



# News from your Local Councillor

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**Dear resident,**



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To improve access and efficiency in obtaining divisional Council information, Council has improved its format and method of distribution of local Councillor newsletters. For those who may not have received my previous newsletters in their letterboxes, you can access them online at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or require further information.

## **Brosnan Drive footpath**

In July, I received a petition from residents requesting footpaths for Barber and Brosnan Drives in Capalaba. Through previous representations from a number of residents, I had already managed to have some footpaths funded for Brosnan Drive in our current budget. The petition has now supported that allocation of funds and future considerations for Barber Drive as follows:

- 2009-10 Stage 1 Brosnan Drive \$38,000
- 10 Year Capital Works Program Stage 2 Brosnan Drive \$85,000
- 10 Year Capital Works Program Barber Drive \$78,000.

Thank you to all residents who took the time to support the petition.

## **Development Applications**

Recent Council Approvals and current development applications

Address	Detail	Application no.	Status
54-58 Mt Cotton Road, Capalaba	273 units	MC011449	Being assessed
194 – 299 Old Cleveland Road, Capalaba	Tavern (Coco's)	MC011565	Tavern application withdrawn by applicant
264 Old Cleveland Road East, Capalaba	Aged care facility	MC011764	Being assessed

For more information on the above applications go to: <http://pdonline.redland.qld.gov.au>

## **Traffic calming devices**

Another thank you to residents who presented me with a petition which assisted me in supporting their safety concerns for speeding in their streets. Traffic calming devices have now been installed in Willard Road and Elmhurst Street Capalaba. Please remember that speeding and hooning is a police matter and it is important you report these incidents to your local police for enforcement.

## **New state SEQ water restrictions for Redlands**

It is important for you to understand the upcoming changes to water restrictions. Under direction of the Queensland Government, from December 1, the whole south-east Queensland region will have consistent rules for water use for the first time. This means Redland City Council must fall in line with other regions.

Currently Queensland Water Commission are enforcing Medium Level restrictions (Target 200). For more detailed information on water restrictions, residents can go to the Queensland Water Commission website at: [www.qwc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qwc.qld.gov.au).

## Busway petition

I need your help to demonstrate to the state government that we need public transport infrastructure YESTERDAY. Traffic congestion in Capalaba has continued to grow at a faster rate than the delivery of infrastructure by the state government.

At a function I attended, the deputy Premier Paul Lucas suggested that 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, I have lodged an e-petition and encourage you and your friends and neighbours to sign this. Forward the link to those who are tired of having no alternative but to sit through the bottleneck of traffic in and out of Capalaba.

If you have problems accessing the petition directly through this link please email me and I will assist.

[http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions\\_QLD/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1263&Index=-1](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions_QLD/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1263&Index=-1)

## Council budget

Earlier this year, I presented a petition by a concerned resident pensioner to investigate the issues faced by single pensioners and pensioners in general in affording the cost of their rates. This representation assisted Council's decision to increase the concession by eight per cent for full and part pensioners. Full pension concessions increased from \$300 to \$324, and part pension concessions are now \$162. Thank you to Faye who walked the streets of Capalaba to gather signatures to support the concerns of pensioners in Redlands. I will continue to represent these concerns in future budgets.

## 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 for applications and guidelines.

## Cat registration

Time is running out for you to save money on cat registration. On 1 July 2009, the state government introduced legislation requiring 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 on 3829 8665.

*On behalf on my family and Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Christmas, full of peace and goodwill, and a very safe and prosperous new year.*

## Cr Karen Williams

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