

NEWS from your Local Councillor



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Dear resident

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Welcome to new residents who came within the Division 7 electoral boundary from the last election. The division is now Alexandra Hills/Capalaba. I hope you find my regular newsletters of interest.

Motorbikes in parks and conservation areas

While a lot of residents have motorbikes/quad bikes, and in particular junior trail bike types, one should be reminded that it is illegal to ride them in the above areas. Council officers and the police have fined many of the users (\$325-\$600 per time) for operating them in this way.

Most riders are responsible but they may not know they are breaking the law. It is causing great concern and agitation to those residents who live next to these locations and to walkers using the trails for what they are designed for. Any resident who knows the address of offenders can either contact me on the above numbers or the Capalaba police on 3433 3333. Details and description is a great help. Please do not confront riders yourself. Leave it to Council officers or police.

Vehicles parking on footpaths

Residents are reminded that parking on footpaths is illegal and can incur a fine of \$150 by Council officers. I have witnessed all manner of vehicles parked illegally, including boats, trailers, cars, caravans and other equipment, which can cause access problems for the general community. Even parking in a driveway across the footpath causes great concern to others who have to walk onto the road to get by.

In a recent Council report, 54% of residents have indicated walking as their major fitness regime. Having a parked vehicle in the way can reduce both the momentum and the enjoyment of this activity. Where residents have a concern regarding this type of problem they can contact Council on 3829 8999 and lodge a complaint, which will be dealt with promptly. Make sure you ask for a customer request number for follow up of your complaint if required.

Bushfire season

The bushfire risk this year is greater due to the substantial rain and flooding across large tracts of Queensland at the start of the year. Following these rains, vegetation flourished and has increased the dry fuel load. Residents are encouraged to clear leaves from their guttering, keep lawns mowed and have a general tidy up around their property.

Council's customer request system

Residents approach me from time to time requesting minor maintenance works to be done including trees, potholes and the like. I thought it maybe a good time to explain the best ways to advise Council about attending to these matters. For those who have email access, rcc@redland.qld.gov.au is the general Council address or you can contact me at murray.elliott@redland.qld.gov.au, phone 3829 8999 or mail to PO Box 21 Cleveland 4163. Most requests are actioned within a few days, depending on the urgency of the matter. Issues like broken glass in sand areas are addressed immediately. I strongly advise when making contact that you ask for a customer request number, so if your item has not been fixed in a reasonable amount of time, staff or myself can easily track the action undertaken.

Clothing charity bins

As we enter the Christmas period, I would remind residents that charity bins are located in Windermere Road opposite the Alexandra Hills High School main entrance for your convenience. Your unwanted items will go a long way in supporting our community, particularly at this time of year. This facility is so well used that six bins are now installed to cope with the demand.



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.



Meet Your Local Councillor

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

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