

## ONE LOCAL ACT

How can your skills and passion benefit our community?



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**Last month we lost a great community pioneer, 94-year old Ned (Jack) Finney, whose passion and commitment ensured that our area was developed “wisely” over many decades.**

Thanks to Jack’s work with Council and residents, Thorneside now boasts tremendous sports grounds, facilities, halls and access to the foreshore and Tingalpa Creek. Hundreds of residents attended his funeral and heard stories of his contribution to our area. His passing reminds me of the importance of working together, and everyone committing to local acts, no matter how big or small.

I’d like to encourage you in helping to create a healthy neighbourhood initiative and encourage a simple idea.

Can you commit to “One Local Act” that may help other people? If we each do just “One Local Act”, I wonder how soon we will sense that Small x Many = Big?

If you like living in our Birkdale/Thorneside village, perhaps your “One Local Act”, once combined with others may have more of an impact than we imagine. Will you help to give it a try?

Anyone with practical, commonsense suggestions or questions, please drop me a line at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au, call 0478 836 286 or visit my website www.PaulBishop.com.au for updates on local community groups, local events and other news.

### Don’t Forget:

- Redlands Walk To Cure Diabetes, (Beth Boyd Park, Thorneside) on October 20
- Redlands Garage Sale Trail on October 26
- Birkdale State School Fete on November 3.

## LEGENDARY AND INSPIRING SENIOR

Margaret Bean is something of a legend at Birkdale State School. She has worked her way through just about every volunteer position that exists there.



It all started 25 years ago when Margaret’s eldest son entered Year One. She helped in the classroom with reading and volunteered in the tuckshop.

Margaret, 62, is still helping out at the school – and her youngest son left eight years ago.

She has been president, vice-president and secretary of the Parents and Citizens’ Association as well as food convener for the school fete. She is currently a voluntary convener in the tuckshop.

Principals keep asking her: “Are you leaving next year?”; to which Margaret replies a resounding: “No.”

The Thorneside resident says she will continue her volunteering until 2016 when the school celebrates its centenary.

Margaret has been described as humble and gentle and as “the wind beneath many generations’ wings” and “a blessing to the Birkdale community”.

Margaret says she doesn’t see what she does as special but she does believe that “one person can make a difference” ... and Margaret certainly does!

## SHADE FOR SUMMER



Cr Paul Bishop inspects the new shade structure at Beth Boyd Park at Thorneside, which replaces the one torn to shreds in the January storms.

## PRIDE IN PARKS

Thanks to all involved for the overwhelming support to begin the Victor Street Community Garden. We have agreed to use organic food production methods and we welcome interest from people who wish to get involved in the months ahead. Beth Boyd Park will make local families happy with a new shade shelter and an upgrade is in the planning stages for the popular children’s slides. The park will also be the start and the finish point for Walk to Cure Diabetes on October 20. This is a great cause so please show your support.

## BE PREPARED

Summer is on its way and we all have memories of the January rains and storms. Please be safe, look out for neighbours and make sure you prepare a few days’ emergency supplies, just in case of the unexpected. If you have any concerns, issues or suggestions on how we can work together to improve our community, please contact me. Thanks to Council staff for their work in saving the she-oaks on Aquatic Paradise East, near Three Paddocks Park, which were at risk from erosion in the wake of the Australia Day storms.