

NEWS from your • Local Councillor

Redland Shire Council



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Dear Resident

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Hello and a big welcome to new residents of Alexandra Hills South. I hope you find my regular newsletters of interest.

2007/08 Budget Report

On 2 July, Council's budget was brought down and some significant works will be built to improve our community infrastructure. I am pleased with these projects and look forward to their implementation during the year. I have included a comparison table on the following page for your information. Division 7 still remains the lowest general rate per household in the Shire.

Capital works

A total of \$128,000 has been approved for footpath/bikeway works throughout the division. I am also happy to announce that Redland Bay Road will receive \$70,000 in drainage improvements to the area east of the end of Vienna Road. Residents raised this particular problem with me and I am happy this will be resolved as it has been an issue for many years. A further \$25,000 will be expended on local area traffic management in the Division.

Park upgrades

\$50,000 will be provided from my Community Benefit Fund to improve facilities in several of our major recreational parks. This will include irrigation and seating to improve our play areas for both players and spectators alike.

Revenue;

- General rates** - Average general rate increase of 4%.
- Levies** - Environment levy increase by 4% to \$72.80
Landfill remediation levy increased by 50% to \$18.00
- Water** - Access charge increased by 14.5%
Consumption charges per KL increased by 8.4% plus a change to the usage limits in the tier structure. However, if households reduce their consumption of 250kl/year to 210kl/year, the consumption component will increase by 4% from \$147.00 to \$153.00.
- Wastewater** - Increase of 10.7% or \$57.50 to \$595 per year
- Waste** - Increase of 4% to \$225.00 for basic domestic charge.
- Fees/Charges** - General increase of RSC CPI (4.6%).



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2007/2008 General Rates Budget

Division	Rateable Properties	General Rate 06/07	Estimated General Rate 07/08	\$Av 2006/2007	\$Av 2007/2008	Variance \$	Variance %
1	5,963	\$5,425,865.40	\$5,642,636.61	\$909.92	\$946.27	\$36.35	4.00%
2	5,756	\$7,258,046.04	\$7,499,812.16	\$1,260.95	\$1,302.96	\$42.00	3.33%
3	5,762	\$5,209,252.27	\$5,411,977.41	\$904.07	\$939.25	\$35.18	3.89%
4	5,145	\$4,357,257.91	\$4,533,064.46	\$846.89	\$881.06	\$34.17	4.03%
5	16,165	\$10,162,055.59	\$10,717,441.39	\$628.65	\$663.00	\$34.36	5.47%
6	3,968	\$3,744,171.20	\$3,906,503.39	\$943.59	\$984.50	\$40.91	4.34%
7	3,725	\$2,234,950.92	\$2,343,613.43	\$599.99	\$629.16	\$29.17	4.86%
8	4,523	\$2,958,620.93	\$3,087,066.95	\$654.13	\$682.53	\$28.40	4.34%
9	4,820	\$3,620,120.07	\$3,779,196.06	\$751.06	\$784.07	\$33.00	4.39%
10	4,138	\$3,842,972.01	\$3,980,266.58	\$928.70	\$961.88	\$33.18	3.57%

Note – Excludes SMBI differential additional rate against Division 5

Graffiti

Council currently assists to some extent with all aspects of graffiti management - prevention and removal. The proposal by a fellow councillor to fine residents for not removing graffiti from their properties within 24 hours is, in my opinion, unfair and unworkable. Since it is widely accepted that graffiti impacts on the broader community, I'd like to see support for residents to remove graffiti from property that is visible to the wider community and adjoins public lands i.e. footpaths and parks. This could possibly be achieved by having "graffiti removal" included as a task for those undertaking "community service".

U3A Redlands ... looking for a new interest?

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Meet Your Local Councillor

I conduct my "Meet Your Local Councillor" stand at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday between 9am and 12noon. This has met with great enthusiasm and I look forward to meeting you, so drop in and say hello.

Finally, I would like to thank the residents of Division 7 for their continued support. By working together we will ensure that our families will continue to enjoy the lifestyle we value so much. If I can be of assistance with any matter please call me on the numbers listed.



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