



News from our neighbourhood

What's happening in Division 10

Dear citizen and fellow resident of Birkdale/Thorneside

It is with great respect that I write my first official Councillor Newsletter and I offer best wishes to Helen Murray for the past 18 years of service as Divisional Councillor.

I congratulate my fellow Councillors, who I can assure you, have begun a massive learning exercise. So far, our immediate focus has been upon delivering a budget to serve our City and citizens' optimal future needs.

Future community updates will discuss more local issues, yet in this bulletin, I want to commence a conversation about 'community and citizenship', that may help foster awareness about the importance of local health, wealth and wellbeing.

Our new Mayor, Karen Williams, has commenced a widely endorsed electoral pledge to get 'Back to Basics'. This is a theme the Local Government Association says was reflected across all Queensland communities. Local, state and nationwide trends suggest that citizens want governments to increase sustainable productivity and use common-sense to get back to basics. This is a great opportunity,

and it also presents some challenges because as citizens, we are all in this journey together.

As your Councillor and local community representative, I want to explore what 'Back to Basics' means for each of us, so we can increase our individual and our community potential.

While Council will continue to manage rates, roads, rubbish and water, I truly believe that YOU are Redland's greatest asset, so I welcome any ideas or suggestions that can engage community investment on the journey and adventure of shaping our local community, together.

We are all in this journey together!

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Upcoming projects

Thorneside Waste Water Treatment Plant bypass and upgrade work

\$450,000

Ferry Road Thorneside – canoe boat ramp

High tide canoe ramp and carpark to undergo final design, funding options and feedback.

\$60,000

Queens Esplanade Thorneside sea wall

Plans to build a retaining wall will go into concept and design phase this financial year.

\$25,000

Helen Street Thorneside – boat ramp floating walkway

A floating walkway to assist ramp users is being investigated (State Government ramp)

\$21,500



Many years ago JFK spoke about citizenship: I borrow some of his words as I ask us to consider both:

"What can your CITY do for YOU and,

"What can YOU do for your CITY?"

Diary Dates – Invitation to Division 10 Community Conversations

I am commencing a series of local community conversations, where I would like to invite individual residents, groups and organisations to a relaxed meet and greet at Mooroondu Sporting Club on 4 September 6pm-7.30pm. I'd like to explore ideas and examples of 'Local Community Action', even show a couple of videos of people and processes already helping to make positive differences for our children, our families, our community and our future. Please come along and make sure you register your interest online at www.PaulBishop.com.au. My website is another way we can stay informed of local events, opportunities, issues and updates.

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