

News from your local councillor Cr Paul Bishop

Division 10: Birkdale/Thorneside





Christmas 2024



Dear Residents,

As we approach the festive season after a busy year, I want to send my best wishes to you all.

Congratulations to graduating students, ongoing respect to our city's teachers, carers, essential workers and local business owners, and my sincere thanks to all our community volunteers. Your combined work helps to ensure our area is one of the best places in the world to call home.

Thank you also for the opportunity to serve as your elected representative for Division 10. This remains an honour that inspires me every day.

Our sense of community pride is unique and our shared love of this place is evident in the way people work together – in good times and through the challenges we sometimes face. It is inspiring to observe the many ways local people continue to support one another.

Please take care, be kind to yourselves and each other, as you stay safe over the summer break.

I hope you enjoy some useful updates below.

Cr Paul Bishop - Division 10

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The things I do!

As a local councillor, I am often asked to join in community events like recent school Colour Runs - sometimes being 'slimed', or getting a pie in the face (pictured).

Whenever this assists with building connections or raising funds for a good cause, I consider it an honour to remain involved – while having fun with other good-hearted volunteers.

Feel free to reach out to me if I can be of any assistance with Council or community matters and please accept my best wishes until we meet around and about in our community.

Join the conversation

Over the past two years, a growing group of locals have come together on the last Sunday of each month for a series of Community Conversations.

We choose to focus on 'what's strong', rather than 'what's wrong' in our area, sharing useful information on Council and community matters.

We have had presentations by experts, hosted educational 'walk and talks'

(pictured) through Birkdale and Thorneside; we share ideas and skills; we have visited local food gardens; shared meals; and fostered discussions with locals that help people feel more safe and connected.

You are invited to join us or find out more. Simply email your name and contact details to

ConversationsMSG@gmail.com



Explore the area's great activities

Please consider making use of Council's wide range of services at our Libraries, Art Gallery, Redland Performing Arts Centre (pictured), IndigiScapes and across our Open Space Network by using our parks, playgrounds and pathways. Council also supports some great organisations such as Redland Museum and North Stradbroke Museum on Minjerribah that are well worth visiting. You can check 'What's On' at redland.qld.gov.au/whatson





See what's happening near you

In previous years, I have requested Council provide more information to help residents see where Council projects and plans are being delivered.

As part of this year's Budget approval, I'm very pleased to see Council's Annual Capital Works Program made more visible.

There is now an interactive link and map (pictured) where you can see what is being planned for delivery in our region and across the city. I urge you to explore this welcome example of transparency.

To download the program guide or use the online map, visit

redland.qld.gov.au/CapitalWorks

Proposed capital works in our area, subject to weather conditions, include:

Park upgrades

William Taylor Memorial Sports Field, Mooroondu Road, Thorneside:

Options analysis and design investigations. The phased transformation has continued with the recent installation

of new field lighting at the home base of Mooroondu Football Club. Council will replace the existing lighting infrastructure on the main soccer field with a modern LED system that will improve energy efficiency and enhance lighting quality for players. A huge amount of work is still in the pipeline.

Wren Court Park, Birkdale:

Remove existing play unit, basketball, backboard and pole. Install spring puzzle maze, double swing, spinner, multi-sport goals, hoop, ball toss and landscaping to complete works.

Harrogate Park, Birkdale:

Remove existing play unit. Replace with slides, climbing elements, double swing, trail play elements, rotating net, bike rack, shelter, table and drainage dome.

Tulloch Drive Park, Birkdale:

Remove existing play unit, shade sail and seating. Install play unit with climber and slide, bee rocker, double swing, seat, tap and landscaping to complete works.



Road renewals

Thorneside:

Beatty and Mooroondu roads; Barbara, Boorana and Marjorie streets.

Birkdale:

Cavell, Murray and Mamala streets; Moloaa Crescent and Bagden Road.

Prepare for summer storms

Please be storm safe and keep an eye out for your neighbours' safety as well. It really does make a difference to be kind and understanding with one another - especially during the extended holiday season.

Go to disaster.redland.qld.gov.au if you want to register for SMS Alerts or check out our Disaster Dashboard.

You can help make change

If you ever see an issue that needs reporting, please contact Council on 3829 8999 or fill in the Customer Request Form on the Council website Contact Us page. I can be contacted at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au or mobile 0478 836 286. Also keep an eye on Council's Facebook Page and feel free to follow me for local updates via facebook/CrPaulBishop

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