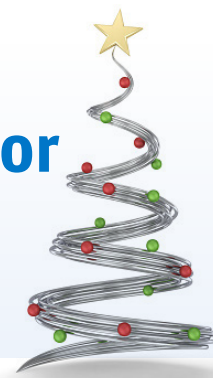




News from your local councillor Cr Adelia Berridge

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thorlands



November 2021

Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year and thank you for your ongoing support through another COVID-affected year.

I hope you will enjoy this update on interesting things happening in our division, especially reading how seniors have been showing us how incredibly valuable they are to our community, how koala spotters have taken on a role of reporting very important sightings, how an apartment block community is showing us mateship and kindness through our newest Bushcare group and the work that is enhancing our wonderful lifestyle.

I especially hope that you all stay safe, whether you are taking a well-earned break or will be working through the holiday season.

The strong message from Council this year is to please remember to ensure your properties are fire and storm safe and that you have evacuation kits prepared, as it pays not to leave it until you hear there is a storm or fire on the horizon which might force you to evacuate your home in a hurry. To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au.

Council's Disaster Dashboard and Opt-in Notification service now has in excess of 2000 subscribers. If you would like to receive weather warnings, community alerts and road closure notifications please go to the above website and select Opt-In Notifications to subscribe.

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.

Merry Christmas to all and I look forward to working together with you again in 2022.

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SUPPORT: Capalaba's Older Women's Network has been helping preemie babies at Redland Hospital's Neonatal Unit to bond with their mums.



Women's network shows a heartfelt spirit of community

The Older Women's Network at Capalaba is a fine example of people who do so much in retirement to support our community.

OWN is open to all women who celebrate positive ageing. Their aim is to improve and enrich the health and wellbeing of women through information and social activities.

The women support each other by continuing to learn and be informed through craft, cooking, guest speakers, and sharing information and stories. A sense of fun, friendship and warmth is evident at their gatherings. They know the importance of social inclusion and companionship in senior years and they put their energy into giving back to the community.

More recently this group has proudly supported the Neonatal Unit at Redland Hospital by making Cuddle Hearts, crocheted octopuses, wraps and bonnets. These Cuddle Hearts were desperately needed by the staff in the unit and OWN answered the call. One soft fabric heart has the scent of the mother, the other has the scent of the baby. The hearts are swapped between mother and baby

to bond and link them when they can't be together.

The colourful crocheted octopuses are calming and comforting for preemie babies, who grasp the tentacles instead of pulling the monitoring equipment. The theory is that the tentacles mimic the umbilical cord which babies hold onto in the womb. What an amazing thought that yarn and hook can lead to comfort for a premature baby!

For Movember they made surgical scrub caps for the Princess Alexandra Hospital and the new project for 2022 will be Hope in a Suitcase. This non-profit organisation aims to show children in the foster care system that they are loved and valued in our community. The group will fill backpacks with essential items such as toiletries, clothing and activities for children.

I am very proud to have supported OWN with a Mayor and Councillor Community Benefit Fund grant for equipment and to be helping them with the Hope in a Suitcase project. For more information, contact Naomi on 0424 060 603, Desley 0409 594 908 or Own.Capalaba@hotmail.com

Helping our koalas

We can all help improve the health and wellbeing of our local koala population by joining Redlands Coast Koala Watch, a joint partnership between the community, koala researchers and Redland City Council.

It's so easy. 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 an online 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.

We have some data starting to come through from Koala Watch, which was launched in April this year. In the suburbs of Capalaba, Thornlands and Sheldon there have been 29 people join and 21 koala sightings. Let's not stop there. Redlands Coast Koala Watch team members have told me they are keen to have more members from our area.

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

You can find out more and join Redlands Coast Koala Watch at redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch. If you have questions contact Council's customer service team on **3829 8999** or email rcc@redland.qld.gov.au



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.

Their support has included attending recent meetings at Sheldon to discuss safety issues at a local intersection and another concerning hooning.

A clear message to come from them at these meetings is that it's important residents report state policing issues directly to police, as this is the quickest way to get action and also help them to get a picture of where resources need to be directed.

Reports relating to hooning and anti-social 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).

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.

Always call 000 if there is an immediate threat to your safety and you need a 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. Police need as much information as you can provide about an 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.

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.

Getting greener

I'm very proud to present Capalaba's newest Bushcare group, with residents of Pittwin Road apartments joining to care for the bushland next to their units. In August we planted 90 new ground cover plants and grasses, taking the tally to 280 in two months. Co-ordinators Rod and Kay had no trouble roping in 10 of their neighbours to devote two hours once a month. The sentiment of one young resident summed it up beautifully: "I love living here and it makes sense to do something for our backyard so we enjoy this beautiful spot". I'm grateful to the IndigiScapes Centre team for its invaluable assistance. Last year residents told me they wanted "more greening" in Capalaba and I passed the message to our Parks and Conservation team, which has exceeded expectations by adding another 17,831 plants this year in Division 9, with plans for 10,000 more next autumn.



Preserving our heritage

Our roots are our past and when I drive into Capalaba Regional Park I see the historic gate posts from the old Coolwynpin Creek Bridge and I am always reminded of this. Did you know one of the National Trust's newest branches is in Redlands Coast?

They meet at 5pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the heritage-listed Grand View Hotel.

At a recent meeting the heritage property manager said that "in 300 years' time people will be in awe of us

for saving the last of our historical buildings for future generations, not for us now but for others later in a future time".

This is why Council is working on a proposed major amendment to our City Plan to list privately owned properties with heritage values on our local heritage register. For NTAQ Redlands, contact heritage@nationaltrustqld.org



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