

NEWS from your Local Councillor

Redland Shire Council

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Dear Resident

Hello - just a short note to give you an update on what is happening around the Division.

Clean Up Australia Day

I would like to thank the many residents in Division 7 who spent their Sunday cleaning up our parks and waterways. This is a massive job, but thanks to volunteers our Shire is being kept a cleaner place. So for those who choose to litter, remember this is your Shire too, so let's keep it beautiful and litter free!

Koala Watch

Recently a report was put to Council quoting unverified data which suggests there has been a decline in our local koala population of about 31% in the koala coast area and 47% in our urban areas. Obviously, this is sad news for the Redlands. The major causes of koala deaths are loss of habitat, stress and disease caused by urbanisation, cars and dogs. None of these things are going away and the prospects for koalas look dim unless some changes are made.

Motorbikes in park and conservation areas

While a lot of residents have motorbikes/quad bikes and, in particular, junior trail bike types, one should be reminded that it is illegal to ride them in the above areas. Council officers and the police have fined many of the users (\$325-\$600 per time) for operating them in this way.

Most riders are responsible but they may not know they are breaking the law. It is causing great concern and agitation to those residents who live next to these locations and to walkers using the trails for their proper purpose. Any resident who knows the address of offenders can either contact me on the above numbers or the Capalaba police on 3433 3333. Details and description are a great help. Please do not confront riders yourself. Leave it to Council officers or the Police.

Resident's survey

I would like your comments on what Council is doing in our community and also your feelings on water conservation. I ask you to fill in the survey on the back of this letter and return it to me either at the address above or, personally, on Saturday 13 May 2007 at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre food court between 9am and 12 noon.





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1. What park does your family use most often?

2. How adequate is the amount of equipment offered in that park? (please tick one)

- Very adequate Somewhat adequate Somewhat inadequate Very inadequate I don't know

3. How satisfied are you with the way Council maintains our public areas? Public areas include pathways, Council roads, parks etc. (Please tick one)

- Very satisfied Somewhat satisfied Somewhat dissatisfied Very dissatisfied I don't know

Please provide details: _____

4. Does Council provide enough paths /bikeways in your area?

- Yes
 No
 I don't know of any pathways in our area

Please provide details: _____

5. The information we provide in these newsletters is

- Very helpful helpful somewhat helpful inadequate

Please provide details: _____

6. The government sets water usage per person, which may or may not be adequate for your household. What is the realistic level of water usage that should be set to maintain your lifestyle? (Please tick)

- 140 litres a day/person 150 litres a day/person 180 litres a day/person
 Other: _____ Not sure

If in the meantime, if I can be of assistance with any local government matter please call me on the telephone numbers listed.



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