



News from your Local Councillor Cr Tracey Huges

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Dear resident,

As we near the end of the year and highly anticipated holiday season, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to my Division 8 community, our schools, sporting and service clubs, churches, vital aged-care facilities, volunteers and, most importantly, you and your family for a wonderful year.

We have achieved so much and it has been fun watching our students grow and learn, our older residents engaging in so many activities, our sporting clubs going from strength to strength and our churches combining with community groups to support our most vulnerable. It also has been great seeing families enjoying our Council parks, riding their bikes and taking an evening stroll.

To my Ormiston residents and others affected by electoral boundary changes, a special and personal thank you for the privilege of working with you for the past four years. At the next election in March, Ormiston residents will be returning to Division 1 and a small section of Birkdale will go to Division 10, with Division 8 extending into Wellington Point and Capalaba.

To you all, I sincerely wish you a blessed, safe and very happy Christmas and holiday season.

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Cr Tracey Huges – Division 8



GREETINGS: My Christmas card this year has been hand painted by Beryl Home and I truly appreciate her vision and talent to combine the popular lorikeet with a Christmas message. Beryl and her husband Vince are long-term Alexandra Hills residents and enjoy the birds in their garden every day.



On the lead, please

Just about everyone loves a puppy but it is important that, no matter how cute they are, they must still be kept on a lead when being walked, including in our parks.

Under Council's bylaws, all dogs must be walked on a lead, except in designated dog off-leash areas. Exercising dogs off-lead can incur a \$266 fine.

You also need to register your puppy by 12 weeks of age and they must be microchipped.



CONNECTION: It was great to see the extended Wehr family come together for the opening of the McDonald Road urban habitat which bears their name. Enthusiastic residents helped to plant 800 native trees on the day.

Caring for Wehr Urban Habitat

With the support of Council's Community Bushcare Team and Redland Investment Corporation, the Wehr family were joined by residents to plant 800 native plants, including four types of koala food trees, at the opening of the Wehr Urban Habitat at McDonald Road Alexandra Hills recently.

The ongoing success of this habitat will now be vested with the Bushcare team which is working to establish a local Bushcare group by early next year on the back of the enthusiasm shown by residents who attended the opening.

To be involved, contact Bushcare on 3824 8611 or indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au



TIME TO 'GET READY'

Prepare your home and a family emergency plan

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires to Redlands Coast, so I urge all residents to ensure they are ready.

As we have seen recently with bushfires across the state, even urban communities can be at risk. You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a significant event which might force you to evacuate your home in a hurry.

With severe storms and fires an ever-present risk at this time of year, I encourage you to take time now to get your homes and yourselves ready. To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Meanwhile, the Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through Council's website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM 100.3 radio. Council's news and social media feeds are well worth following to stay up to date with the latest information.

I trust you will find the information here useful.

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes
- Secure loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan
- Have your bushfire survival plan ready.

Visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au for more information.

Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies
- If you don't know who owns the property next door contact Council on 3829 8999 for their details
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning 1300 885 698

Be Informed

Visit disaster.redland.qld.gov.au for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters. For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au/qld

Welcome park upgrades

By the time you read this, the significant upgrade to **Montgomery Drive Park**, Alexandra Hills, should be close to completion.

A new shelter and barbecue have been installed to enhance the park's appeal to local families, with a kick-around area and goal posts also added.

Meanwhile, work has started on the exciting staged upgrade of **Valantine Park**, Alexandra Hills.

The first stage will include a cricket pitch, dog off-leash area, a shelter and auxiliary works in the northern section of the park.

This will be followed by an amenities block in the southern section, along with a new playground, including primary and toddler play units, double swing, smaller play components and landscaping.

The final work, due to start early next year, will again focus on the northern section, with the installation of a new playground, including a tower climbing unit, seesaw and spinner, along with a seat, sandstock block retaining wall and landscaping.

The work at both of these parks will greatly increase their attractiveness as outdoor spaces for families and friends to relax and catch up.