



# News from our neighbourhood

## What's happening in Division 8

Dear resident of Division 8

In this, my first newsletter to you in four years, may I begin by thanking you for granting me the honour of representing you on the Redland City Council for the next four years. I am delighted to be back in Council, and renew my promise to work hard to deliver good value services and improvements to Division 8.

The new Council was sworn in on 17 May, and we were immediately at work on the formulation of the 2012/13 Council budget. The workshops have been long, intense and demanding, but I'm delighted to tell you that we have managed to deliver a budget entirely consistent with my election promise to you. Rates have been capped at CPI which together with carbon tax amounts to 1.91%. It has been a real struggle to find the savings necessary to enable this rate cap, but we have done it, and our financial future is secure.

The return to Council of Redland Water has been a huge issue for us, and we are all relieved and thrilled to once again be able to control the distribution and quality of the

water we deliver to you. Again, in line with my election promise, we have abolished the gate fee on the Birkdale Waste Transfer Station. Over the next four years, I would like to be able to have an exchange of views and information with you on a more regular basis than the quarterly newsletter currently available to Councillors for that purpose.

To that end, I will launch a Facebook page, entitled 'Division Eight News' and I encourage you to visit the page as often as you wish, both to inform you on the issues effecting us, but just as importantly, so you can inform me about issues of concern to you, and your opinion on the matters before council at any given moment in time.

Warm regards

Cr Alan Beard  
Deputy Mayor

### What's on in the Redlands!

Get ready for the September/October School Holidays. Check out Council's website [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for activities:

- Library Events/Activities (including Capalaba Library)
- Redland Performing Arts Centre visit <http://www.rpac.com.au/>
- Parks in the Redlands – including sun-safe spaces/parks

The Redlands is home to hundreds of multi-purpose parks which offer a wide range of facilities. Council is proud to deliver sun-safe parks as part of the Shade in the Parks Project.

### Upcoming projects

#### Judy Holt Park Eastern Landfill remediation and capping

Protection measures for the local environment and community, collecting gases, revegetation, capping and major drainage upgrades.

\$5,970,000

#### Upgrade of Old Cleveland Road East

Reconstruction of old road between Birkdale and Barron Roads.

#### Allenby Road – Local Area Traffic Management

Improving road and pedestrian safety with the installation of traffic control devices.

#### Resurfacing of Nottingham Street, Alexandra Hills

Buckingham to Bailey Streets

