



News from our neighbourhood

What's happening in Division 5

Dear residents

At the six-month point in the current Council term, it has become apparent to me that while most of us are happy with the services provided by Council there are still some things we need to do better. The main cause of discontent I have seen is the current vegetation policy, which many residents feel is restrictive.

There are two main issues: improving water views and dangerous trees. Both are mainly legacies from past councils that promoted planting of trees that restricted views and also planted large trees in public spaces that would pose a potential risk (real or imagined) to nearby property.

The removal or pruning of trees is a problem as there are many issues to address. There are also state regulations that Council must comply with.

Trees that provide habitat for our wildlife and mangroves are outside this discussion as they are essential to our environment. However, there is a valid reason to review the way we treat the needs and desires of our community against the dangers

that some trees pose within an urban environment and also the aesthetic value of being able to embrace our bayside vistas for the benefit of the wider community.

Our foreshores have undergone a good 'spring cleaning' over recent months, but there is an argument that more could be done.

Fortunately, the Council vegetation policy is about to be reviewed. With the support of other councillors, we just might be able to enhance Council's ability to improve the views and take a considered approach on removing or trimming trees that pose a problem to residents who live next to them.

Why not join the hundreds of residents who have already contacted me for help with an issue? Just email me or telephone 0407 695 667.

Merry Christmas!

Cr Mark Edwards

Christmas
by Starlight

Saturday 1 December 2012
Norm Price Park –
Redland Showgrounds
From 3pm

Santa

Mirusia

Fireworks