

DIVISION 4



**Victoria Point,
Coochiemudlo Island,
Part of: Thornlands and
Redland Bay**

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READY, WILLING AND ABLE

This past year has seen an improved response by Council to residents' needs and requests. We are ensuring that our parklands and open spaces are well maintained, with Council assets and infrastructure maintenance performed quickly and efficiently.

As your representative, I continue to be accessible, through shopping centre information booths, home visits and involvement in community groups and events. I look forward to continually improving how Council interacts with and serves the community of Division 4.



At the unveiling of the new war memorial on Coochiemudlo Island (from left), Coochiemudlo RSL president Douglas Cope, Member for Redlands Peter Dowling and Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Clean, safe and secure the aim

With my first year as your councillor now behind me, I can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding times in my career.

It has presented many and varied challenges but more importantly it has presented so many opportunities to improve where and how we live in this wonderful community.

With government on all levels talking about austerity and cost-cutting measures, now is the time to be more involved and active within our community to achieve positive and tangible outcomes.

Volunteer groups across Australia contribute more than \$15 billion in unpaid man-hours to our economy and we have some fantastic volunteers right here in Division 4, working within groups including local churches, Meals on Wheels, Lions, Rotary, sporting clubs, Neighbourhood Watch,

Crime Stoppers, school P&Cs, Coochie Coastcare, Bushcare, Coochie Lifesavers, scouts, girl guides, cadets, Volunteer Marine Rescue, Keep Queensland Beautiful (KQB) and many more.

A key focus for me is making Division 4 cleaner, safer and more secure. I will continue to maintain close working relationships with local police, schools, business owners, community and sporting groups and other stakeholders, including State Government, to facilitate initiatives that will deliver better ongoing outcomes in Division 4 and across the City.

I have worked with KQB to organise litter clean-up days with willing volunteers and have registered teams in the KQB Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Spot program. I have also implemented my own Tag-a-Shopping-Trolley program to ensure retailers promptly collect trolleys.



At the launch of the Bayside Runners and Walkers 48 hour Red Cross Charity Relay at Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club in June are (from left) Gary Prickett and Nigel Hyland, of Bayside Runners, Member for Redlands Peter Dowling, Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Member for Capalaba Steve Davies, Redland City Mayor Karen Williams and Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

With a high demographic of elderly residents in Division 4, I have recognised a need to provide them with greater support. I would love to establish a network/organisation of volunteers to provide free assistance to elderly and often frail members of our community.

The devastation caused in the wake of ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald early this year highlighted the plight of many elderly residents who, while not needing emergency assistance, did need a hand to clear driveways, remove debris from paths or with minor home repairs.

Even the most simple task can be difficult for some. It's not unusual for me to be asked to change a light bulb on my Meals on Wheels run or to take calls from elderly residents looking for help with services not provided by Home Assist.

They are little things that can mean so much to those who can least afford it. The simple tasks in life that are no problem to most of us can be a physical and financial burden to many others.

I would love to hear from anyone who is eager to lend a hand and am open to ideas on how to make this initiative a reality.