



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gleeson



Getting the DV message across

Council is throwing its support behind WAVSS Across the Redlands, the first domestic violence support service to operate in the Redlands for 20 years.

The not-for-profit organisation, which launched its Redlands operations last September, offers free information, support and counselling, predominantly for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

To coincide with Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month in May, signs were posted on Council bus shelters, waste collection trucks and other vehicles to send a clear message that domestic and family violence will not be tolerated.

As an organisation, we've also introduced a 10-day leave allowance for Council staff members who might be affected by domestic violence.

On behalf of WAVSS, we're also including a bumper sticker with this newsletter to help kick off their "Non-violence is contagious ... give it to your friends!" campaign.



For information or to seek support, visit www.wavss.org.

The service offers a range of support, including free information, court support, counselling, crisis response and perpetrator intervention programs.

Dear residents of Capalaba

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the residents of our wonderful community, for your support.

It has reinforced my determination to ensure Council delivers the best services and facilities possible for the residents of Division 9, while also being a strong advocate on issues which affect the entire City and the futures of our families.

I am keen to hear your views on what our most pressing issues are. For those who haven't yet "liked" my Councillor page on Facebook, I have already started calling for ideas and

suggestions from the community to improve our great area. You will find it by searching **Paul Gleeson (Councillor Div 9 - Redlands)**. I am also keen to hear suggestions for our entire City.

At the bottom of this newsletter are my contact details, so please feel free to get in touch and share your thoughts.

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Division 9

Improvements continue ... with more ordered

I have been happy to see a number of improvements completed recently in Capalaba that I have been working on.

These include:

- The Banfield Lane (behind KFC) reconstruction;
- Roads resurfacing;
- Completion of the left in/left out access from Rhodes; and
- Additional tree planting in the "v" off School Road.

We are currently working through the 2016-17 Budget and I look forward to announcing new projects in July.

Meanwhile, I have urged the State Government to fix the intersection of Moreton Bay Road and Mt Cotton Road, one of this City's busiest intersections. As one of the oldest suburbs in the City, a lot of our infrastructure is getting tired and many State Government assets need urgent attention.



PRESSURE'S ON: It's time for an upgrade for the busy intersection of Moreton Bay and Mt Cotton roads.



Teenagers turn their lives around

Council is proud to support an education and community initiative called Project Booyah which is literally changing lives in the Redlands.

Currently 10 local teenagers are participating in Project Booyah in the hope of completing vocational education and getting a job after dropping out of high school.

Run by the Queensland Police Service from the Lions Club's Jeffrey and Geraldine Underhill Community Centre at Capalaba, this program invests in our region's youth.

Council is committed to helping our young people become resilient members of our community, aims that are outlined in the recently released Redlands Youth Strategy 2015-2020.

Project Booyah has had an amazing success rate so far, with most of the young people who start the program completing it and landing a job. At the same time, it is having a real impact on criminal offending.

Police Acting Inspector and Project Booyah Manager Ian Frame started Project Booyah in 2012 to help disengaged young people develop the necessary life skills to make better choices and start a career path to build their self-esteem.

He said he had been a police officer for 23 years and became sick of locking up young people who had committed crimes, so decided to do something about it.

This program's results really speak for themselves, so if you know of anyone who could benefit from its services, go to projectbooyah.com.au.

City Plan update

Assessing the submissions on Draft Redland City Plan is now well advanced.

Council officers have been going through each of the 6190 properly made submissions, identifying and analysing the key issues raised and making recommendations.

The recommendations will be based on submissions received during last year's extended 11-week consultation period.

Once these have been considered by Council, the proposed planning scheme - including any changes - will be sent to the State Planning Minister for approval.

Residents will be advised of proposed amendments and Council will write to each person who made a properly made submission advising of how it was dealt with.

Once the plan and any amendments are signed off by the Minister, anticipated later this year, the plan will come back to Council for implementation. The result will be a team effort informed by the community.

In the meantime, the Redlands will continue to operate under the current Redlands Planning Scheme 2006 Version 7.



Exciting events for Capalaba

I can confirm that the next Bayside Blues Festival will be held on Saturday, 15 October, at Capalaba Regional Park.

It is proving an invigorating event for our community, so stay tuned for this year's line-up. Entry will be by a gold coin donation. Many hundreds of hours go into its organisation, so it would be great if you head along and show your support.

Meanwhile, the recent Retro Cruise Night Capalaba Central Shopping Centre was another top event for Capalaba.

Great work of Meals on Wheels honoured

Congratulations to Capalaba District Meals on Wheels, which celebrated 40 years of delivering meals recently.

I was honoured to attend the celebratory function to say thanks to the organisation and its volunteers for their fantastic work in our City.

The dedicated men and women of Capalaba Meals on Wheels have certainly delivered over the decades - in fact they delivered about 470,600

meals between March 1976 and March this year.

The area serviced by Capalaba Meals on Wheels is the largest in the metropolitan area and includes Capalaba, Alexandra Hills, Birkdale, Thorneside, Sheldon, Mt Cotton, Gumdale, Belmont and Tingalpa.

The recipients are mostly elderly but the service is open to anyone unable to cook themselves a hot meal.