



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

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GREEN LIGHT FOR THORNLANDS TRAFFIC FLOW

Quicker access for local residents

Thornlands residents will have quicker, safer access to Cleveland, Capalaba and Victoria Point with the opening of a new road project on Colthouse Drive.

Due to be fully operational in October, the \$1 million-plus project includes the completion of the final section of Colthouse Drive, a new roundabout at King Street and a road link to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads recently upgraded the intersection at Ziegenfusz Road. This provides a safe, signalised intersection to manage the new road connection ... a project which Redland City Council had proposed for many years.

The completion of the road connection will improve traffic in the east Thornlands area. As well as reducing travel time to Cleveland, Capalaba and Victoria Point, it will also reduce the number of vehicles travelling along South Street and Thornlands Road.

Several developments in the surrounding catchment contributed to a road infrastructure development fund, enabling these important roadworks to go ahead.

Redland City Council has also contributed to the fund, with the final section of Colthouse Drive jointly implemented with developers Chris and Virginia Anderson.

INSPIRING SENIORS

These days retired academic Robert Smith is happy to drop his titles of professor and doctor and be just plain "Robert".



"That was then and this is now," says the former Chancellor of the University of Ballarat who, with his wife Liz, has called the Redlands home since 2006.

Robert, 78, a former economic geographer who has held posts around the world, including in Washington, lives at Tranquil Waters Retirement Village.

Both Robert and Liz are members of the Tranquil Tones Choir at the village, with Robert researching and introducing the performances.

Robert recently organised an informal support group for other residents who are also caring for loved ones. He regularly takes residents shopping and lends a helping hand when neighbours are in hospital.

"Everyone has a story and you meet people of all different backgrounds at a retirement village," says Robert. "You should look out for each other but not get in each other's way."

EVERY DAY COUNTS

It was my privilege to visit many retailers in the Town Centre Shopping precinct at Victoria Point with peer leaders from Victoria Point State High School promoting the "Every Day Counts: It's Not Ok to Be Away" initiative.

It is a proactive way to build the relationship between the school, local businesses and the community.

I was very impressed with the students' professional approach to improving school attendance and their willingness to be involved.

I was also buoyed by the many positive responses from the business community.



Promoting the advantages of daily school attendance are, from left, Victoria Point State High School principal Richard Usher with Year 11 student peer leaders Rochelle Auger and Violet Cameron, and Cr Lance Hewlett.

GAME ON FOR REDLANDS NETBALL

Redlands Netball Association at Thornlands will host the Mission Foods Primary School Cup on October 26 and 27.

It is the biggest school netball competition in Queensland, with 80 to 100 teams from all over the state expected to attend.

Redland City Council will provide new shelter sheds for spectators and officials alongside its new courts in time for the event.

Seven councillors have donated money out of their Council grants towards the sheds. It is a fine example of how divisions can pool their resources for a project that benefits the whole City and not just a single division.

JETTIES A STEP CLOSER

About 200 Coochiemudlo Island residents viewed and commented on the proposed design for the new Coochiemudlo Jetty in September.

The \$3.5 million Coochiemudlo Jetty is being jointly funded by the Queensland Government and Redland City Council. The State Government is also planning to undertake separate improvements to the Victoria Point Jetty.

Most islanders clearly supported the new Coochiemudlo Jetty design, providing valuable feedback to the Queensland Government design team. This included using different roofing material for a more natural and rustic jetty appearance and opening up the jetty side views, both of which have been adopted for the final design.

The new jetty and floating pontoon will provide improved safety and convenience for island commuters and visitors, including disabled access in all tidal conditions.

Residents are now understandably eager to see the new jetty built and dredging has now started.

The 16-week jetty construction period is planned for early 2014, weather permitting. A separate dredging tender for Victoria Point and Toondah Harbour will be advertised in November.