



News from your local councillor

Cr Tracey Huges

Division 8: Birkdale/Alexandra Hills/Capalaba/Wellington Point



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Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents of Division 8 my best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year, especially hoping that you all stay safe, whether you are taking a well-earned break or will be working through the holiday season.

I also would like to offer sincere thanks to my Division 8 community for the way you have worked with Council through another challenging COVID-affected year.

While I have stopped my regular community shopping centre catch-ups during the pandemic, I have really missed

the opportunity to meet with residents face to face and hope to resume them once we get the COVID all-clear, as well as offering my services as a JP.

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. Remember that you can also contact me at any time.

In this newsletter you will find updates on some exciting local projects as well as other information I hope you will find useful.

Merry Christmas to all!

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Massive upgrade for Judy Holt sports fields

The major upgrade of the car parking facilities at Judy Holt Recreation Reserve in Birkdale, pictured, is well under way and expected to be completed before the end of the year, weather permitting.

The \$1.5 million project jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) extension program will greatly improve access and safety.

The carpark, which services a number of sports and events, will be expanded by about 60 more spaces, the existing

parking area upgraded and lighting added.

The highly anticipated lighting will result in a safer, more formalised parking facility for this busy community area.

A formalised pedestrian crossing point will also ensure safe access between the cricket fields and carparks.

This is a tremendous result for all of Redlands Coast as the Judy Holt Reserve sporting complex hosts 1000-plus visitors each week.

The project would see the five-year master plan for the area brought forward and completed.

The clubs associated with the reserve provide exceptional support to our community, including the Muddies Cricket Club, Redlands Dog Obedience Club, Redlands Darts Association, Redlands Orchid Society and the Redlands Multi Sports Club, which regularly hosts community groups such as the Waterloo Bay Stamp Club, Eastern Suburbs Bridge Club, Fun Stars from the Fun Farm Disability Group, Wildlife Preservation Society, Redlands Fishing Club and the Business Networking Group, along with dance clubs and the Ulysses Motorcycle Club.

New lighting for Valantine Road park

Council is significantly upgrading the pathway lighting in Alexandra Hills' Valantine Road Park.

The \$375,000 project, also funded under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) extension program, will boost safety in this popular green space.

It is anticipated these much-needed new lights should be in use by Christmas.

The previous lights in the park were solar, which were among the first installed in the city more than 20 years ago and quite outdated and difficult to maintain.

The new lights are far more efficient and provide added security for residents who walk through this area at night.

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.

George Street path a welcome addition



The wishes of our community have been fulfilled with the installation of a pedestrian and bike path to provide a safe route through Alexandra Hills' George Street Park. The concrete path, which connects George and William streets, was funded through Council's Community Infrastructure Program and is something that many residents have asked for, connecting the dog off-leash area and play equipment in the middle of this beautiful tree-lined and leafy space. Council is also planning to improve the George Street entry.

Getting out and active

Birkdale's active transport network will soon receive an upgrade that underscores Council's commitment to encouraging walking and cycling safely across Redland Coast.

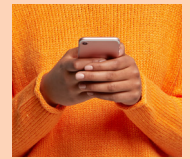
The Birkdale Active Pathway Upgrade, which is partly funded by the Queensland Government, involves extending the existing shared pathway at the Judy Holt Recreation Reserve to the Tarradarrapin Creek Wetlands in the north and Allenby Road in the south.

This 2km shared pathway will offer wonderful benefits to the community and visitors and demonstrates how Council is prioritising walking and cycling opportunities as outlined in the 2020 Redlands Coast Transport Strategy.

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

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