



News from your local councillor

Cr Rowanne McKenzie

Division 7: Capalaba/Alexandra Hills/Thornlands/Cleveland



Dear resident,

Christmas is the perfect time to reflect on what it is that we can be thankful for during the past year.

This year has taught me that life is unpredictable and that it can change in an instant, so I am thankful for family and friends for their support through difficult times.

Unfortunately, Christmas for many can be a lonely time, especially for those separated from their loved ones by travel restrictions and border closures. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage all residents of Division 7 to look out for one another this Christmas season. Check in with that friend or family member you haven't heard from in a little while, have a

cuppa with your neighbour or do a random act of kindness for a stranger.

If you need someone to talk to, there are local organisations that are here for you and can provide support. These include Redland Community Centre (3245 2117), The Cage Youth Foundation (3829 2644) and Bayside Salvation Army (3824 5222).

I would also like to offer my sincere thanks to my community for the way you have worked with Council through another challenging COVID-affected year.

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.

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 and you will be redirected as we will have crews on call.

I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas and I look forward to working with you in 2022.

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New attraction for local park

A popular Alexandra Hills park is the first on Redlands Coast to feature dedicated parkour facilities and a giant climbing structure that spins.

Council's \$1.5 million upgrade of Hanover Drive Park includes a range of play equipment aimed at being both fun and challenging.

Parkour is a great way of developing strength and physical control as you interact with a combination of structures; and it forces you to come up with creative moves. The giant spinning climber is sure to become the firm favourite with children.

Hanover Drive Park now has toddler and primary play spaces including a dino dig, net climbing tower, combination soccer/rugby goal, sandstone tunnel, see-saw, rubber domes, monkey bars, double swing and a "Pillars of Hercules" swing. There are some gorgeous pavement patterns, including a caterpillar hopscotch, as well as new picnic facilities such as shelters, a table and a double barbecue. The upgrade also delivered new public amenities,



additional seating, a drinking fountain, shade sails, bin enclosures, plantings and paths. Two line-marked accessible carpark spaces have been added.

Beautification works have also been completed along Finucane Road, at Keith Surridge Park, with tree planting along Windemere Road.

The path to getting out and active

Council will soon deliver the West-Thornlands Active Pathway Link project, involving the construction of a shared pathway from Congreve Crescent in the Kinross Estate, across to South Street and up to Wellington Street.

The exciting project will offer pedestrians and cyclists a new and safe pathway route at Thornlands and improve Redland Coast's active transport network.

As part of the project, Council will construct traffic islands with crossing points along South Street at Swallow Street and Lorikeet Drive. These crossings will aim to reduce vehicle speeds and hooning activity, provide cyclists and pedestrians with a more direct route and improve the safety and visibility of pedestrians and cyclists to drivers.

The 1.3km pathway will connect local communities with key destinations, including places of employment, schools and recreation.

The West-Thornlands Active Pathway Link is supported by the Queensland Government's Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program and is planned to be delivered next year.

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 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. Also, know that you can always contact me.

Win for residents

Council has welcomed a decision by the Court of Appeal supporting a 2015 decision to refuse a development application for a service station and fast-food drive-through restaurant at Alexandra Hills.

Council has opposed the application for the past six years because of its potential environmental and traffic impacts, so this is a big win for residents and ends years of uncertainty.

Council's original decision had been overturned twice by the Planning and Environment Court but it never gave up fighting for the community and successfully appealed those decisions.

When I'm out speaking with local residents they regularly raise this application with me and so Council was determined to represent them in opposing it.

As part of the court ruling, King of Gifts (Qld) Pty Ltd and HTC Consulting Pty Ltd have been ordered to pay Council's appeal costs.

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/

Fauna crossing to help ensure safety

A dedicated fauna crossing will help protect local wildlife as part of Stage 1 of the \$30 million Wellington Street/Panorama Drive road upgrade.

This is an outcome of Council's Koala Conservation Action Plan and Wildlife Connections Plan and will enhance wildlife connections and improve fauna safety, as well as increase road safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. With work on this major road upgrade scheduled to start early next year, this will go a long way to protecting our local wildlife.

Similar innovative engineering solutions have been successfully implemented in other parts of

Australia to reduce collisions between wildlife and road users. The design includes a culvert under the road large enough to cater for local fauna, with fencing either way to act as a funnel, providing a safe connection between wildlife habitats either side of Wellington Street.

Stage 1 of the road upgrade project will duplicate Wellington Street/Panorama Drive into four lanes between Boundary Road and South Street. With construction now only months away, it is wonderful that protection for our local fauna will complement the many benefits Redlands Coast locals and visitors can expect from this project.