



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Wendy Boglary

Division 1: Wellington Point/Ormiston



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### Dear resident,

Another year with unprecedented twists and turns has again affected our community however the resilience and strength our community have shown has only increased, with so many reaching out and supporting each other.

As I reflect on the year, there are so many community moments that make me proud to call Redlands home.

In the coming month there will be many gatherings to celebrate the Christmas Season and I hope everyone has time to relax while enjoying the company of family

and friends. We will be blessed by two wonderful local community events.

Supported by Council through a Village Activation Grant, the **Wellington Point Community Christmas Festival** is being held from 4pm-9pm on Saturday 3rd December in the Wellington Point Village. You will find street stalls, late night shopping, live entertainment, a display by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club and, of course, a visit by Santa!

On Saturday 10th December, the Church of the Nazarene at 33 Freeth Street, Ormiston,

will be holding a **Christmas Family Gathering** for their local community.

Pastor Kat and I recently discussed the activities planned which will include stalls, entertainment, food, hopefully Santa if not too busy, and singing of Carols at 6pm.

These two wonderful events will bring our community together and strengthen connections, a wonderful way to end 2022.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to all the volunteers who have given up their time and expertise to work with me to assist our community and make this such a great and safe place to live.

With the change to COVID restrictions, I look forward to resuming my community chats in the New Year and meeting as many residents as possible. Please watch my Facebook page for details.

Merry Christmas and please stay safe!!

**Cr Wendy Boglary Division 1**

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COMMUNITY: Getting ready for the Church of the Nazarene Christmas Family Gathering with Pastor Kat and (right) the Village Christmas Fair.

### Ambassador koala making tracks

Tracking of ambassador koalas in the Ormiston and Wellington Point areas has led to some interesting results recently.

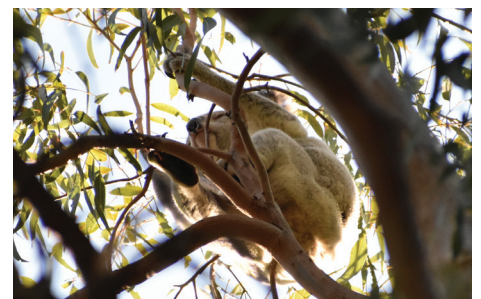
Seven of our 10 local ambassador koalas are actively being tracked as part of Council's program with one, a young female, surprising everyone with a major move during the recent dispersal season away from her previous home range around Raby Esplanade Park.

Guinevere (pictured) has chosen a lifestyle that keeps our koala team members on the edge of their seats, not only crossing the rail line at Cleveland, near the station, but also moving across Shore Street West and through the Black Swamp area before hanging out in the big eucalyptus trees along Smith Street outside Cleveland

District State School. Thankfully, after weeks of making her way along busy roads, crossing rail lines and through yards, it seems at least for now she has settled. It shows the risks koalas take when looking for a new home. It is a reminder of the value of signing up to Redlands Coast Koala Watch to help keep an eye on our koalas. This joint partnership between the community, koala researchers and Council allows you to contribute to local koala conservation by reporting your 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. Our Redlands After-hours Wildlife Ambulance (RAWA) and Redlands Wildlife Care Network (RWCN) are 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)



## Supporting local benefits us all

Please remember to support our local businesses over the holiday season as many are still recovering from the recent global impacts and would appreciate our patronage.

At the recent Chamber of Commerce Business Awards, we celebrated the first year success of the new Wellington Point Farm with the local team winning two categories.

Congratulations also to the new businesses opening such as Citron, Fish 'n Fins, She Skin and Body Clinic and the extension to Tanja's of a new croissanterie, which all recently opened in the Wellington Point Village.

**CONGRATULATIONS & WELCOME:** (1) the She Skin and Body Clinic team; (2) with the award-winning crew at Wellington Point Farm; (3) Citron is now open along with (4 and 5) the new Croissanterie at Tanja's; and (6) Fish 'n Fins.



### Planning concerns

Ormiston/Wellington Point are suburbs that have and are facing changes due to development.

Being along the train line, areas were zoned for medium density residential planning schemes prior to 2006. Changes made to this zoning in the 2018 City Plan increased the density in those particular areas and others across the City.

I always advocated for the Medium Density Design Code to also be included in the City Plan to ensure developments were designed for best outcomes and consider the liveability of our suburbs. This amendment to the City Plan is presently with the Minister for Local Government and Planning to be signed off. I have followed up as these improvements cannot proceed without the State's approval.

If a development application complies with the City Plan, there are no planning grounds to request changes – this is the power of the City Plan and illustrates why I continually stress the need to have the City Plan represent “Redlands community values”.

If you have any questions regarding planning please send me an email as I am happy to discuss this important aspect of Council. One enormous City project presently being considered is Toondah Harbour, so please have your view included and make a submission. Details can be found on the Walker Group's Toondah Harbour PDA project page.

### Esplanade embankment works

I continue to advocate for work to start rehabilitating the landslips at Wellington Point. Council has engaged a consulting engineering firm to recommend the best way to rehabilitate the embankment in front of the road on the Esplanade, Wellington Point. The area was affected by a landslip during a severe rainfall event in February. As a result the esplanade track between Main Road and the eastern side of Wellington Point Recreation Reserve remains closed.

As advised by signage at the site, there is evidence of asbestos in the embankment relating to historical filling that occurred many years ago. Given the difficult nature of the work, a timeframe for its completion has yet to be determined. Council understands that the esplanade track in this area is enjoyed by many in the community and is seeking to minimise disruption. The consultant has advised that the risk to private property of further land slippage is low.

The track will remain closed until the investigations are complete and Council appreciates the community's ongoing patience. Wellington Point Recreation Reserve can still be accessed via Main Road. I will keep the community up-to-date with progress.

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