

# NEWS from your Local Councillor



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### **Dear resident**

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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. I would like to offer a huge welcome to those residents who are new to Division 7 – Alexandra Hills/Capalaba.

### **Public transport/Eastern Busway**

Traffic congestion in Alexandra Hills has continued to grow at a faster rate than the delivery of infrastructure by the state government. Recently, Deputy Premier Paul Lucas suggested residents of Redland City were not too concerned about the public transport issue as they had not made a lot of noise over the proposed Eastern Busway to Capalaba. In order to make our voices heard, an e-petition has been created and I encourage you to sign this and pass on the link <http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions%5FQLD/> to those who are tired of having no alternative but to sit through the bottleneck of traffic in and out of Alexandra Hills.

### **Capalaba Regional Park upgrade**

The final plans have been released for Redland's first All Abilities Playground at the Capalaba Regional Park. Stages 3 and 4 will include a musical forest, giant climbing nets, a wheelchair-accessible Liberty Swing and sand play areas. These new facilities will be purpose-built to cater for people with disabilities. Construction on these stages involves a partnership with Boystown to provide skills for Redlands young people. Completion is expected by the end of the year.

### **Cat registration**

The State government has introduced legislation from 1 July 2009 that requires all Councils to have mandatory cat registration. Council has decided to phase in this process over the next year so residents can save money through early registration. Registration is free for a year if you register before 31 December 2009. For further information, visit our website or call Animal Management Unit on 3829 8665.

### **Speeding in streets**

I would like to remind residents the sole responsibility of enforcing laws about speeding on all roads rests with the Police. Only continued phoning and writing to the Police on 3245 2224 will provide the resources we need 'on the ground'. There is simply no other way to achieve a Police presence.

## Community Grants Program

Redland City Council provides financial assistance to support local community organisations to undertake projects that will benefit the Redlands community. These grants cover arts and cultural heritage, environment, community development, enterprise development, sport and recreation. All grants are made on a one-off basis. For more information, please contact me or visit our website <http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Residents/CommunityGrants> for applications and guidelines.

## Capital works in parks

As the new Community Grants Program is now in place, the Councillors' Community Benefit fund is now dedicated solely towards Council-owned infrastructure. Previously, up to 50 per cent could be spent on community projects funding. The full \$50,000 has been committed to Redland City Council divisional open space infrastructure or other Council-owned infrastructure projects. This should be rolled out in the coming months.



## Capalaba Youth Enterprise facility

Redland City Council was successful in its bid for \$500,000 from the federal government to target youth crime and improve youth facilities and engagement with a dedicated youth space and community partnership. This facility will be located in Council-owned premises in Dollery Road, Capalaba.

## 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**

## Meet your local Councillor

I conduct my 'Meet Your Local Councillor' stand at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday between 9.00am and 12 noon.

Feel free to 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Elliott".

Murray Elliott  
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**Redland City Council**