





Birkdale North, Thorneside

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

In my role as Redland City Council's Ambassador for Arts, Culture and Innovation, I congratulate the RedArts committee, which worked tirelessly with local artists, entrepreneurs, ArtsLink and volunteers for the three-day community-run Ignite Redlands Light Art Festival in June.

Redlands was chosen to be a part of ArtsLink's inaugural Animating Spaces program and Ignite Redlands exceeded all expectations, attracting more than 7000 visitors to Cleveland CBD.

See the videos at www.paulbishop.com.au



Redland Art Gallery lights up for the Ignite Redlands Light Art Festival.

PRIDE OF PLACE

Communities work for common goals

Hello Division 10. What a year 2013 has been so far! After a dry 2012, the summer rains had me mowing footpaths after State Government funding was withdrawn from our roadside maintenance schedule and residents complained about the overgrown state of Birkdale Road.

Fortunately this has been addressed and our streetscapes are again being managed to the satisfaction of Council officers.

Then Australia Day havoc brought down trees and power lines all over the City and Council's mass green-waste clean-up kept us all busy.

Many local roads have been resurfaced or patched, with Queens Esplanade at Thorneside on the schedule for next year. For those who enjoy walking from Beth Boyd Park to Aquatic Paradise West at Birkdale, you will see a new shelter donated by resident John McSwann. Thanks go to his family and all residents involved in consultation for site selection.

Community pride was on show during our many school and public ANZAC Day celebrations. It was an honour to have support from St Mary MacKillop Primary School students, scouts, sea cadets and many others who came together for the event we organised.

Traffic and pedestrian issues are assuming a major focus, with plans proceeding for safer ways to cross both Collingwood and Thorneside roads (near the shops). Thank you to those who signed petitions.

St James Neighbourhood Watch has convened a local traffic group to review safety issues around Quarry Road and I acknowledge the need to focus attention on safety at Byng Road, Birkdale.

I extend ongoing thanks to our many volunteers who enliven P&C committees, sporting groups, church, scouts, bushcare, arts networks and other organisations. You improve life for our youth, elders, families and community.

I rely on your feedback and welcome your suggestions as we work toward the future together.

GARDEN GROWS INTO REALITY



Cr Paul Bishop, of Division 10, previews what is in store for supporters of the new community garden at Victor Street, Birkdale.

Residents and representatives from scout, church, school and organic farming groups in Birkdale and Thorneside are rallying in support of the Victor Street community garden at Birkdale.

If you would like to be involved in designing and cultivating a living/working/meeting place in the heart of Division 10, come to the first open day at 3pm on Saturday, July 13, or contact me directly.