



News from your local councillor Cr Rowanne McKenzie

Division 7: Capalaba/Alexandra Hills/Thornlands/Cleveland



Christmas 2024



Dear Residents,

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support in returning me as your Councillor for Division 7. As you are the eyes and ears in the community, I am always keen to hear your thoughts which affect our area so please stop for a chat when you see me out and about or visit me at one of my mobile offices. Keep an eye on my Facebook page for upcoming dates.

With Christmas almost here, it's a time to celebrate the achievements we have made throughout the year and a time to look forward in hope of what the New Year can bring.

Personally, this year I have been appointed as a Justice of the Peace (Qualified) and completed the Australian Institute Company Director's course with the last of three assessments to complete as soon I finish this message!

This year has also seen our eldest child Aidan graduate high school. For all those who have finished Year 12, I congratulate you and wish you all the

best as you embark on the next chapter, whether that be a trade, further study, work or travel.

Just like the rest of the city I am pleased to see Stage 1 of the Panorama Drive / Wellington Street duplication open for use. This infrastructure project is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when all levels of government work together for our community.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful city and there are many ways we can all contribute to stay connected. I encourage you to get involved in an event or organisation that resonates with you. One of my personal favorites is Scribbly Gums Conservation Parkrun (pictured). Held every Saturday morning at 7am, you can run, jog or walk your way around the 5km track through one of the best features of Division 7.

During the Christmas shutdown period, if you need urgent assistance for an issue relating to Council's services which



significantly impacts residents' amenity, capacity to access services or is a safety concern, then please call 3829 8999 as we will have crews on call.

I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas and I look forward to building community with you in 2025.

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The Eco Markets at IndigiScapes always draws a good crowd and the Christmas one has a wealth of gift ideas.



Christmas calendar

22 November:

Annual lighting of the Council Christmas tree, free community event at Raby Bay Harbour Park, Cleveland, 4.30pm-8.30pm.

7 December:

IndigiScapes Christmas Eco Markets, Redlands IndigiScapes Environment Centre and Cafe, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba, 8am to noon. Spend the morning wandering through the Botanic Garden market lane to explore the range of unique

exhibitors, sustainable products and fresh artisan produce available from our creative market community. IndigiScapes Native Community Nursery will be open from 8am for all your native plant needs and advice and Christmas present ideas!

25 December:

Christmas Day Lunch, Bayside Salvos, 1-9 MacArthur Stret, Alexandra Hills, noon-2.30pm. Registration required before 2 December. Ph 3824 5222

Repurposed supplies sent worldwide

Since relocating from Kingston and officially opening in February at MacArthur Street, Alexandra Hills, Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment (RARE) has been kept constantly busy.

RARE Northern Region collects donated health and education supplies, then sorts, repairs them if needed, repacks and then ships the supplies to developing countries around the world.

Repurposing this equipment not only reduces waste going to landfill but allows it to go to those who would normally not have access to such resources.

Nationwide, the RARE program has so far sent more than 1000 shipping containers of supplies overseas.

Lighting the way

Robert Mackie Park has a brighter future thanks to an upgrade to lighting in the Panorama Drive, Thornlands, parkland.

The upgrade was to the footpath and entry to the dog off-leash area and allows for extended safe use of the area.

Solar-powered bollard lights were used as a sustainable energy option.



Eco precinct being designed for Capalaba

Redlands Coast Eco Precinct is on track to become a leading ecotourism attraction for the city with funding for works on the Capalaba site that will connect the IndigiScapes native gardens, cafe and education centre with the proposed RSPCA Wildlife Hospital.

Council has endorsed the details of the financial commitment necessary for the detailed design and delivery of infrastructure that will connect current and future uses within the precinct.

The precinct incorporates Council land at 377-385 Redland Bay Road and 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba, that already features Council's environment centre IndigiScapes as its centrepiece (above left), and is the location of community disability support organisation Myhorizon's main facility.

The proposed funding comprises approximately \$4.4 million for new precinct connections – such as car parks, walkways, road connections, and drainage – and approximately \$1.9 million for outdoor space renewals including

safety and accessibility improvements, landscaping, and playground renewal.

Detailed design work is planned to start in the current financial year.

The eco precinct also will become the home of RSPCA Queensland's purpose-built Wildlife Hospital and Centre of Excellence (artist's impression, above right), expected to cost in excess of \$20 million and planned for completion in the next few years.

RSPCAQ's wildlife hospital will include native animal wards, specialist medical equipment, outdoor enclosures, surgical suites and an ancillary plantation for specific animal fodder. It will not cater for domestic animals.

It will bring a state-of-the-art wildlife care facility to Redlands Coast which will significantly help local and regional wildlife, as well as help train future wildlife veterinarians and specialists.

The centre's educational spaces will include an auditorium and training rooms which will provide important opportunities to build community awareness and engagement.

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