



# News from your local councillor Cr Adelia Berridge

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thornclands



## Dear resident,

Christmas is a celebration, a time for giving and not simply a day we exchange gifts.

The spirit of Christmas is in the "togetherness". It is in the effort which you put into thinking about others. It is a selfless time, where we forgive, take stock of what's important and become "better" versions of ourselves.

While Christmas itself will be here way past my time, it is the spirit of

the occasion that is fast becoming an endangered species in our culture today.

Perhaps it should be more than just gift ideas when we ask: "What do you want for Christmas?"

*Adelia Berridge*

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## Coolwynpin school is living the green

Saying you're green is much easier than actually living it.

At Coolwynpin State School the students are educated every day that the little choices we make have a big impact.

Their flock of chickens (pictured) is a big part of the school's waste reduction work where all edible food scraps go to the girls. What they don't eat is composted and used on the gardens.

Every class has a compost bucket and a chicken bucket that students sort waste into and deliver to the chickens after each break.

These very lucky chickens spend most of their day free-ranging in the grounds and at night they live in a fox-proof enclosure because they are valued members of the school community.

Coolwynpin school participates in Council's IndigiScapes Bushcare Program where the children learn the value of being future bushcarers.



## Four decades of being good sports

Here is another reason why many of us feel extremely fortunate to have the Capalaba Sports Club in our division and giving back to our community.

The club is excited to announce that next year we all can be part of their 40 years celebrations.

From humble beginnings, the Capalaba Sports Club's journey over four decades has seen it develop into the club it is today – now employing more than 50 staff, supporting local

suppliers and supporting local schools, sporting organisations and local charities, and offering world-class undercover synthetic turf for all-year-round lawn bowls (pictured).

Council proudly supports the Capalaba Sports Club through a peppercorn lease agreement and in other ways, as the club reflects Council's Corporate Vision of investing in health and wellness. Communities that participate in sport and recreation develop strong social



bonds, are safer places and the people who live in them are generally healthier and happier.

## Providing support for community groups

Councillors are very fortunate to be in a position where people request funding to better assist and provide for our community and we see the requests.

Over the past year I have signed letters advising payments have been approved through the Division 9 Mayor and Councillor Community Benefit Fund Program for projects that we feel will better support our community.

One such recipient was local volunteer group Forum Communicators, who needed a projector and presentation equipment to assist people with speaking confidently and easily in public.

The group meets regularly to help each other find their voice and be effective communicators in their professional and personal lives. Cleveland Forum meets on the first and third Thursday each month at noon and the Wynnum group have evening meetings. Contact Pam on 0408 550 435.

This year's successful recipients who received funding from Division 9:



- VMR Marine Rescue, Victoria Point – wet weather clothing
- Rotary Club Capalaba – Vocation function
- Circle of Men – new uniforms
- PCYC – coffee machine for RUBY program
- Birkdale Men's Shed – band percussion instruments
- Redland Rays Baseball – batting practice screens; also canteen upgrade
- Stradbroke Island Singers – public workshop
- Maybanke – printing of the book *The Story of a Refugee: A Safe Place to Thrive*
- Forum Communicators – projector and equipment
- Redlands Touch Association – clubhouse security system

*Cr Berridge, second from right, with Forum Communicators members.*

- Redlands United Football - player medals
- Women of Trades and Industry – webpage design
- Star Community Services – seniors technology expo
- Rotary Club Wellington Point – garden equipment and outdoor games
- Old SchoolHouse Gallery – security door lock
- Redlands Rhapsody Chorus – technology equipment
- Redlands Swim Club – video analysis equipment
- Bayside Community Radio Association (BayFM) – new website
- Redland City Band – music scores
- Capalaba Wildcats Basketball Club – coaches curriculum
- Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce – Redlands Coast Champions dinner

Community grants are funded through the rates collected by Council and we thank you for the opportunity to help those who help others; together our spirit can excel in the grace of giving.



## Managing mosquitoes across the division

Council has a year-round Mosquito Management Program that encompasses surveillance, treatment, education and innovation/research.

Council's program covers the entire Redlands Coast and, within Division 9, treats approximately 2.8 hectares of freshwater mosquito breeding locations, with a number of surveillance techniques used to monitor mosquito species and numbers.

With a focus on education, the program involves staff regularly in attendance at displays at the IndigiScapes markets.

Council also runs proactive surveillance and education programs that occur in the Capalaba industrial and commercial precincts, with businesses in these areas being very receptive and compliant in implementing mosquito management practises.

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