



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty



Dear Resident

As part of my role as your Councillor I will always seek to provide relevant information on issues that impact our community.

As you will be aware there are many changes happening in Redland Bay around the Collins Road and School of Arts Road precinct.

Currently, work is being done in the area behind the corner of Collins and School of Arts roads with a new housing estate under construction. As part of this development, work will also progress on upgrades to the park. These upgrades will include a public toilet facility and an open 'kick-around' area as well as natural landscaping as part of the stormwater management infrastructure.

Council is also planning for works over the next two years that will construct a teenage 'hang-out' area, some BMX bike mounds, bike paths and seating.

There are further plans in place to ensure safer pedestrian access across School of Arts Road between the two parks, completing a network that provides age-appropriate areas for younger children off Denham Blvd, school-age children in Fielding Park (off Habitat Drive) and an area for teens in the park near Donald Road.

Council is currently working through 2014/15 Budget allocations and as part of these considerations, Cr Mark Edwards and I are working on ensuring upgrades for the area of School of Arts Road between German Church Road and Kalmia Drive.

Roadwork improvements proposed for 2014/15 to School of Arts Road, Redland Bay include the intersection of Viola Street, resurfacing sections of the road between German Church

Road and Red Edge Shopping Centre and shoulder widening works near German Church Road.

Future road works in the area of Collins Street and School of Arts Road are also planned, but these are sequenced so they follow land development in the area.

Meantime, a temporary connection road will be created off Collins Road to access the housing estate currently under construction to service the estate until the southern development is completed. The northern development, whilst being developed first, relies on access from the southern development. A permanent entrance to both new estates will eventually form an intersection with Collins Street and Penzance Drive.



Kevin and Kath Routledge with Cr Julie Talty at the Thornlands forum.

Thornlands forum

A one-off information session attended by about 140 registered landowners was held recently in response to strong ongoing community concern in relation to planning issues at Thornlands.

The Thornlands Integrated Enterprise Area (TIEA) had been proposed by the former Redland City Council and was included in the 2005 South East Queensland Regional Plan, but was then removed in 2008/09 ... creating both confusion and concern.

This session provided landowners with a better understanding of the development of the new Planning Scheme and explained how and when residents can make submissions.

If you have questions about the planning scheme process you are always welcome to make inquiries through Council or through me and, as the project progresses, there will be updates posted on Council's website and displays in local shopping centres.

The Planning Scheme heralds an exciting phase in the development of our City and it will no doubt proceed with much debate. It is important everyone who wishes to state a view or make a submission is provided with all the information they need. Please just get in touch.



Planning ahead

You may be aware that Redland City Council is currently working on a new Planning Scheme – a strategic blueprint that will help shape our community from now through until 2041.

The new Planning Scheme will come into effect in 2015/2016 and takes in myriad factors as part of what is a highly collaborative and regulated process involving rigorous State and local community interest checks.

It is expected that a draft plan will be ready for community consultation toward the end of this year, when feedback and submissions will be invited.

The Planning Scheme document not only sets out the vision for development

for the City as one might consider it through zone codes, it also includes direction on many aspects of development that are less clearly visible but which can have an impact on our lifestyles and our economic development. For example the Planning Scheme document will provide advice on things like:

- how the City views parking requirements for multiple dwellings
- road widths and the provision of other infrastructure, like sewerage
- requirements for the width of the frontage of new allotments
- landscaping for new housing estates and on footpaths.

The Planning Scheme will give direction on matters that affect our lifestyles in the broader context by influencing how we are able to manage vegetation on private property, property zonings and overlays, the types of provision that can be built for aged care accommodation and at what cost, how the city is connected and in what manner it is connected.

It does this by reflecting Council's policies with regard to strategies like economic development, transport planning, our ageing population and liveability and connectedness. I would urge you to become engaged with the process as it goes forward and to make submissions, both positive and negative, on anything that concerns you.



Cr Julie Talty with regular users, 'the Motley Crew', at Mt Cotton's upgraded dog off-leash area

It's a dog's delight!

Work on upgrades in the Mt Cotton Regional Park dog off-leash area were a welcome Christmas gift for all users and their four-legged friends. The local community held a sausage sizzle to celebrate the opening and I was honoured to be invited along. This facility is now significantly larger and includes a picnic shelter and equipment for agility training. The new turf is quite luxurious and even if you have a big back yard, I would encourage you to go down for a visit. This upgrade came about as a result of a request from regular users, who have also asked for upgrades to play equipment. I look forward to being able to report back when this is also achieved.



Grevillea Street Bushcare workers at the annual community planting with Cr Julie Talty

Community champions

The Grevillea Street Bushcare Group recently held its annual planting day and quite a lot was achieved in very warm conditions. If you use the walking path through this area of Redland Bay you will appreciate all the hard work that has gone into removing weeds and the thoughtful replanting by the group.

Warm regards,

Cr Julie Talty

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