

NEWS from your Local Councillor



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Dear Residents

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Thank you for placing your faith in me once again at the recent Redland City Council election. I look forward to representing the people of Division 9 for the next four years and will work toward the commitments I have made as a result of your support. Welcome to those residents who are new to Division 9 - Capalaba.

Water Reform – What does it mean to Redland residents?

The State Government will seize ownership of our water supplies and assets on June 30 2008, despite strong resistance from Council and our community.

We have been offered some compensation but we will be forced to 'buy back' our water at prices set by state government through the Queensland Water Commission. Some concessions will be given to Councils like ours, who sourced, treated and distributed their own water, but due to the state government's charges, we will not be able to maintain the current pricing of Redland's water. Over the next four years, we can expect significant increases in water charges due to the takeover, which has created a model with five separate entities for water compared to Redland Council's single unit. I will advise you of details of the scheme as soon as they are finalised.

Council is hoping to conduct a workshop in July to discuss issues like water restrictions under the new regime. I will strongly argue that we need a smooth and fair transition to uniform restrictions when/if they occur. Our current **Level 2 restrictions** will remain until the state government advises otherwise. The Redlands' water consumption increased in the last few months due to the dry spell - so I urge you all to remain diligent about your use, to support our argument to the Queensland Water Commission that we should remain separate from the rest of south-east Queensland and its current water restrictions.

Capalaba Regional Park upgrades – All Abilities Playground

Over a period of four months, Redland City Council conducted an extensive survey of park users and community groups, focusing on the proposed Capalaba Regional Park Playground Concept Plan. As part of the development, grant funding was sought through Disabilities Services Queensland and Council was successful in sourcing funds from the All Abilities Playground Program that allows us to focus on children who may require special play equipment and design elements. Boystown has made a start and is assisting with the construction of 2m-wide footpaths in the park – due for completion by 31 July 2008.

Traffic lights - School Road Capalaba

Recent significant traffic delays on Mt Cotton Road were due to sequencing problems in traffic signals at the intersection with School Road when a side street detector was damaged by roadwork. Repairs are complete and hopefully have improved travel times – please contact me if you notice any traffic light problems in Redlands.

Dates for your diary

Meet your Councillor

For your convenience, I have arranged to be at accessible locations in Capalaba so that you can share your concerns and opinions with me. Please note the following dates and venue:

CAPALABA PARK SHOPPING CENTRE - (near Michel's Patisserie)

DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
28 June 08	11.00am -12.00noon	19 July 08	11.00am – 12.00 noon
10 July 08	1.00pm - 2.00pm	31 July 08	11.00 am – 12 noon

Doorknocking in your street - (subject to weather)

26 June 08	17 July 08	29 July 08	4 August 08
Cristella Close	Ingham Street	Mitchell Street	Echidna Court
Eucalyptus Court	Chantelle Court	Stuart Street	Wallaroo Court
Wombat Court	Richard Court	Simpson Street	Platypus Court Koala Place

Capalaba Regional Park - Redland City Band

We continue to enjoy a great response to regular entertainment in Regional Park and I encourage residents to enjoy the music on the following dates between midday and 1.00pm

20 July 08	17 August 08	21 September 08	19 October 08
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Local School Fetes

Coolnwynpin State School fete was postponed due to weather – keep an eye out for new date.
Capalaba State College 31st August 2008

Congratulations!

The Decadent Doggy Club who regularly meet at the 'off leash' area in the Capalaba Regional Park made an outstanding contribution to the recent Million Paws Walk. Together members raised in excess of \$1,300 and were well represented at the RSPCA fundraiser on 18 March. Well done!

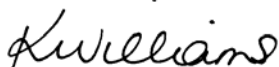
Energy tip

For those of us who LOVE ironing (or not!) – we can each reduce our ironing energy costs by 15 per cent and save approximately 15kg of greenhouse gas emissions per year. *How?* Iron once a week rather than more frequently, whenever you need clothes; shake clothes out before you hang them to dry to reduce wrinkling; use a steam iron, it's quicker; set the temperature on the iron to suit the material. This may not sound much but if all Australians made the effort, we could make an annual reduction of 75,000 tonnes in greenhouse gases.

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

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Kind Regards



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