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Welcome to the Division 5 Newsletter!

I hope 2023 has started well for you. I had a lovely relaxing two-week break from Christmas onwards, but it seems like a couple of years ago already!

I hope you will find this a good source of information about local City projects and issues, events, and more.

Here we go!

Events

There are some great events coming up in Division 5 in the next few months, with something for everyone. Here's a list of events that Division 5 is supporting or involved with:

- The **Hungarian Society Autumn Festival**, Country Paradise Parklands. The weekend of 4–5 March from 10.30am to 8.30pm. This event has had enormous success since moving to Country Paradise Parklands a couple of years ago. If goulash, schnitzels, and dancing appeal to you, this is the festival to be at. Lots of lively music, great food and a great party atmosphere.
- **Sled Dog Expo and Sign-on Day**, 2 April from 8am to 12pm at Country Paradise Parklands. Free event for dog owners in the community to come and learn about this unique dog sport. The community can meet the club and its members and check out what sled dog sports are all about.
- **ANZAC Day memorial services** – 25 April, Nerang RSL dawn service starts 4.45am; main service assemble in Bischof Park at 9.30am for the march to the cenotaph. You are welcome to lay wreaths.
- **The Southport and District Orchid Society** will conduct its next amazing orchid show at Country Paradise Parklands on Saturday 13 May from 8.30am to 3pm. It is well worth a look. Absolutely splendid orchids are on show and prizes are awarded across many categories.

Projects

Kamholtz Park - Nerang

Recent and planned works include:

- a new picnic shelter,
- installation of sub-surface drainage and establishment of turf in the fenced dog exercise area,
- planting of advanced, 1,000 litre trees near the dog exercise area to create shade (replacing storm damaged trees),
- installation of new barrier fencing to help prevent people from falling down the steep slopes adjacent the walking path.

Alexander Drive footpath and roadway - Highland Park

The entire footpath and westbound road carriageway between Quigan Terrace and the link way park (almost 500 metres in length) is to be replaced and will achieve the proper standard of cross fall gradient on the pathway, which at present is dangerously sloping towards the road and impeded by light poles. It is something I have been pursuing for a few years. Finally, it is under way and this project is BIG (cost \$1.9 million). There will be impacts on traffic so please take care, add time to your journey plan, and we can all look forward to the outcome mid-year.

Kincaid Drive footpath - Highland Park

Another big footpath project is underway on Kincaid Drive from Armstrong Way to near Lochinvar Court. A 700-metre-long, two-metre-wide, off-road active travel pathway is being constructed and this will significantly contribute to the provision of a big network of off-road active travel pathways in this very hilly territory. The pathway and associated works costing \$1.3 million in total began in February and continues until at least May.

Swift Park - Nerang

A quick summary of the projects I have been seeking to progress.

- Fixing up the pétanque courts to enable an international tournament to be conducted in February.
- Install signage to inform people how to play this game.
- Constructing a new fenced exercise area for dogs to include shade trees and seating, and to complement the existing fenced area at Kamholtz Park.
- Installation of air conditioning to the main hall of the community building (not anticipated until December 2023).
- Installation of a concrete pathway from Centurion Crescent into the park, separated from the traffic.

Carol Moore Park - Nerang

As you know upgrades were made to the BMX jumps late in 2022 and investigations are progressing to install some fencing to assist with safety.

A new high-tech BBQ was installed in December. A bubbler and doggie drinking bowl are to be installed soon. Unfortunately, I have had to deploy a Division 5 CCTV unit to the park near the baseball facility due to constant break-ins, theft, and vandalism. The behaviour of the teenage and 'adult' culprits (police have your images) is pathetic, causing stress to a club that prides itself on being a positive part of the community, and causing untold damage and costs to them, and to the City for constantly having to fix up the public toilet that exists around the side of the building.

As a community, I encourage you to please keep a watchful eye out and report suspicious activity. Thank you

Road rehabilitation projects

I place a lot of emphasis on the quality and safety of roads in our area and I am always submitting formal requests to officers for evaluation and work. We have had a wide range of roads rehabilitated this financial year throughout the Division, with a total of almost \$2.5 million spent.

The rehabilitation of almost the entire south bound carriageway of Pacific Pines Boulevard late last year cost nearly \$1 million alone. Other largeish projects are listed below. Some of these are routine and determined by means of road pavement condition assessments undertaken across the entire network and others are due to my pressing and nagging on your behalf. You are always welcome to email me with concerns about road pavements in your neck of the woods.

Birds Road Guanaba, Stewart Road Guanaba, Mystery Road Guanaba, Hymix Road Gaven, Santa Isobel Blvd Pacific Pines, Pitcairn Way Pacific Pines, McLaren Road Nerang, Alexander Drive Highland Park, Culloden Court Highland Park, Marimar Place Highland Park, and works are still to come on Clagiraba Road Clagiraba, Dugandan Street Nerang and Yarrimbah Drive Nerang.

Some funds for groups.

As well as direct financial grants to clubs, I seek to support the development of club facilities and this year a total of nearly \$300,000 goes from the Div 5 budget towards a bunch of good projects such as:

- the Hinterland Tennis Club (Nerang) and the Nerang Pony Club to progress investigations into the upgrade of lighting at their complexes.
- the Pacific Pines Junior AFL Club to progress the development of plans and a planning application for the construction of new changing rooms for female players.
- The Nerang Community Assn for a new public restroom adjacent to Preece House in Bischof Park
- The Nerang Country Paradise Assn for priority projects in these fabulous parklands.
- The Cardinals baseball club for ongoing improvements.

To be eligible for funds the club has to have a lease on Council property.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There is no doubt this year will be one that opens further chapters in our city's vibrant storybook.

It is exciting to see new private sector developments being proposed at locations like the Southport marina, at our theme parks, and within key tourism precincts across the coast. These projects build on the city's famous 'have-a-go-spirit' and give confidence to employers and employees, including our 76,000 registered small business owners.

This year, I believe we need to continue to focus on several challenges: cost-of-living-pressures on families; further improvements to our transport network; and safety in our communities.

In the area of cost-of-living, our City has kept annual general rate increases at, or below, CPI for the past 11 years. In every way, that is now our benchmark when Councillors meet to consider the annual budget. Keeping rates low is a 'non-negotiable' for me, as Mayor.

In the field of transport, I fully understand the pressure on our roads with more cars on virtually every street. We all rely on our cars to get around, but we must make the switch to utilising more public transport. That's why we are partnering with the State on a major trial of more public transport for the north of our city, along with putting forward our share of light rail funding for Stages 3 and 4.

Crime is an issue, and while police stats show a drop in major crimes such as armed robbery, we all know street-level crime remains a concern. As Mayor, I host a regular Mayoral Safer Suburbs Forum, bringing together every agency with an interest in public safety. I look forward to working with all levels of government and agencies to ensure our city is safe.

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