



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Tracey Huges

Dear resident,

There continues to be problems in our area with some people ignoring our local dog laws.

Judy Holt Sportsfield is an area of particular concern and I regularly get reports of dogs being allowed to run free.

This is a breach of local laws and anyone who is caught letting their dog off the leash on the sportsfields or anywhere else in public faces a \$261 fine.

While the dogs may well be friendly and obedient, others may be fearful for their safety.

Council treats reports of dog attacks with the highest priority. If your dog attacks or frightens people or other animals, your dog may be declared a menacing or dangerous dog, and you may also face prosecution.

Council proactively patrols our division to ensure compliance with its local laws and State legislation, as well as responding to complaints from residents.

Patrols are also increased in response to complaints of dog owners ignoring the requirement to keep their pet on a leash at all times in public, unless in a designated off-leash area.

Residents who are concerned about straying dogs or those left to roam can report it to Council on 3829 8999.

The George Street dog off-leash area is just one street away from the Judy Holt Sportsfield, with access via William, Edward, Garter and George streets. It is one of 22 fully fenced dog off-leash areas across the Redlands and another nine unfenced or partially fenced areas for owners to exercise their dogs.

You can find details on Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) by searching for dog parks.

### Dogs helping kids read

We all know that dogs are intelligent but did you know they are helping local children to improve their reading?

The Story Dogs program is taking trained dogs into schools to help children with their reading and learning, with volunteer Rachel Brayshaw and her dog Floss helping to improve literacy at Birkdale South State School.

Rachel and Floss are one of three dog teams in the Redlands Coast, where this wonderful program has potential for huge growth. By comparison, the Gold Coast has 30 teams and the Sunshine Coast 36.

Rachel says she and Floss are always made welcome at the school, where children who are behind with their reading or who may lack confidence read aloud to Floss and the children feel calm after patting her and settle down to read. Because she is a non-judgmental audience, the children don't feel threatened or anxious if they can't work out a word.

Principal Kathleen Janecek has welcomed the program, with teachers



*GREAT LISTENERS: Volunteer Rachel Brayshaw and her cavoodle Floss with Year 3 student Bryson Scott at Birkdale South School.*

and parents noticing improvement in the children's reading ability and behaviour.

Story Dogs is funded entirely by donations and sponsorship and needs assistance to expand its program. Cleveland co-ordinator Amanda Farrell would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or sponsor, or any schools that would like to have a dog team. You can contact Amanda on [amandaf@storydogs.org.au](mailto:amandaf@storydogs.org.au).

### Club function room available

Following a \$30,000 upgrade, the rear function room at the Redlands Multi-Sports Club is now available for community use for free.

It has a large-screen projector and sound system, furniture, carpets and curtains, making it suitable for functions of all types. It can cater for just about any group.

The upgrade has been made possible due to the dedication of the club's executive which is consistently looking to improve and enhance the club's amenities thanks to Council and State Government grants. Call the club, off Randall Road at Birkdale, on 3824 8999 for booking information.



## Supporting community

It has been my privilege to support a wide variety of valued groups through my Councillor Small Grants program.

These grants are a way that I can recognise and help the great work being done for fellow residents by members of sporting, youth, cultural and not-for-profit groups.

As local Councillor, I get to see first hand the extent of the work that is done every day in our community and I regularly hear how much it is valued by residents.

Recently I have been able to help Alexandra Hills Men's Shed, Redlands Softball, the Scripture Union and Redland Darts Association, among other groups.

These grants will support the growth and day-to-day operations of these local clubs and organisations which do so much to promote community wellbeing.

Redland City Council also supports community projects from cultural events to wildlife programs though its annual community grants program and I urge anyone with an initiative that clearly benefits our community to apply.

For eligibility criteria and to learn more about how to apply for grants or sponsorship, visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants) email [grants@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:grants@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8999.



*MEN AT WORK: Alexandra Hills Men's Shed now have new metalwork equipment thanks to a Councillor Small Grant.*



*COFFEE HIT: Redlands Softball Association president Wayne Molander and volunteers received a grant for a new coffee machine.*



## Fairytale come true

Wellington Point's Montgomery Park has had a fairytale makeover thanks to Council and resident Edna Searle. Edna, pictured, was so inspired by the recent Cleveland makeover that included a community library that she asked me to help get a similar project for her local park. The feedback has been very encouraging.



## Space to play

The old play equipment at Sunnybay Drive Park, Birkdale, is about to be upgraded and with the recently completed upgrade to Sylvania Street Park at Wellington Point, I can understand why local residents are excited. Division 8 has more park upgrades due at George Street Park, Alexandra Hills, and Hilliards Creek Platypus Corridor Park, Ormiston. A new playground will also be installed to complement the existing play equipment at Redlands Rugby Union Club, Judy Holt Reserve. I am sure it will be put to good use.

## New facilities for sportsfield



The new facilities at Judy Holt Sportfield should be open to the public by the time you read this.

They will be welcomed by the more than 1000 users of the sportsfields each week, including members Muddies rugby and cricket clubs, the Starfish Little Athletics Club, Redlands Healthy and Active groups, Redlands Dog Obedience Club, walkers and runners.

## JP services & shopping centre dates

I am delighted to have an opportunity to meet with residents at three local shopping centres. I am also going to continue to offer my services as a JP at these shopping centre listening posts. Please know that you can contact me at any time and I will try to help you. My next sessions will be:

August	Saturday	25th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
September	Friday	7th 3 - 4.30pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
	Saturday	8th 9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre
October	Saturday	15th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
	Friday	12th 3 - 4.30pm	Bluebell Street, Alexandra Hills Foodworks
	Saturday	13th 9-11am	Wellington Point Horizon Shopping Centre
	Saturday	20th 9-11am	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre

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