



# News from your local councillor Cr Wendy Boglary

Division 1: Wellington Point/Ormiston



November 2021

## Dear resident,

Another busy year is drawing to a close and once again everyone has had exceptional challenges, either in their family lives or in business.

Redlands Coast has fortunately not been as affected as other areas across our nation however there have been impacts which have added stress to our lives.

I hope that as the Christmas season is fast approaching you can take time to care for yourselves and each other, recharge the battery and make sure you and your loved ones are OK.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from 5pm on 24 December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022. This includes our Customer Service Centres and libraries (library return chutes will be closed during this period with holds extended and no overdue fees applicable). If you need urgent assistance for an issue that may pose an immediate risk to Council's services and significantly impact residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number 3829 8999 as we will have crews on call.

Merry Christmas to all and take care!

**Cr Wendy Boglary** Division 1

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## Let's support local



*SAVE THE DATE: Carol singers will be in full voice on Saturday 18 December at Tanja's.*

## Celebrate during Wellington Point Village's Christmas Week

Although our businesses have faced another challenging year, they are still looking forward to celebrating Christmas. Wellington Point Village is being turned into a "Christmas Village" for local families from Saturday 18 December, with the annual carols and entertainment at Tanja's.

Also on the night there will be a footpath market, with local stallholders and many of the traders open for extended shopping.

Throughout the week there will be Christmas activities, such as a Christmas tree competition and fun children's games on the Village Green, with the week concluding with a family night at Hogan's on Christmas Eve (I do believe Hogan's have talked to Santa and he will also be joining us!)

In the New Year, there are a few plans being plotted and organised, including regular

markets, so watch this space. Tanja's will also be celebrating its 50th birthday, so stay tuned for the celebration of that milestone of one of our locals, plus our Australia Day games and celebration at the Point!



*ON HIS WAY: Hogan's has just received a RSVP from Santa for a visit to their Christmas Eve family event.*

## A time for giving

Christmas baskets are out at various businesses from Heart of Europe at Ormiston to Wellington Point Village to assist our local school chaplains to gift food hampers to families in need. Please support them by buying extra non-perishable food items or small Christmas gifts and donating them to help local families. The baskets will be collected on 4 December to give our chappies time to organise and distribute the donations. I thank you in advance.





APEX PARK: Youngsters have been enjoying the new bike track, with the shelter sheds and amenities great for a family outing.

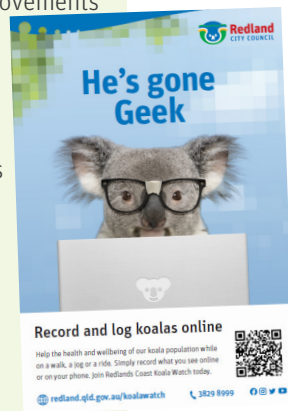
## Local parks benefit

Our division has seen several park upgrades, including Raby Esplanade, Apex and EGW Wood parks as well as several of our smaller neighbourhood parks.

The new BMX track is now being enjoyed at Wellington Point's EGW Wood Park. Funded under the second phase of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program, the new BMX pump track has been integrated into the existing track and includes multiple loops. The \$471,000 project followed input from locals, including young BMX riders who all told me they wanted a better bike track. The upgrade also included sandstone blocks, a picnic table, seating and shelter, as well as a drinking fountain. Improvements were also made to the footpaths servicing the park and changes to the cricket nets.

The latest improvements were also opened at Apex Park, with Council investing about \$1.7 million on upgrades over the past two years. This follows a \$720,000 upgrade to the playground which included a number of new and exciting pieces of equipment, such as a multi-level climbing unit and fairy play space. The latest improvements include a new more centrally located toilet to replace the old one that has been demolished, renewal of the multi-sport half court, additional picnic facilities and a fabulous new pump track.

I hope you have had time to relax in our local area and enjoy the beautiful location we call home. It's perfect for our health and well-being.



## Boosting our Village

I have a determined vision to make our northern city village a destination for locals and visitors to build our economy.

This year Council added to the character of Wellington Point Village with an insect garden, which has become another Instagram photo location.

I am also excited by the passion of our local traders and thank those who have continued to support our local clubs and

charities throughout the challenges of the past year.

We also recently welcomed new enterprises, with Wellington Point Farm now open with a farm setting café as well as a great range of fresh produce. Beautiful Cre8tions has also opened in Wellington Point Village with classes and a beautiful gift range.

I encourage everyone to buy locally for Christmas as this support will boost our local economy and local employment.



Wellington Point Farm Cafe.



Beautiful Cre8tions.

## Listening to your concerns

When talking with residents, their main concerns remain associated with planning processes and the protection of our environment.

Every local government has a City Plan which determines what can be built and where within a City. If an application comes to Council that complies with the scheme, there are no planning grounds to refuse and it will be approved – hence the importance of ensuring our City Plan reflects not only the needs of the city but represents the vision of our residents for their home.

I recently wrote in Council's *Our Redlands Coast* magazine about the Medium Density Amendment Package to the City Plan and I thank those residents who contacted me and those organisations that allowed me to speak to them regarding the package, as it is the only way to change the plan until the

next total review. State legislation also has to be considered.

I am passionate about working with the community for the future.

In the New Year I would like to speak to and inform more residents in regards to the importance of this plan so there is a wider understanding in the community in regards to planning and also environmental protection. Both affect every aspect of our daily lives, including the economic growth of our area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if your group would like to learn more or, COVID permitting, I am also happy to have kitchen table chats.

For City Plan updates please keep an eye on my Facebook page.

## Helping our koalas

We can all help improve the health and wellbeing of our local koala population by joining Redlands Coast Koala Watch. It's so easy.

Find out more on Council's website and join Redlands Coast Koala Watch at [redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch](http://redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch).

Council's research and conservation partners do an amazing job tracking our ambassador koalas but they can't be everywhere.

Next time you're out on a walk, riding your bike or picnicking and you spot a koala, take a photo and answer a few questions on the online Koala Watch survey. You can also check to see if the koala is ill or injured and get help for it if needed. There are resources available to teach you how on the website.