



# News from our neighbourhood

## What's happening in Division 3

Dear residents

The past few months have been a busy time for Council as it gets on with the job of 'getting back to basics' and delivering value back to the community.

Council delivered a budget that assists ratepayers by keeping rates to a minimum. The Headline Rate has only increased by 1.91 per cent, the lowest in south-east Queensland and something that I am delighted to be part of.

Headline Rates 2012-13	2011/12 Rates	2012/13 Rates	\$ Increase	% Increase
Ipswich City Council	\$125,103,000	\$136,867,000	\$11,764,000	9.4%
Logan City Council	\$156,397,000	\$170,328,000	\$13,931,000	8.9%
Brisbane City Council	\$774,954,000	\$816,343,000	\$41,389,000	5.3%
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	\$254,729,000	\$265,527,000	\$10,798,000	4.2%
Gold Coast City Council	\$445,435,000	\$460,919,000	\$15,484,000	3.5%
Redland City Council	\$101,356,118	\$103,298,956	\$1,942,838	1.91%

Council has appointed Mr Bill Lyon as Council's new Chief Executive Officer and he started in the role on 5 November 2012.

Mr Lyon has extensive experience and beat a strong field of 82 applicants for the sought-after job, following a national recruitment process.

His immediate task will be to deliver the Back to Basics program to assist in identifying and implementing Council efficiency strategies.

In the longer term, Mr Lyon's brief includes slashing Council red tape and to make it easier to do business in the Redlands. This coincides with the new Red Tape Reduction Taskforce that has recently been formed to review policy and procedures to improve services and to ensure resources are used efficiently.

The challenge at Council is to ensure that we maintain or improve the services the community needs and wants and investigate high-cost, low-value programs to determine how they can be overhauled.

I am confident that with the new CEO and the Red Tape Reduction Taskforce, Council will be able to find real savings for residents without compromising the services we have grown to expect and what makes Cleveland and Thornlands great places to live.

Warm regards

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman

## Christmas by Starlight

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

Santa



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Fireworks

