



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gleeson

### Wish lists

#### What would you like to see happen in Division 9?

I made up a little wish list of projects some time ago and will continue working towards making them happen for Capalaba.

What do you think?

1. Landscaping along Moreton Bay Road to beautify and highlight the main entrance to Redland City.
2. To return our City's Starlight Christmas carols to Capalaba Regional Park.
3. To increase patronage of the Capalaba Regional Park with community events and festivals.
4. To continue to rejuvenate and beautify Capalaba.

What are your thoughts? Do you have other ideas that you would like to see happen in our great part of the City?

I'd be really keen to hear from you. Please forward any suggestions to me at paul.gleeson@redland.qld.gov.au.

### Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.



### Better roads

In an effort to save money, Council voted last year to communicate with residents through a quarterly magazine. As many residents reported they did not receive the information, we have decided to resume our divisional newsletters.

In July 2013, I was one of the councillors who voted for a reasonable and fair Budget (with an average rate increase

throughout the City of 1.43 per cent) which delivered an accelerated road maintenance budget of \$20 million. As a consequence, a number of roads in Division 9 have had long-overdue upgrades.

Some of these now include School Road (pictured above), Elmhurst Street, Pittwin Road South, Jasen Street and Jute Court.

### Mobile microchipping

Council offers a great mobile microchipping service for pets, such as our family's pooch Misty.

Officers will visit pet owners at home for \$25 and people can pay on the spot using mobile Eftpos.

It means people can be responsible and microchip their animals without having to leave home.

It also means much-loved pets such as Misty can easily be tracked if they go missing.

For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



*The Gleeson kids Jacob, Keira and Deagon with Misty.*



## Graffiti improvements

On 1 July last year, Council started using the VandalTrak App to report graffiti.

At the same time, arrangements were made with social enterprise groups to remove and/or paint over illegal tags.

Since then, hundreds of cases of graffiti (covering about 400m<sup>2</sup>) have been reported in Capalaba alone, totalling over 550 man-hours of removal at a cost of over \$9000.

We are now really seeing the benefits as the vandalism is occurring much less frequently.

## Holland Crescent precinct

I have been addressing hooning and aesthetic issues around the Holland Crescent area with Council officers.

In May/June of this year, the first step will take place with a number of traffic islands being installed.

Once these have been fitted, I will be addressing the aesthetics and livability of the precinct with other departments within Council.



## Abandoned shopping trolleys

**Visit:**  
[www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au)

**Phone:**  
1800 641 497



## Rhodes of a different type

I continue working towards a better result for the Rhodes development site on Mt Cotton Road.

The proponents of the former project went into administration last year and I can confirm that after extensive lobbying of other councillors, Redland City Council

entered the tendering process to buy the site.

The intention was to find a better use of the block than a six-pack of six-story buildings.

Unfortunately, we were out-bid and the site has been acquired by new owners.

While the previous development approval has now expired, potentially the new owners could seek an extension in the courts.

I hope that a better solution can be found and I look forward to working with the new owners towards a better outcome for all those affected.

## Helping Division 9

It is my privilege to support many very worthy local community groups and causes through Council's Grants Program.

My congratulations go to those who have been successful, including:

**Redland City Bands:** \$272.73 towards buying a trophy cabinet and paying for hall hire and catering, ergonomic chairs, drummer's seat and snare drum stand

**Redlands Centre for Women:** \$272.73 for expenses associated with the hire of RPAC for the Redlands Women's Expo

**Rotary Club of Capalaba:** \$1000 to assist with the Rotary Vocational & Police Officer of the Year Awards presentation

**Capalaba District Meals on Wheels:** \$2640 to help buy a new steam cleaner/scrubber for the kitchen floors

**Volunteer Marine Rescue Raby Bay:** \$1500 for building work

**Wynnum-Redlands Canoe Club:** \$1500 towards its canoe race from Thorneside to Capalaba

**Capalaba Men's Lawn Bowls:** \$6939 for upgrades

**Capalaba District Junior Rugby League Football Club:** \$10,000 towards the installation of solar panels.



*The new solar panels at the Capalaba Warriors Junior Rugby League Football Club, thanks to a \$10,000 Redland City Council grant.*

I wish you and your family all the best for a safe Easter.

Warm regards,

**Paul Gleeson**  
Councillor for Division 9