



# News from your Local Councillor

## Division 7 Alexandra Hills

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## Dear residents of Division 7,

Once again, thank you to all who have been the eyes and 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 issue. I would also like to offer a huge welcome to those residents who are new to Division 7 Alexandra Hills/Capalaba.

### Trail bike riding

A growing sport with already more than 230,000 riders in south-east Queensland (SEQ) is trail bike riding. The SEQ Trail Bike Taskforce (part of the south-east Queensland Council of Mayors) has announced the new 750ha site for the Wyaralong Trail Bike Facility near Boonah. This is the first step in providing legal riding options across the south-east. Hopefully the first stage will be open in early 2011. Redland City Council is a shareholder in this initiative and encourages residents to make use of this facility when completed.



### 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 may receive a fine of \$200 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.

### Community Grants

Last year Council adopted a new community grants program which offers a total of \$640,000 a year (an increase of \$270,000) across five funding categories. In this second round of funding for the last financial year a group in my division received \$14,660. A great result. Congratulations to Connect2group for the Oakland Street Community Garden toilet. A dignified, non-discriminatory, compliant, disability accessible toilet/shower and changing facility.

**Please note that the next round of funding opened on 26 July 2010 and closes on 3 September 2010.**



John Dickinson detail *Mangrove Choir*

Acrylic on canvas, 2009.

Image used courtesy of the artist.

John Dickinson is an established artist and sculptor who works from his gallery studio on Karragarra Island.

For John, mangroves are more than a landscape; they are cathedrals and tombs singing and swaying with the tide; ballet without movement and opera without sound. To walk within their cloisters is to experience a timeless presence of the origin of time.

## Art, culture and creativity in Redland City

Last year, Council introduced Our City, Our Culture – a cultural plan demonstrating its commitment to increasing the capacity for cultural life here in the Redlands. A community group, the Redlands Creative Alliance was facilitated to act as a co-ordinated arts group during these consultations. Over the past few months, this group has emerged as a burgeoning network, committed to building profile and artistic expression in the Redlands.

The intention of the Redland Creative Alliance is to supplement strong professional relationships within the Redlands arts and cultural network with a vibrant online community where artists can profile their work, advertise events, place general notices, post blog entries and upload photos so that interested members of the public can closely follow the activity of the local arts and cultural industry.

This passionate community group consists of committed artists dedicated to helping create strong connections among the arts network and promoting Redland city artists from all genres.

To show its support, Redland City Council has developed a series of four postcards representing the magnificent work of fourteen Creative Alliance members. To order copies of the postcards, or to subscribe to the monthly Arts e-newsletter, please contact [elise.parups@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:elise.parups@redland.qld.gov.au) or ph 3829 8910.

To join the Redlands Creative Alliance visit <http://redlandscreative.ning.com/>

## 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](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au) is the general Council address or you can contact me at [murray.elliott@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:murray.elliott@redland.qld.gov.au), phone 3829 8999 or mail to PO Box 21, Cleveland 4163. Alternatively you could visit one of our Customer Service Centres at Cleveland or Capalaba to lodge your request. 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.

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.

Kind regards

**Murray Elliott**

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