

NEWS from your Local Councillor



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Dear resident

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Hello and a big welcome to all new residents who have moved into the Division 7 Alexandra Hills/Capalaba area. I hope you find my regular newsletters of interest.

Redlands 2030



The catch cry for the Redlands 2030 Community Plan is 'creating our future' and that is what council is asking you to think about over the coming months as we enter into a whole range of discussions about where our city is going over the next 20 years. I very much hope that all of you take part in this discussion one way or the other and there are plenty of ways to do that. Firstly, Council will be holding several events to encourage involvement around the city and included in these will be visioning workshops at Victoria Point, Wellington Point/Ormiston, Sheldon, North Stradbroke Island and Russell Island as well as speak out events at Redland Bay and Cleveland.

In addition, Council will be holding youth and children's events and a youth competition with RYPE Magazine so that we can also involve our young people in planning for the Redlands of the future. I encourage all young people to learn more about the process and get involved. For those with Internet access, a website (www.redlands2030.com.au) has been set up where you can provide feedback through the Community Feedback Network, seek further information about events and other activities and read more about this very important project. For those without Internet, just call **3829 8999** or **1300 665 660** to receive further information through the mail. Finally, all residents will receive a postage paid postcard in the mail asking you to express your views. Please complete and send it back to Council. The email address for officers working on the Redlands 2030 plan is redlands2030@redland.qld.gov.au

Capital works

Works on playground equipment replacements will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter in the following parks: Sevenoaks, O'Gorman, Windemere and Ackworth Parks in Alexandra Hills and Gundagai Park in Capalaba. In a recent budget review, Council has set aside \$40,000 to commence pathway works in Hanover Drive Park, Alexandra Hills, as part of the endorsed masterplan for the park. Over the next two years, I hope to complete the rest of this plan.

Water tanks for IndigiScapes

Council's Project Delivery Group is installing four water tanks with a combined storage capacity of 54,000 litres to be used in the Community Nursery and for flushing toilets. The tanks will be installed above ground underneath the café. The intention of the project is to reduce Redlands IndigiScapes Centre's reliance on potable water and to reduce potable water consumption by at least 15 per cent from its current use.

Upcoming new water restrictions

Redland City is now connected to the South East Queensland Water Grid through the eastern pipeline interconnector. We are now part of the regional water network and are purchasing our water from the state's bulk water authority. We are anticipating a 26 per cent increase in the price of bulk water sold to Redland City in 09/10. Redland City Council has been advised by the Queensland Water Commission (QWC) that it intends to commence non-residential medium level restrictions within Redland City from 30 March 2009, while restrictions for residential users will commence on 1 July 2009. Redland City is currently on level 2 water restrictions, sitting outside the QWC restriction area within the region while other councils in south-east Queensland are on high level water restrictions.

Residential requirements as at 1 July 2009:

- Target an average residential consumption of 200 litres per person per day
- Allows residents to hose or efficiently sprinkle in two allocated periods of 30 minutes each week
- Bucket watering on any day between 4pm and 8am
- Unrestricted bucket use for cleaning purposes
- Pool owners required to have water efficiency measures
- Residential excessive water users' program to be implemented by January 2010.

Clothing charity bins

I would remind residents that charity bins are located in Windemere Road opposite the Alexandra Hills High School main entrance for your convenience. Due to your generosity, five extra new bins have been installed to cope with the demand. Your unwanted items will go a long way in supporting those less fortunate in our community.

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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