



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Murray Elliott



### Action request system: graffiti

The most effective way to manage graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible, preferably within 24 hours. Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers, which is often their primary motive. It also reduces the likelihood that the area will attract further vandalism.

**Smartphone:**

Download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button

**Phone:**

Ring or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334

**Email:**

[graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au)



### Abandoned shopping trolleys

**Visit:**

[www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au)

**Phone:**

1800 641 497

### Dear residents of Division 7

It's pleasing to report back to you that the Council's \$20 million roads revamp continues to be rolled out across the City, and is making a real difference for local motorists.

The roads improvement program not only ensures a smoother drive for Redlanders, but also shores up the infrastructure foundations for our future.

Everyone hates potholes, so it has been my pleasure to serve you as Infrastructure spokesman and help address your key concerns of roads and road safety. I am particularly pleased that 30 of the 109 roads scheduled for

resurfacing in 2013-14 financial year are in Division 7.

As a Council, we are now in Budget deliberations and I will be working to further upgrade our roads network, while at the same time continuing to keep Redland City rates as low as possible and delivering core services to the standard our residents expect.

Remember, I am always available to discuss your concerns on any issue.



### MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

I am at the Alexandra Hills shopping centre every second Saturday from 9am-midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7. I've been manning the "meet the people" booth for 17 years now and it's all about getting to know your feedback and concerns, and ensuring you can talk with me face-to-face.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Division 7 resident Iris Cuff, who was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours list as recognition for her years of service to the blind and those with low vision. Iris is a real go-getter, passionate and dedicated to making our City a better place to live.

Photo courtesy of *Bayside Bulletin*



## New facilities for football club

The Alexandra Hills Australian Football Club received both Council and State Government funding of \$46,000/\$12,000 respectively, and together with the club's contribution of \$30,000, has established new coaches/timekeeper boxes and a medical room at Keith Surridge Park. Chairman of directors Paul Redfern was quoted as saying: "these facilities are now among the best available in the AFL code in Queensland and will set the standard for all new towers."



*RPAC manager Zane Trow with piano donors Jenny Brown and Dan Ling, as well as Mayor Karen Williams and Cr Murray Elliott.*

## Songs in the key of life

Patrons of Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) are enjoying the smooth sounds of classical and jazz piano as they linger in the foyer, thanks to a generous donation of a baby grand.

Semi-retired Alexandra Hills piano tuner and restorer Dan Ling decided to part with one of his sentimental favourite pianos after learning that the centre did not have one in residence.

The Division 7 resident thought about the donation for six months and then one morning had a cup of coffee and decided to ring me to make it happen.

"I believe you should give something back to your community and I feel music is like art - nobody owns it. It's there to be enjoyed by everyone. Music is like an art gallery but you don't have to pay top price to feel cleansed by it," said the 17-year Redlands resident and father of six.

The piano - a 10-year-old Alex Steinbach - was a family favourite. "I played this one every day... a few of my kids even learned on it," said Dan.

Our City was built by people with passion and willingness to give back to the community. Well done, Dan Ling.

## Mobile microchipping

Council offers a mobile microchipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25 and people can pay on the spot using mobile Eftpos. It means people can be responsible and microchip their animals without having to leave home. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



Thank you to all the residents who have contacted me over the past few months with regard to local issues in the area. Your ideas and suggestions are much appreciated and help greatly in keeping this a great place to live. Take care until next time.

Kind regards,

**Murray Elliott**

Councillor for Division 7