



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Bishop

### Local Community Action

Thanks to residents of Birkdale who expressed concern about the loss of public open space in the proposed development of new housing between Quarry Road and Hooper Street.

I am delighted to relay that we have now been able to negotiate a common-sense enlargement of an existing local park that was in jeopardy. Now residents will have a place to meet, greet, celebrate and play. Thanks to community members, Council officers and a responsive developer for a great outcome.



### Shade for Queens Esplanade walk

Consultation has begun to find some way to provide shade for residents on the Queens Esplanade foreshore walk between Beth Boyd Park and Aquatic Paradise.

After repeated requests for extra shade from residents, property owners have requested further discussions as we

move toward a better outcome for the people of Birkdale and Thorneside.

Hopefully our elderly residents, children, families and wildlife will have a shady place to rest on hot days. For more information visit [www.paulbishop.com.au](http://www.paulbishop.com.au).



### Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.

### Councillor updates

If you are interested in receiving regular updates relevant to Division 10, such as Council alerts, traffic issues, operational works, events, celebrations or achievements, please feel free to like my Cr Paul Bishop Facebook page.

Also, if you have anything to share, please let me know and I will try to accommodate your needs.

 [www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop](http://www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop)

### Community resilience for all

As everybody is aware, with the cost of living on the rise there are many pressures impacting local residents, and our ability to confidently face the future is both a personal and collective responsibility.

From Council's perspective, I am proud to say that Redland City Council officers have worked with residents to prepare a local Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness Plan for Birkdale

and Thorneside, which represents Australia's best practice.

For my own part, I am working with colleagues on "The Community Resilience Project", which I will co-present at the 2014 SEGRA (Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia) Conference in Alice Springs in October. You will find more information at [www.paulbishop.com.au](http://www.paulbishop.com.au).

### Celebration of creative youth

Congratulations to the Birkdale State School community for the two-day arts festival Espresso, which was presented with support from local professionals and volunteers for music, visual art, drama and performances by past and present students.

We have so much local talent and it is great to share skills in this way. This photograph shows parents and residents

"yarn-bombing" the bike enclosure since the students' "knitting club" has grown in popularity over the past year.





## Remember safety and courtesy

Whatever mode of transport you use - walking, bicycle, scooter, skate, mobility unit, motorised bike, segway or car - please be careful and respectful of local residents, local laws and safety requirements. We all want to remain free to move about and when we behave in a predictable manner, we all remain safe and avoid accidents or injury which could suddenly change lives for self and others.

## Councillor grants help local clubs

There has been good news for local groups with Councillor Small Grants approved for a range of worthy projects.

The funds will help Mooroondu Sports and Recreation Club buy a projector, amplifier and speakers.

At Birkdale Scouts, a grant will help provide kitchen whitegoods, while funds will also go to Wellington Point Cricket Club to buy new covers and to Thorneside Petanque for a memorial plaque.

I was also pleased to be able to help a host of other clubs in the past financial year.



## Have your say on the City's future

As you know, Redland City Council is proceeding with the development of our new City Plan.

There are some major concerns for the future that will impact every community regarding social housing and affordable housing.

I urge you to engage with the planning scheme if you have any areas of interest

or if you would like access to information on the looming social housing crisis that was presented by experts at a conference recently organised by Regional Development Australia Logan/Redlands.

You will find more information about the proposed plan at

[www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan).



## Roadworks continue across Birkdale and Thorneside

The fast-tracking of Council roadworks continues to improve our trunk collector and local roads. Unfortunately not every street can be done but officers are proceeding in accordance with priorities. Hopefully you are benefitting from fewer potholes and safer, quieter streets in your area. Remember, all local roads are 50km/h unless otherwise signed.



REPRESENTATIVES: Councillors Wendy Boglary (Division 1) and Lance Hewlett (Division 4) and myself at a recent Redland City Chamber of Commerce function.

## Working together

As your local representative, I am constantly working with other Councillors to determine the best interests of our City and our collective futures. This also involves open dialogue with state and federal representatives on a range of matters.

As a father of four children, my schedule is very busy with community and Council meetings and functions, yet I always welcome your suggestions or concerns, so do not hesitate to contact me via [paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au)

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