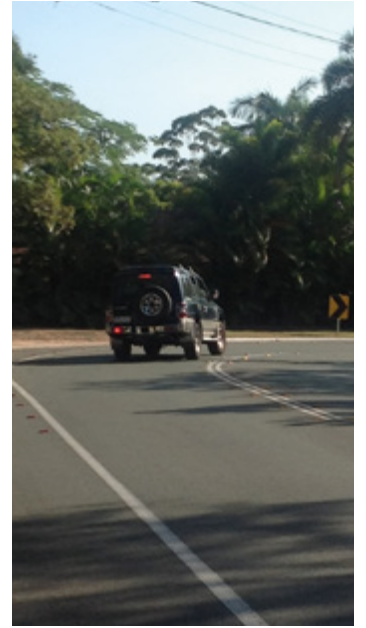
Countless cars lose control on this corner, particularly in the wet, and more than a few have finished up in the front yards of the homes just past the corner.

Some of the accidents have been caused by speeding and reckless driving but the corner itself is largely to blame.

I have been working closely with local residents and Council officers over the past few months to find a solution to the problem.

We have all agreed that the best way forward is to install speed platforms on both sides of the corner to slow vehicles down before they hit it.

As is always the case, however, speed platforms and the required lighting installation don't come cheap and so I've put forward to bid for Council to provide the funding at its next Budget review sitting.



Public place recycling is here

Did you know Council has installed 34 recycling wheelie bin enclosures in public places around our City, with funding support from the National Packaging Covenant and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection?

This adds up to more than 461,000L of recyclables being saved from landfill each year. Another six bins will be installed soon, bringing the total capture of recyclables to 499,000L per annum.

So when you're out and about, look for the recycling signs around you and recycle what you would at home - aluminium, steel, paper and cardboard, glass and plastics types 1-6.

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 the 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.

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

Alan Beard

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