



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Adelia Berridge

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thornlands



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### Dear resident,

December is the holiday season and, for many, the merriest time of year.

I'm very proud to say we are a community that clearly comes together and we need to acknowledge this. I meet many volunteers in our community, many from our division, and each one does us proud so I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of all of our organisations and groups who give up their personal time to help others.

Throughout the year Council provides funding through its Grants and Sponsorship Program and it's a gift we love to give.

I'd especially like to give a special thank you in my Christmas newsletter to our very special Bushcare groups. Capalaba has increased its numbers and I'm proud of all involved for giving up their time to ensure our environment benefits from the eco-systems they are creating.

Very special thanks also go to all the koala watchers who have registered to let us know when you see a koala. It's amazing to get so many in Division 9 on board with this. See the item below about a special recent sighting!

Together with our Indigiscapes Team we have worked hard to ensure tree boxes,

plants, bushcarers, education, support and displays have been supported in our division and this will not stop.

I would like to offer a personal thank you for the strong support you have shown me this year and wish all of you and your families a safe and happy Christmas. I very much look forward to continuing my work in 2023 because we still have a lot to do.

*Adelia Berridge*

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### Koala visit brings plenty of smiles

Sheldon residents recently received an early Christmas gift with a koala and her joey (pictured) spotted in Summit Drive.

It caused quite a bit of excitement when the sighting was posted on the local Facebook page and was also a reminder of the value of signing up to Redlands Coast Koala Watch. This joint partnership between the community, koala researchers and Redland City Council allows you to contribute to local koala conservation by reporting your koala sightings.

The information you collect and record is used by researchers and Council to boost koala conservation, help sick and injured koalas and improve local koala mapping.

To get involved, go to Council's website and search "Redlands Coast Koala Watch".

If you do spot a koala and it looks sick or injured, you can get help from our local wildlife rescue service by calling 3833 4031.

The Redlands After-hours Wildlife Ambulance (RAWA) and Redlands Wildlife Care Network (RWCN) are operated by teams of dedicated locals who give up their time to rescue sick, injured and orphaned native wildlife across the city every day and night of the year. They are always looking for volunteers, so if you can help, contact Council's IndigiScapes Centre at [indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au)

### PCYC supporting our community

Well done to Capalaba's PCYC Redlands for supporting local women and families affected by family and domestic violence through its RUBY program.

RUBY (Rise Up, Be Yourself) is a free weekly physical fitness program for women who are, have been or likely to be experiencing domestic and family violence.

Supported by Council, It helps participants build fitness in a safe environment while boosting their general well-being, self-esteem and confidence.

It also allows participants to connect with other women and assistance, with sessions facilitated by a qualified, female personal trainer. A female police officer also participates.

If you are interested in RUBY for yourself, a family member, friend or client, you can contact the club on 3245 4639.

Council provides and maintains the PCYC's building on the corner of Degen and Mount Cotton roads.

For more information on what it offers, go to [pcyc.org.au/clubs/pcyc-redlands](http://pcyc.org.au/clubs/pcyc-redlands)



## Supporting business

The Redland City Economic Development Framework identifies manufacturing as one of Redland City's key economic drivers and provides for the development of industry sector plans to drive economic growth and jobs.

With business experience in manufacturing, I have involved myself with Council's Economic Development Team and its successful manufacturing network evenings held regularly at Bacchus Brewery.

Guest speakers regularly attend these free meetings where manufacturing businesses

come together to meet and topics of interest are presented by experts in their field that assist and encourage businesses to succeed in their chosen industry. Local supply chain opportunities have been established among local manufacturers through this forum. Topics in the past have included government grant opportunities, with the event also providing opportunities to network with local suppliers and Council's Economic Development team.

Local manufacturers are encouraged to present on their businesses, providing examples of their successes and challenges.

If you want to be notified of these events and find out more about local business and industry support, contact me via email or go to Council's website and subscribe to the Business on Redlands Coast newsletter.



*SUPPORT: Council's networking sessions have been well received.*

## Helping community

Capalaba Rotary Club has benefited in recent years from Council's grants program, which has provided opportunities for the club to work with Council and Councillors in partnership on projects and events.

In the early days of making applications this has been with the Grants Team and, after successful applications, with Library and IndigiScapes officers as well as several Councillors. Successful grants have been further enhanced by the Capalaba Rotary

Club's funds leading to the success of events and activities. The highly successful and supported Bayside Bluesfest in Capalaba Regional Park is one example of the club's events which have benefitted the Redlands Coast community .

In addition, Redland City Council grants and Capalaba Rotary Club funds have conducted an annual Vocational Service and Police Officer of the Year Awards evening. Capalaba Rotarians have also mentored and supported Wellington Point,

Birkdale and Capalaba Probus clubs in successfully applying for grants to provide

communications equipment for the more than 300 Probus members.

The partnership with Council is the icing on the cake for many of the club's activities.



*GRANTS: Council has a strong partnership with Capalaba Rotary Club.*

## Local history rediscovered

A chance discovery by a Redland City Council biosecurity officer has generated quite some excitement among local history buffs.

While monitoring weeds in an area to the west of Avalon Road at Sheldon in March, he came across what appeared to be an old log crossing on the upper reaches of Tingalpa Creek.

It led to an expedition by Council Local History team members who made their way through thick bush and vines and past massive trees following GPS co-ordinates recorded by the officer.

After trekking for an hour-and-a-half, they discovered what was most likely an old timber-cutters crossing from the 1880s, with logs almost 3m long laid parallel to each other across Upper Tingalpa Creek.

Loggers were among the early pioneers of the area and Avalon Road was known as Sawmill Road for almost a century, with a mill established on Wallaby Creek in 1876. Some of the timber from the area was used in the construction of the penal colony at St Helena Island in Moreton Bay.

The Local History Team is keen to find out more information about logging in the area,

including how they moved the logs out of this rugged terrain. If you can add to our knowledge, please let me know at [adelia.berridge@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:adelia.berridge@redland.qld.gov.au)



*DISCOVERY: Remnants of the old log crossing. Photo: Boyd Essex*

## Southern Thornlands update

An amendment to City Plan which will effectively prioritise economic development and employment in the Southern Thornlands Potential Future Growth Area (STPFGA) remains with the State Government for review.

In January Council resolved to proceed with a major amendment to City Plan which would allow the area to be used for mixed industry and business, education, training

and recreation, a transport precinct, storage and larger home-based industry enterprise activities. Council's view is that land not used for economic uses should only be used for larger rural living blocks, reducing pressure on transport while protecting the area's relaxed rural lifestyle.

The proposed amendment was then submitted to the Minister for Local Government and Planning for consideration

as part of the State Interest Review. Currently, the amendment is paused pending a request for further information. Council officers have discussed the request for information with officers from the State Government, which at the time of writing was currently considering its response. You can keep up to date by checking the project's page on Council's Your Say site.

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