



# News from your Local Councillor

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## Hello to all residents,

Can you believe how quickly this year has flown? I would like to welcome all new residents to our beautiful area and please make yourselves known to me.

The state government has not been travelling all that well lately but some good things have come to our neck of the woods.

## Right turn arrows at Allenby/Vienna/ Finucane Roads

The turning arrows have been a great success at this intersection and it was pleasing to see that the Main Roads Department listened to the community and kept the right turn from Cleveland into Allenby Road open. While this does have a small amount of traffic using it, it allows those residents along Finucane Road to access their homes without having to drive the long way round.

## Koala refuge block on Windermere Road

This was a stunning outcome for the community in receiving the 5.6 hectare block from the state government into the trusteeship of Redland City Council. This particular block has been the subject of much negotiation with the relevant parties for many, many years and, since 1997, is the third large parcel of land to come under our control.

The others have been the Greater Glider Reserve on Redland Bay Road, the Scribbly Gums Reserve on Hanover Drive, the Squirrel Glider Reserve on McMillian Road.



## Shade shelter Windermere Park

The shade shelter has finally been erected using funding from the federal government to provide shelter for the skaters while they wait their turn at the skatebowl.

## Walking dogs off their leads

Residents are reminded that walking dogs off-lead is an offence except in a designated off-leash area, and you will receive fines between \$53 - \$231.80 if caught doing so. I receive quite a lot of calls from residents, particularly the elderly, who are alarmed when an unleashed dog comes bounding towards them. You may know your dog doesn't bite, but they don't. It can be a very stressful situation. Please put your dog on its lead and let everyone enjoy their walk.

## Vehicles parking on footpaths

Residents are reminded that parking on footpaths is illegal and can incur a fine of \$150 by Council officers. I have witnessed all manner of vehicles parked illegally, including boats, trailers, cars, caravans and other equipment, which can cause access problems for the general community. Even parking in a driveway across the footpath causes great concern to others who have to walk onto the road to get by.

In a recent Council report, 54 per cent of residents indicated walking as their major fitness regime. Having a parked vehicle in the way can reduce both the momentum and the enjoyment of this activity.

Where residents have a concern regarding this type of problem, they can contact Council on 3829 8999 and lodge a complaint, which will be dealt with promptly. Make sure you ask for a customer request number for follow up on your complaint if required.

## Motorbikes in parks and conservation areas

While a lot of residents have motorbikes/quad bikes, and in particular junior trail bike types, it's important to remember it is illegal to ride them in parks and conservation areas. Council officers and the police have fined many 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 residents who live next to these locations and to walkers using the trails for what they are designed for.

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 police.

## Grant for Alexandra Hills Sporting Club

The club was successful in its bid to the Gambling Community Gaming Fund and received \$32,000 to replace its 20-year-old kitchen with a modern stainless steel one, with several new appliances to help our volunteers' task to be a lot easier.

## Council's customer request system

Residents approach me from time to time requesting minor maintenance works to be done involving trees, potholes etc. I thought it may be a good time to explain the best ways to advise Council about attending to these matters.

For those who have email access, rcc@redland.qld.gov.au is the general Council address or you can contact me at murray.elliott@redland.qld.gov.au, phone 3829 8999 or mail to PO Box 21, Cleveland 4163. Most requests are actioned within a few days, depending on the urgency of the matter. Issues like broken glass in sand areas are addressed immediately.

I strongly advise when making contact that you ask for a customer request number, so if your item has not been fixed in a reasonable amount of time, staff or I can easily track the action undertaken.

## Meet Your Local Councillor

I conduct my 'Meet Your Local Councillor' stand at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday between 9am and noon. This has met with great enthusiasm and I look forward to meeting you, so drop in and say hello.

*As this is my last newsletter for the year, may I wish you and your loved ones a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.*

Kind regards

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