



News from our neighbourhood

What's happening in Division 4

Dear residents

Firstly and sincerely, thank you for your support at the polling booth on 28 April.

I am honoured and privileged to represent this wonderful community.

The last few months have been hectic to say the least and in addition to the ongoing demands of this very rewarding role, I have completed extensive training and inductions, which were scheduled for all "new" Councillors.

I personally believe there is an extremely bright and positive future ahead for Redland City and I look forward to working with the Mayor and Councillors to deliver the "Back to Basics" Policy to get Redland City back on track.

Redland Water is home!

Council celebrated the return of Redland Water to Redland City Council on 1 July 2012 and I am privileged to have been recently appointed as Committee Chairman of Redland Water, which has long been hailed one of the best "Council" operated water entities in Queensland. We are glad to have it home. Faced with the enormous increases imposed by the previous State Government on Bulk Water Pricing, the team at Redland Water are committed to embracing the

"Back to Basics" policy and are dedicated to delivering the most efficient and cost effective water service possible.

Budget update

In line with my election promise, I supported a budget that delivered no increases to the General Residential and Commercial rate revenue with the exception of the additional costs imposed by the Federal Government's Carbon Tax. The carbon tax impact will be explained on a separate insert with the rates notices.

Tip fees abolished (from 1 July 2012)

Domestic tip fees were removed on 1 July this year and already I have noticed a considerable reduction in illegal dumping. The implementation of annual kerb-side collection is still being investigated and considered. I believe, if managed effectively, the introduction of this service will assist many in our community.

Warm regards

Cr Lance Hewlett

Upcoming projects

Pinklands sportsfield and carpark Upgrades

A new 190-bay sealed carpark, three new hard-court netball courts, and a new intersection and entrance will be constructed to improve traffic flows, improve facilities and make it safer for children.

\$1,350,00

Replace pontoon at Victoria Point public boat ramp

A new concrete floating pontoon system will be safer and more durable than the existing plastic pontoon.

\$510,000

Curlew Creek Drainage Rehabilitation - Coochiemudlo Island

\$260,000

Initial design for foreshore protection at Thompsons Beach, Victoria Point

\$100,000

Footpath links Victoria Point

Improving connectivity with footpath linking Sycamore and Magnolia Parade to Poinciana Avenue, Victoria Point.

\$90,000

What's happening in Division 4:

In recent months I have attended and been part of many of the great cultural, business, sporting, school and fundraising events in Redland City. There is never a shortage of things to do in this great city and I certainly look forward to seeing you at many more in the future. You can always check out Council's website to see what is happening in your area or feel free to give me a call at anytime.