

NEWS from your Local Councillor



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Dear resident

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Thank you to all who have been the eyes and the ears for Division 7. Your assistance, suggestions and advice are appreciated and valued. I encourage residents to contact me at any time with queries or requests for assistance about any local issues. I would like to offer a huge welcome to those residents who are new to Division 7 – Alexandra Hills/Capalaba.

Home Assist

If you are or know someone who is over 60 years of age, the Home Assist Secure can help with repairs, maintenance and minor modifications around the home. Eligible clients, who are also receiving an Australian Government pension or allowance, can also receive financial assistance toward the labour component of work carried out through the program up to \$400 per year. If you would like further information, please give the Home Assist team a call on 3383 7075.

Pensioner rebate

I have been contacted lately by a few people who believe the current pensioner rebate on rates could be higher. Council currently contribute \$300 per year to ratepayers in receipt of the maximum rate of pension and \$150 per year to ratepayers in receipt of a part rate pension. In addition, the state government contributes a further \$180 per year. I am pleased to report that Council will be reviewing this rebate and cross-referencing it against other council's rebates before the end of the year. Watch this space.

Capalaba Libraries

The Capalaba library was closed recently for a week to complete some refurbishments. You will now notice the internet technology centre has changed - it is a larger open space with all new desks. A machine has been installed for users to check out their own books if they wish. Ask a staff member to help you the first time you use it. The children's area has a new workstation for access to tumble books, a very popular online literary game to assist childrens' learning. The library also has brand new carpet throughout. Now that it has been smartened up, we are ready to celebrate the 13th birthday of this library. There will be a morning tea for anyone who visits the library during Library Week on Thursday 28 May 2009.

Motorbikes in park and conservation areas

While a lot of residents have motorbikes/quad bikes and, in particular, junior trail bikes, they should remember it is illegal to ride them in all Council parks and reserves. Council officers and the police have fined many of the users (\$375 on the spot fine) 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.

The Young Citizen Program (YCP)

This program is delivered to over 10,000 students each year. YCP has previously been targeted at primary schools but has been developed to include secondary schools and other community groups, e.g. special schools, scouts/guides groups. This year has seen an increase in school participation and some added programs, one being the Fatal Vision – an alcohol impairment program for students. For more information, call 3829 8466.

Redlands undercover

A Sun-safe space for children, parents and carers has recently been installed at Gundagai Drive, Capalaba, making this a great place to meet up with friends, plan a picnic, have playtime with a parents group or entertain the children in the great outdoors.



Redland City Council, in conjunction with the Queensland Cancer Council, suggests we should encourage children to play in shaded areas while outdoors. What a great place for our children to play in now.

Meet your local Councillor

I conduct my 'Meet Your Local Councillor' stand at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday between 9.00am and 12 noon. Feel free to drop in and say hello.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Division 7 for their continued support. By working together we will ensure that our families will continue to enjoy the lifestyle we value so much. If I can be of assistance with any matter please call me on the numbers listed.

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