



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson

Staying safe

Capalaba residents now have their own tailor-made emergency management plans.

With community consultation now finalised, our special emergency guide is available free online as an interactive website as well as at Council Customer Service Centres and libraries.

It offers detailed hazard assessments, safety information and potentially life-saving tips.

These Australian-first plans recognise that the Redlands is a “community of communities”, each with specific needs in an emergency situation, whether it’s a severe weather event, fire or an oil spill.

They explain in detail what residents need to know to ensure the safety of themselves, family and neighbours – from the potential risks in their areas to evacuation routes, assembly areas and up-to-date contact numbers for getting information and help.

For more information, check Council’s website at www.redland.qld.gov.au.

The latest plans cover the mainland suburbs and hinterland. The earlier phase, for our islands, proved invaluable in dealing with the North Stradbroke Island bushfires over two weeks from December 29, 2013.



Pines in place for grand Capalaba entry

The Redlands is well on its way to having a real entry statement at its Capalaba gateway.

Five 8m tall Norfolk Pines now have pride of place as you enter the City along Moreton Bay Road.

This is just the first of four stages for the project. As funding from the State Government becomes available, the landscaping works will continue west through the remaining stages.

The pine trees, on the corner of Redland Bay Road and Moreton Bay Road, are a partnership project between Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR).

It will be a beautiful welcome to our City at all times of day, with the natural beauty of these trees to be highlighted at night with lighting.

Future stages may include extensions to pedestrian and cycling pathways.

One of the pine trees is also set to play an important role during the festive season, becoming a Christmas tree complete with coloured lighting.



Community pride

One of the main things that I have been focusing on in Capalaba is the aesthetics of the area. As a long term-resident, I know how great Capalaba is. We have some of the best sporting and community clubs in the city. I am hoping that projects featured here strengthen the community pride that we all share in Capalaba.

Road upgrades

A very busy section of Ney Road is set for a major upgrade in the 2014-15 resurfacing priority program. The work will extend from the Degen Road intersection and past the Capalaba Sports Club to Macquarie Street. It’s a major job and accounts for about 10 percent of this year’s total road resealing spend in the City.





A helping hand

Congratulations to all those who have benefitted from Council grants recently.

They include:

Brendon Egan, \$250 to help cover expenses incurred with travelling to Tasmania to represent Queensland in lawn bowls.

Capalaba Football Club, \$3000 towards an electronic scoreboard.

Mackenzie Jennings, \$200 towards involvement in a competition which puts high school students in the shoes of aerospace industry engineers designing a city in space.

Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland, \$2147 towards marquees to support community and fundraising events, as well as increase social inclusion, skills development and community participation for people with disabilities in the Redlands.

Capalaba Men's Lawn Bowls Club, \$3000 to help upgrade the club's honour board.

Capalaba Ladies Bowling Club, \$2707.54 towards refurbishment of the bar top, which over the last 30 years has deteriorated.



Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au.



Our own Bayside Blues Festival

Lock the 11th October into your diaries! I've been working with the Capalaba Rotary Club and am very happy to announce that the first Bayside Blues Festival is now confirmed and will be held at the Capalaba Regional Park.

This will be a free community event (gold coin donation to Rotary) and we have some great bands booked, so come on down and enjoy a day in the park. It will be on from 1pm-9pm. I'll keep you posted.

Your say on your City

Up-to-date information about the Redlands' future needs is now being collected through Council-commissioned studies which will inform the new City Plan.

These studies will be available on our website and Council has developed a feedback tool so residents can read and comment on the information as it becomes publicly available.

This is very important as City Plan will define the future of land use in the Redlands until 2041.

Once the draft planning scheme is available, Council must undertake a statutory consultation period of at least 30 business days.

During statutory consultation, community forums, stakeholder briefings and surveys are planned across the City, as well as opportunities to comment online, to make sure everyone has the opportunity to offer their views or make detailed submissions.

Council will consider comments made during the consultation process and make necessary changes before it goes back to the State Government for further review. It will then be presented to Council for adoption.

When it comes on line, the new scheme will be fully electronic, making it easier for people to find the information that is relevant to them. The intention is to simplify

the plan into plain and clearly understood language to make it easier to use.

There will not be much change in existing suburbs. Most development will take place in the emerging greenfield areas, together with infill development such as reconfiguration of blocks, dual occupancy and low-rise townhouses, to take advantage of existing services and infrastructure.

You will find more detail at www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan.

Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.

Warm regards,

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