

# Cr Donna Gates *Division 1 - keeping you informed*

## **MOTOCROSS**

There has not yet been a firm decision reached on the future of motocross in this city. The search for a suitable parcel of land has been arduous and it's disappointing that after a year and a half and following investigation of sites at Molendinar, Burleigh, Pimpama and Stapylton, an appropriate site has not been identified. The difficulty for councillors has been recognising the need for a safe and supervised venue for the sport but, at the same time, protecting our residents who as ratepayers of the city deserve the best possible amenity in their homes. Our extraordinary growth over the past 10 years has seen encroachment on residential communities and as well, growth in numbers participating in the sport. The track at Wyaralong Dam seems to be the ideal solution with South East Qld councils joining forces with the State Government to establish a multi-discipline venue, complete with camping facilities. Information to hand at present indicates that the venue could be open for business within six months.



## **WATERFRONT**

As the city grows, access to our waterways has become more important for the community in terms of recreational opportunities. In areas where properties front the beach, there have been examples of property owners encroaching into public land and I've been asked to remind everyone that these areas are not private property but public open space. Council in recent years, when considering new development applications, has moved towards the dedication of waterfront land to provide boardwalks and improved access for the whole community.

## **ORMEAU COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Forward planning for this project was commenced in November 2008 and studies conducted since have confirmed the dire need for a centre at Ormeau. A needs analysis has been completed and a number of community consultation sessions, interviews and workshops have occurred. Council now has a clear picture of the specific functions, community needs and usages for the proposed centre and the project will now proceed to schematic and concept design. Thank you to those of you who have participated and provided continued momentum during the planning phase.

## **WASTE COLLECTION AUDIT**

Council has recently audited waste services across the city and has identified a number of residential properties that are within the serviced area but not currently rated for a waste service. Council policy requires that all occupied non community title scheme residential properties shall be subject to the utility charge for a base domestic collection service. Correspondence has been sent to owners of the properties identified, advising a charge of \$189.00 per annum for the service. Subsequently, Waste Management will be delivering waste and recycle bins and initiating a

service. My apologies to many who have been used to managing disposal of their own waste and for whom the additional charge will not be welcome. Please contact me if your circumstances require special consideration.

## **STAPYLTON RECYCLING FACILITY**

Recycled material can now be dropped off at the entry to the Stapylton landfill. Items include batteries, oil, bulk cardboard, clothing, large scrap metal items, and everything that could normally be recycled through the household recycling bin. Make the most of these facilities by keeping like materials together in piles on your trailer or ute to make sorting simple at the site. Please remember to secure your load before driving.

## **OVERGROWN MAIN ROADS' VERGES**

I have been really disappointed at the lack of attention by Main Roads to the roundabouts and road verges abutting the M1 interchanges. Of particular concern has been northbound at Exit 49 where the grass has not been cut this year. Today I have again approached Main Roads in an effort to have this rectified.

## **GOLD COAST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

It was great to see local Artist, Donald James Waters, honoured as the Gold Coast Citizen of the Year. Don has been a valued member of the Division 1 community for many years and it's fantastic to see him recognised for his great contribution. Well done Donald!

The Member for Albert, Hon Margaret Keech, also presented Australia Day Awards to members of our community. I'd like to add my sincere congratulations and thanks to all those people who do so much for their fellow human beings and make a very real difference to the lives of others.

## **LIGHTING JACOBS WELL BOAT RAMP CAR PARK**

Improvements to lighting are underway at Jacobs Well Boat Ramp entrance and throughout the precinct. Little disruption is anticipated (the boat ramp may be closed for a couple of hours while poles are raised near the top of the ramp) but work should be finished by early March.

## **CONTACT ME**

Please continue to contact me for assistance with any Council related issue.

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