



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop



Connecting community conversations

This newsletter has many updates and reflections of community life in Division 10. Wherever you live, there are likely to be issues of importance to you and many others. If you like what you see here, please engage with me. Or if you want to learn more, there are opportunities across Birkdale and Thorneside, whatever your interest: Local history, Bushcare, community gatherings, meeting places, sporting and recreation or upcoming events, I welcome your email, phone, website or Facebook connection. Please take care of yourself, home and loved ones during the coming festive season.

Sharing views about City Plan

Thorneside and Birkdale residents united to express their views about the proposed rezoning of two Council environmental conservation properties and learned how to engage in the process of making a submission to properly share their opinions with Council officers as part of the draft Redland City Plan consultation, which ends on 27 November.

The Fisher Road, Thorneside, and Quarry Road, Birkdale, properties were proposed for rezoning to low-density housing and residents wished to express their views.

For many residents this was the first time they had met their neighbours and most were pleased to have found a reason to connect with other local people.

Thanks to community members for assisting in raising awareness and expressing interest in coming together to learn about local events.



ENGAGED: Neighbours connecting with each other was a bonus to emerge from consultation on the draft City Plan.



Better places to gather and share

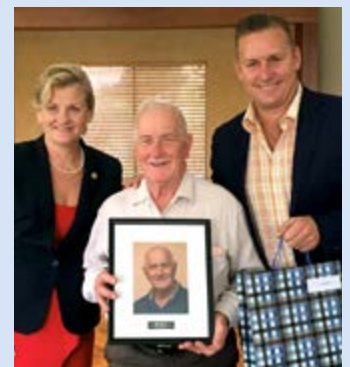
In my last newsletter, I mentioned a project in which sandstone blocks would be put in some of our public parks so they may become inviting spaces for people to stop, sit and share views.

Over the next few months, you may see these arrive in local parks such as Bath Street, Beth Boyd, Byng Road, Helen Street, Mary Street and the Mooroondu Sport and Recreation Area, among others.

The idea is to encourage community gathering places and safe spaces where local issues, ideas and events can be considered.

Our great hub and meeting place

Mooroondu Sport and Recreation Club, below, is home to Mooroondu football, Raiders netball, Wello Wildcats cricket and a range of local community gatherings and events. This is our local hub and I am so proud of the many volunteers who are involved in keeping our committee members, community teams, coaches, managers, organisers, referees, officials, players and families on track, happy and healthy all year. Thanks to everyone for a fabulous season and best wishes for great things in 2016 and beyond.



Inspiring Senior

Congratulations to Division 10 Inspiring Senior 2015, Bernie O'Brien, who regularly helps neighbours, keeps the local area tidy and generally makes us a most welcoming place to call home.



Community in full stride for a very worth cause

Several hundred people from across the region recently congregated at Thorneside's Beth Boyd Park for a very worthy cause - the Walk for Diabetes. Many walked, hopped, ran, pushed and pulled to support and raise awareness for sufferers of juvenile diabetes and their families. Many thanks go to community volunteers Claire Childs and Kristyn Ranson for organising this great community event.

Remembering our heritage together

Two nationally recognised oral historians will lead a Birkdale Community History Project, thanks to Redland City Councillor Small Grant funding and support from Birkdale Progress Association.

Join us at the 100-year-old Birkdale School of Arts Hall ahead of Birkdale State School's 100th Anniversary in 2016 and help us learn about our local area's past, present and future.



OLD TIMES: Presenting the grant to oral historian Elisabeth Gondwe and Birkdale Progress Association's Pam Spencer.

Community history project

Tuesday 24 November, 6pm-8.30pm
Thorneside Community Hall (100 Years old this year!)

This community history project aims to record your stories of living in Birkdale/Thorneside. We are really interested in the time period from the 1970s through to 2015 ... or earlier if you have information. Bring along an object, photograph or memory to be part of our pop-up museum for the evening. Everybody is welcome, with tea and coffee provided.



Call Elisabeth Gondwe for more information on 0422 344 466 or visit www.facebook.com/BirkdaleCommunityHistoryProject

Our great local Bushcare groups

Wherever you live in Birkdale or Thorneside, there is a convenient place and time to volunteer two hours a month to a local Bushcare group. These groups are supported by Council's IndigiScapes officers and local organisers and volunteers.

Mary Street, Birkdale

8am, first Sunday of the month, near Birkdale Scout Den.

Birkdale Bushland Reserve

8am, last Sunday of the month, Palgold Court and Burbank Road.

Helen Street, Thorneside

8am, last Saturday of the month, Willard-Weber Reserve.

Frank Street, Thorneside

8.30am, second Saturday of the month, Frank and Henry streets. Contact me for more information.



TOP RESULT: This tawny frogmouth's nesting site has become quite a attraction for Birkdale State School students.

Stay in touch

Astute children from Birkdale State School and their families noticed that a dead tree, which was home to a tawny frogmouth they had been watching, had been marked for removal. Parents contacted me via social network site Facebook, the nesting site was saved and the tree made safe for park users - a great outcome, so make sure you stay in touch via - www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop or www.PaulBishop.com.au

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