



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Bishop



PARK ISSUES: Lachlan Street playground safety

Recent upgrades to safety aspects of the playground within Lachlan Street Park have been brought forward after a recent spate of vandalism in the area.

Please report any suspicious behaviour to Capalaba Police on 3433 3333, Redland City Council officers on 3289 8999 or directly to me.



Love your local park

Please help to look after our parks: report vandalism, graffiti, overflowing bins or other safety issues to Council on 3829 8999.

Local community garden update

For information on the Victor Street Community Garden Project, please visit: www.paulbishop.com.au

I hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well and enjoying life in Birkdale/Thorneside.

The past few newsletters were contained within the new *Our Redlands* magazine but, this quarter, Councillors have asked to have the newsletter addressed to you directly.

In addition to being a husband and father to four children, I am very proud to be your community representative. I attend Redland City Council meetings every week, respond to emails, telephone calls and read hundreds of pages of proposals, strategies and project briefs each month.

In addition, I try to attend as many community committee meetings and events as I can, both in our area and across the City.

If you ever need to contact me to tell me about what matters most to you, please do so by emailing me at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au or phoning 0478 836 286. You also can visit www.paulbishop.com.au for information on a range of local issues, contacts and updates.



Road upgrades and safer crossings underway

Many of you will have noticed a series of road improvements that continue as part of the City-wide fast-tracking of upgrades to our road infrastructure.

Mooroonda Road, Thorneside Road, Queens Esplanade, Thorne Road, Railway Parade ... these are just a few in our area.

Last year, every road in Redland City was assessed and a schedule for improvements is being rolled out.

Plans are also progressing for safer crossings at both Collingwood/Spoonbill and Thorneside roads.

Please stay safe on the roads to and from home. Remember, all roads in residential areas have a 50km/hr speed limit, unless otherwise marked.

Byng and Birkdale roads safety

Birkdale Road is a State Government-managed road and in my ongoing discussions with Steve Davies MP (Member for Capalaba), I have been requesting extra focus on road/pedestrian safety.

Please be alert in the area as a few accidents have recently occurred at this intersection.

Subtle changes in the area over the past few years have impacted both speed and flow of traffic along Birkdale and Quarry roads, including an upgrade to four lanes, lights at Creek/Quarry Road, no right turn out of Rosewood Street (Sovereign Park), and no right turn out of Creek Road to mention a few.

Current traffic volumes are below the levels required to justify infrastructure upgrades, so there are challenges ahead. I know Mr Davies is working to address the issue.

For further information, please contact Steve Davies' office on 3245 6950.



Aquatic Paradise dredging

In the coming year, dredging is scheduled for Aquatic Paradise to manage the silt which has built up over many years.

Council is still in Budget deliberations over a funding model for dredging and the cost to be borne by Aquatic Paradise “wet block” owners.

Maintenance dredging needs to be done every few years to enable safe passage for boats in and out of the marina area.

I have been working with Council officers and the Aquatic Paradise Residents Association to improve communication and ensure that residents have more involvement in the decision-making process, to help manage and oversee the canals and related issues.

Acting up for community values

Some of you may be aware that I took some time over summer to rehearse and perform in ‘Australia Day’, a political satire by the Queensland Theatre Company at QPAC. There was no interruption to my Council responsibilities and many locals who saw it supported my decision to play the role of a councillor/mayor in a fictional community. Being a councillor is a full time role that I enjoy very much, yet it was good to “tread the boards” for a moment, especially given the subject matter.



Trees remain on Hardy Road

Thanks to all involved in the discussion and decision to retain the covenant on trees in Hardy Road. There has been a lot of angst about trees in our area, not just for animals and those who love them, but also those who fear trees, including our native gums.

Some people welcome large trees near their homes, others seem to despise them. For information on local laws and vegetation matters, visit council’s website.

Redland City Council’s vision is to “enhance community spirit, lifestyle and the natural environment”, so whenever I am involved in a decision about trees, I always try to balance all sides of the story and work toward an optimal outcome. This was a good result for everybody, I believe.

Paul’s commitment to you

I believe a connected, engaged community enhances health, wealth and wellbeing. As your elected Council representative, I promise to do five things:

- 1) Reduce waste
- 2) Support the local economy
- 3) Represent you and your needs
- 4) Bring back common sense
- 5) Encourage sustainable development

I can assure you that at every opportunity in Division 10 and across the City, I do whatever I can to maximise awareness and capacity to promote these fundamental values.

Local community action

We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful area – we have many generous, committed local community “actors” serving on organisations such as sporting clubs, P&C associations and generally volunteering time to assist our wellbeing.

Community organisations, sporting clubs and associations are starting up for the year and there is always work to be done to ensure we provide services and activities relevant to our local needs. Please let your skill and interest be known to interest groups and lend a hand where possible.

Thanks to all our volunteers and hard-working, community-minded residents for all the work you continue to do! If you would like support in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my utmost to connect you with like-minded people in our area.

For more information about what is happening and what groups and clubs we have in our local area, visit www.PaulBishop.com.au for a comprehensive list. If you find any omissions or have any suggestions, I welcome your input.

Naturally, I can only do what is possible within a very busy schedule. Your input is vital, so I welcome YOUR views on any aspect of life in our area or suggestions for improvements.

Please contact me with any ideas: paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au ph 0478 836 286 or visit my website www.paulbishop.com.au.

Warm regards,

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