

# NEWS from your Local Councillor

Redland Shire Council



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## Dear Residents

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Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and fun-filled Christmas. Thank you to all who have been the eyes and the ears for Division 9. 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.

### Shade in Valentine Park

Funding allocation has been made from my Councillor's Community Benefit Fund (\$8,269) towards park infrastructure at the Mackay Court end of Valentine Park. This will include a sun shade structure and a water bubbler tap with drainage.

### Christmas in the Park

Enjoy the spirit of Christmas on Saturday 9 December at the Christmas by Starlight Concert. Usually held at Raby Bay Park in Cleveland, the concert has been moved to **Capalaba Regional Park**. Join Karen Knowles, one of Australia's premier performers, along with popular children's act Rocfish and a host of local talent for a fun-packed Christmas show. Food stalls open at 4.00pm and the official event kicks off at 6.00pm and finishes with the fireworks at 8.30pm. There will be plenty of parking available in Capalaba Park Shopping Centre.

### Get Ready Redlands

Now's the time to get ready for storms. Just a few simple steps will help keep you safe. Trim trees and branches, check your roofing and clear guttering, fit windows with screens or shutters, secure loose materials in your yard, prepare a 72hour emergency pack (food, water, portable radio, torch, batteries), have first aid kit, manual and strong plastic bags and tarpaulins. And check your home insurance is up-to-date and adequate.

### Stolen Street Signs

This is an ongoing issue that we face in Division 9. Can I please urge you to contact Police if you notice someone removing street signs? Please contact me for urgent replacement. There was recently an incident that could have cost a life because of such a gross act. Emergency services rely on clear signage and sometimes come from outside our region and do not have local street knowledge - as was the case in this recent incident. This type of theft can ultimately cost the residents much more than just the financial cost of the sign. I am currently investigating options for street signs that are repeatedly stolen to avoid similar incidents occurring.





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### Electoral Reform

I have recently been asked what my position is with respect to electoral reform in the Redlands. These queries have been borne out of Council's decision to consult our community on the options available, given that we have to notify the Electoral Commission of a need to have boundary redistribution. Such boundary changes become compulsory when three or more divisions are outside the 10% variance that is allowed under the Act. Currently four divisions are outside the allowable variance including Division 9 and, therefore, Division 9 can assume changes will occur to its boundary in time for the next local government election in March 2008. Though that change is legally required, others such as the number of councillors are not compulsory. I am genuinely interested in the opinion of the community and encourage your comments. I believe the response to the survey was relatively small, which would possibly indicate that the majority of people don't really care and/or are satisfied with our current structure. Results of the survey will be collated over the next month.

### Water Restrictions - Residential

Watering of established gardens, lawns and landscaping by attended hand-held hose is only permitted within the following times:

**ODD numbered properties** - Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday - Before 7.00am and after 4.00pm

**EVEN numbered and unnumbered properties** - Wednesday, Friday and Sunday - Before 7.00am and after 4.00pm. Please also be aware of the following:

- The use of sprinklers or unattended watering devices is prohibited at all times
- The use of hand-held hoses is prohibited on Mondays
- Watering of gardens, lawns and landscaping with hand-held buckets is permitted any time
- Hosing of hard surface areas is prohibited at all times, except where there is risk of an accident, fire, hazard to health, safety or environment or as part of residential construction

### Recycle your Polystyrene

Council is leading the way with a 12-week trial to encourage the recycling of polystyrene. The material will be compacted and sent for manufacturing into mirror and photo frames and close cell foam. Residents can take their polystyrene to the Birkdale Waste Station in Old Cleveland Road East. Normally polystyrene is buried in landfill, so support this trial and save valuable land fill space.

**Abandoned Shopping Trolleys** - Call this toll free number: **1800 010 335**.

### Electronic Mail

For those of you who would like to receive any information via email, please forward your email address to me at [karenw@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:karenw@redland.qld.gov.au).

Once again, I look forward to working with you to achieve a greater outcome for your local area and the Redland Shire Council. Please contact me on any local matter.

To all the residents, families and friends of Division 9 – Capalaba  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Kind Regards



Councillor for Division 9  
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