



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson

Taking on new responsibilities

At the general meeting on 20 August, Council implemented a new streamlined portfolio system of City-wide roles.

I'm happy to advise that I was given majority support by my colleagues and am now the portfolio chair for Infrastructure and Operations.

The following areas now fall within my new role:

- Water, wastewater and waste;
- Roads and drainage infrastructure and maintenance;
- Transport and traffic planning;
- Marine infrastructure and maintenance;
- Parks and conservation infrastructure and operations;
- Sport and recreation; and
- Buildings (public and community).



Trolley tracking

Let us know about abandoned shopping trolleys at www.trolleytracker.com.au or by calling 1800 641 497.



Working for a better outcome at Rhodes

After its owners went into liquidation, the Rhodes site on Mt Cotton Road at Capalaba was put to tender and successfully acquired by the Herron Group. I can now advise that Council put in a tender for the property but was unsuccessful.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the new developers had applied for an extension of the development approval given by the previous Council.

After obtaining advice, Council understands that it has no grounds to refuse the extension and, if it were to end in court action, that Council would almost certainly lose.

I remain committed to trying to get a better outcome for the residents of the area surrounding the development and I'm currently trying to negotiate better outcomes with the new developer.



COMMITMENT: I continue working to get the best outcome possible for the Rhodes site on Mt Cotton Road.

Respect for locals around new College Markets



By now, residents will be aware of the relocation of the Chandler Markets to Capalaba College on School Road.

While most residents love the tourism, jobs and vibrancy that the markets have brought, plus the additional income for the College, I ask that you please be mindful of the surrounding residents and park in the school grounds when you attend the markets.

Tax deal brings rates refund

Savings from the repeal of the carbon tax are currently being returned to residents via a rates refund.

Ratepayers will see a \$38.48 refund on their current rates notice, with this quarter's rates due by Monday, 10 November.

The repeal of the carbon tax in July also means it will cost Council less to dispose of future waste, leading to a cut in commercial tip fees.

Council will continue to identify other cost reductions which may emerge from the removal of the tax.



Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. You can download the handy VandalTrak app or visit www.vandaltrak.com.au to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au.



Dob in a dumper

Illegal dumping costs ratepayers money and presents potential health and safety hazards. Help us stamp it out by reporting incidents to Council on 3829 8999 or directly to the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on 13 74 68. A phone app is available at www.ehp.qld.gov.au.



Pet chipping

Council offers a mobile microchipping service for pets. Officers will visit pet owners at home and for \$25 people can pay on the spot via EFTPOS. For more information, call Council's Animal Shelter on 3829 8663.



Carols back at Capalaba

I am very happy to advise that I have been successful in getting Redland City's traditional community carols event, Christmas by Starlight, back to Capalaba.

For the first time in six years, the carols will be held from 4pm on Saturday, 6 December, at the Capalaba Regional Park (behind Bunnings).

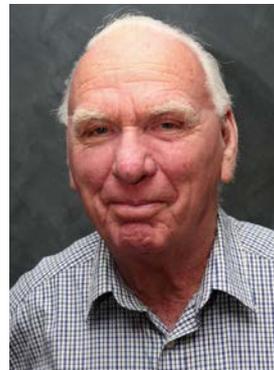
The carols always attract a large crowd and I look forward to seeing Division 9 residents on the night.

Remember, this is a free family event and follows the Bayside Blues Festival in raising the credentials of Capalaba Regional Park as an outdoor venue.

Bob's inspiring 'retirement'

Bob Lynch has been a tireless worker for Capalaba Sports Club and a most worthy recipient of an Inspiring Senior award for 2014.

Bob, *pictured*, was instrumental in bringing the club out of receivership, as well as being treasurer of Capalaba Men's Lawn Bowls Club since 1996 and running the Tuesday bowls competition since 1996.



A Capalaba life member, he is currently match committee chairman for the Gateway Lawn Bowls Association, which covers 24 clubs.

Bob has inspired many local residents to become involved in lawn bowls and is a champion of the health and social benefits of the sport.

While Bob has dedicated his retirement to the club, he has been well supported by his wife Dorothy.

Bob also devotes himself to helping elderly members fix their lawnmowers and other gardening gear, and his shed is usually stacked with mowers awaiting repair.

He is a great ambassador for the wonderful community spirit we have here in Capalaba.

Best wishes

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas so, while it might seem a bit early, I'd like to wish everyone, from my family to yours, a safe and happy Christmas.

Are you on Facebook?

People either love or hate Facebook. For me, it is a very quick way to get a message out or advise residents of local events.

Feel free to 'Like' my page at 'Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9-Redlands)' and be part of the conversation.

Warm regards,



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