



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Lance Hewlett

Division 4: Victoria Point edition



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### Dear resident,

With 2021 drawing to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Redlanders for their commitment to keeping our community COVID safe in perhaps the most challenging and difficult couple of years many of us have experienced.

The good news is that there is light at the end of the tunnel and I encourage every eligible person to get vaccinated so life can return to a pre-COVID normalcy.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry and blessed Christmas, as well as a safe and prosperous New Year. The Christmas season is marked by a variety of joyous celebrations with friends and family but it is also a time to think about those less fortunate than ourselves and to extend a hand of friendship and help to those who need it most.

As in previous years, my wife Sheena is organising a toy drive to support the local Redlands Coast community through

donations to the Champions Church Support Services. Anyone who wishes to contribute, please feel free to contact me for details. Collection can be organised.

These are also exciting times for our local school communities, where senior students are leaving school to transition to their careers or to undertake further studies.

As a member of RedVic Lions, I look forward to wrapping Christmas presents at Victoria Point Shopping Centre. A gold coin donation per gift supports a very worthy cause and I will also be happy to chat about any Council issues. I am also happy to meet with you to discuss any issue, by appointment, in your home or at my office. Call 3829 8603 to organise a



*GIVING: The Findlay family, owners of local business Just Add Water Pools, always generously donate to the Christmas Toy Drive.*

meeting. I also post regular updates on my Facebook page.

Enjoy the Christmas season, please stay safe and God bless.

**Cr Lance Hewlett – Division 4**

Please connect with me on Facebook to stay posted on all local issues.

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### Dog owners on notice

Dog owners who ignore their obligation to pick up after their pets while walking in a public place are on notice that they face a \$275 fine.

And those who do but then don't dispose of the waste bag properly should also be aware that a fine of \$275 may be issued for littering. Council's officers do respond to complaints and also conduct patrols of the city, enforcing our Local Laws and issuing penalty infringement notices where necessary.

Council encourages responsible pet ownership and urges dog owners to carry bags with them when walking their dogs and dispose of them appropriately in a bin.

I have fielded a lot of complaints about people not picking up after their dog, including reports of some who do so only to throw the plastic bag into the bush, which is an environmental hazard as well as being an offence.

And, please, always walk your dog on a lead unless in a designated off-leash area and keep your dog under control.

### Major road upgrade progressing

The \$110 million Cleveland-Redland Bay Road upgrade is forging ahead, with the community consultation phase completed.

The next phase of works will see Cleveland-Redland Bay Road duplicated between Anita Street, Redland Bay, and Magnolia Parade, Victoria Point, with feedback received being considered as part of the project's final design.

As it is a state road, a community feedback report will be published on the Transport and Main Roads website.

Early works will include the relocation of public utilities, with the main civil construction set to

kick off next year. Included as part of the upgrade are safety improvements at intersections along the road.

The business case identified the following intersections for work: Serpentine Creek Road, Beach Street, near South Street, Melanie Street, near Lakeside Boulevard and near Boundary Street.



*CONNECTION: On site at Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Victoria Point, with Redlands MP Kim Richards.*

## Community safety a priority

Redland City Council has an active working relationship with Queensland Police to help deal with issues which affect our lifestyle, such as anti-social behaviour and crime.

A clear message to come from Queensland Police is that it is important residents report state policing issues directly to the Queensland Police Service as this is the quickest way to get action and also help police to get a picture of where resources need to be directed.

So if you see or hear anti-social behaviour, you need to make a report to police.

If there is an immediate threat to your safety always call 000 if you require police, ambulance or fire crew to attend immediately. This applies to when a crime is in progress, someone is seriously injured, a life is threatened or the offender is still in the area.

Non-urgent reports relating to hooning and antisocial behaviour can be made through the Policelink service, either online at [police.qld.gov.au](http://police.qld.gov.au) or by calling 131 444. You also can call the dedicated hoon hotline on 13HOON (134 666).

Please provide as much information as you can about the incident, including the time and date, location, nature of the incident and, when it comes to hooning, details of all cars involved, including registration plate details if possible.

Hooning is defined as any of the following: speeding and street racing; 'donuts' and burn-outs; screeching brakes; revving of engines; skidding, drifting and fishtailing; and driving so as to cause unnecessary noise or smoke.

All of this behaviour can be dangerous and the culprits risk having their vehicles impounded. By reporting incidents, you will help police to identify and target hotspots and help make the roads safer for everyone.

Non-urgent police matters, such as a break and enter, property damage and vehicle or property theft, can be reported to police online via the Queensland Police Service website, by phoning Policelink on 131 444 (24 hours, 7 days). You can also call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information about a crime.

Non-police matters can be reported to Council for action on 3829 8999. These include issues such as graffiti and vandalism of Council property (which can be reported via Vandaltrak mobile app), illegal dumping and littering, abandoned vehicles and shopping trolleys, animal-related complaints, potholes and faulty street lights.

I have included a handy contact list as we enter the holiday season which is well worth putting on your fridge.

## WHO TO CALL?

### Urgent police matters

Call 000

### Crimestoppers

1800 333 000

### Non-urgent police matters

Policelink on 131 444 (24 hours, 7 days)

Your local police station:

- Capalaba Police Beat - 3433 3355
- Cleveland - 3824 9333
- Dunwich - 3409 6020
- Point Lookout Police Beat - 3050 9555
- Redland Bay - 3829 4111
- Road Policing Unit - 3433 3323
- Bayside Crime Prevention Unit - 3308 8180

### Council matters

3829 8999

### Other useful numbers

#### Family or domestic violence

If you or your family are in immediate danger, call 000

Local support services include:

- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Mensline 1300 789 978
- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- DV Connect 1800 811 811

### Stay informed

[mypolice.qld.gov.au/bayside/](http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/bayside/)



## Les Moore Park improvements

The welcome upgrade to Victoria Point's Les Moore Park is progressing well, with improvements that will make this popular and beautiful foreshore park even more attractive.

The work, which is being partially funded by a Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 2 grant from the Australian Government, includes 31 new carparks, renewal and upgrade of play equipment and new fitness equipment.

Youngsters are sure to enjoy the marine-themed play equipment, which will include a climbing net wave, octopus stepper and stencilled games featuring a whale, starfish, crab and shell. The upgrade will also see improved picnic facilities, including shelters, table, seats, drinking fountain and landscaping. More than 700m of additional paths will make the park and its features more accessible and connected.

## Renewed playspace for Parklands Court Park

Improvements to Victoria Point's Parklands Court Park is scheduled to start early in 2022.

Old play equipment will be replaced by a junior/senior climbing and slide unit, spring toy and spinner, as well as nature play elements including sandstone boulders and natural logs.

Seating and plantings that support the area's local ecosystems, while also helping improve drainage across the site, will complete the works.

This popular neighbourhood park will continue to be valued by local families now and into the future.

## Seawall renewal update

The design process is progressing for the Wilson Esplanade West seawall project at Victoria Point, with Council working towards finalising the permits required for construction.

The assessment process has involved negotiation with State Government agencies and also the fine-tuning of design layout.

Once the required permits are approved and the design requirements completed, Council expects to start construction by the end of the financial year, all going well.

A related foreshore protection project on the eastern end of Wilson Esplanade is being designed jointly with the seawall renewal project and will be subject to future budget consideration.

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