

SMOOTHER RIDES AND LESS NOISE

Roads a key priority



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I just love the smell of bitumen in the morning... especially given the fact that 30 of the 109 roads to be resurfaced or rehabilitated throughout 2013-14 are in Division 7.

The work will ensure motorists get a smoother ride and will generate less noise as they travel for work or pleasure.

Residents have told us that roads, noise and safety are key concerns to them so, as Infrastructure spokesperson for the Council, I am pleased to report that we have addressed this as part of our 10-year plan. The 82 per cent increase in spending on resurfacing, to \$7.5 million, and \$2 million for pavement rehabilitation this year are quite significant, especially given the economic challenges Council faced in framing its Budget.

Everyone hates degraded roads, so our focus is on looking after the assets more than ever and keeping them in good working order. This will ensure we have a safe, efficient and effective road network throughout our great City.

The Division 7 upgrades include:

- Adam Court
- Alawara Court
- Belgravia Street
- Burwood Road (two sections)
- Candover Court
- Chinnock Court
- Goorawin Street
- Kimberley Court
- Kyamba Street
- Kaloma Court
- Kew Court
- Kulara Court
- Maxted Court
- Nanette Court
- Osmond Court
- Pasadena Court
- Picton Drive (three sections)
- Runnymede Road
- Suthurst Court
- Serina Street
- Winchester Road (six sections)

INSPIRING SENIOR



Congratulations to Division 7's Tony Christinson, the "hands-on" president of Redlands District Committee on the Ageing (RDCOTA) and chairman of the Donald Simpson Board for his work in helping to enhance the lives of our senior citizens. A former school teacher, Tony was named as one of Redland City's Inspiring Seniors. Tony has always been involved in community groups and now, except for family holidays, he dedicates most of his time to the RDCOTA organisation.

Tony believes in putting things into action, not just using words, and has shown he does not ask others to put in hard work without being an example of it himself. His mantra of "think about what can be done, not what should be done" has made him a valued member of our community.

SAFE SUBURB RECOGNITION REFLECTS OUR GREAT COMMUNITY

Alexandra Hills residents deserve to be proud of the fact the suburb was recognised as the greater Brisbane area's safest when it comes to home theft.

The 2013 RACQ Insurance Home Security Index shows we had the fewest home theft insurance claims in the past year for the region.

The index, which calculates the number of home theft claims made per 100 RACQ policies in each postcode, ranked Alexandra Hills postcode 4161 in the three Queensland zones least hit by house-breakers.

The research puts to bed the notion about perceived crime in the Redlands and I hope the result is reflected in lower insurance premiums.

Of concern was that the survey revealed one-third of householders admitted to sometimes leaving their homes unlocked. Almost one in four claims last year was the result of an open door or window.

Action request system: Graffiti

The most effective way to manage graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible, preferably within 24 hours. Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers, which is often their primary motive. It also reduces the likelihood that the area will attract further vandalism.

Smartphone: download the VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti at the click of a button

Phone: Ring or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334.

Email: graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au

Abandoned shopping trolleys

Visit www.trolleytracker.com.au

Phone: 1800 641 497

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am to midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7. I've been manning the "meet the people" booth for 16 years now and it's all about getting your feedback and concerns addressed and ensuring you can talk with me face-to-face.