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Dear Resident

Thank you to all who have been the eyes and the ears for Division 7. Your assistance, suggestions and advice are appreciated and valued. I encourage residents to contact me at any time with queries or assistance about any local issues.

Barking Dogs

As the number of complaints relating to barking dogs has escalated in recent months, Redland Shire Council is launching a new initiative to find a practical solution for both dog owners and other residents within our communities.

A comprehensive information kit is being developed to assist in reducing the number of complaints in the community and create a happy and peaceful environment for all residents.

After a complaint regarding a noisy dog has been lodged with the Animal Management team, an officer will investigate the claim and provide a barking management kit to the dog owner.

The kit is expected to include:

- A step-by-step guide for dog owners to resolve barking issues
- Fact sheets
- 'Dear neighbour' notes to advise the issue is being resolved
- A dispute resolution sheet to help dog owners and neighbours resolve any issues
- Information sheets about why dogs bark and how this can be resolved
- Contact numbers for services and products designed to curb barking such as obedience classes.

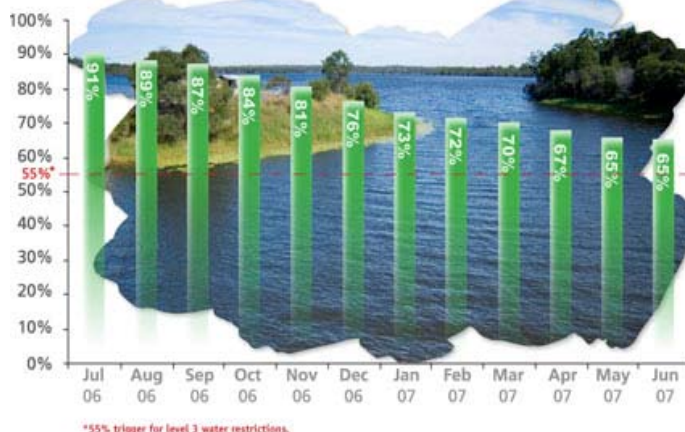


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Changes to Level 2 water restrictions – Effective from 1 August, 2007

For residents, this means small changes mainly affecting vehicle washing. Residents using reticulated town water will only be allowed to wash their vehicles with a trigger or twist nozzle hand-held hose or a high pressure water cleaning unit in the allotted hours. Washing by bucket filled directly from the tap is still allowed anytime. For businesses and organisations that are bigger water users (more than 10 megalitres per year) revised Level 2 water restrictions mean that they will have to submit a Water Efficiency Management Plan to Council by 30 September 2007, targeting a minimum 15% reduction in water use. Cooling towers will also require a Water Efficiency Management Plan.

Dam levels 06/07



Need help in the home?

Home Assist Secure enables older people and anyone with a disability to remain in their own home through offering subsidised assistance for minor maintenance and repairs relating to health, safety and security.

Home Assist Secure, which aims to help people feel safe living at home while having easier access in and around their home, is coordinated by Redland Shire Council on behalf of the Queensland Government for the Redland's community. Home Assist Secure recently reached a milestone, having helped approximately 9,000 Redland Shire residents over a two-year period for the first time since its inception in 1993.

The recent recurrent funding provided by the Queensland Department of Housing will ensure the quality of services remain at the highest possible standard for residents of Redland Shire. To find out whether you qualify for Home Assist Secure services telephone 3829 8478 or visit www.housing.qld.gov.au/programs/ch/support/has.htm.

Community Gardens

Last year I attended a conference and was impressed with the sessions on community gardens. Many people see it as "food security" knowing where the food you eat comes from and what is sprayed on the fruit and veggies. It has also been shown that it is a great community bonding project, where neighbours get together regularly and discuss local issues. Northey Street, Windsor, has been running one successfully for many years. In the Redlands, a very passionate group has approval from Council for a community garden in Keith Surr ridge Park, Windemere Road, Alexandra Hills. The garden is just starting to gain momentum but needs more members to "dig in"-literally. If you are interested in permaculture give Lyn Quirk a call on 3286 7166.

ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEYS Call this toll free number: **1800 010 335**

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.

Murray Elliott - Councillor for Division 7
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