

Cr Donna Gates *Division 1 - keeping you informed*

Boundary changes

The State Government has confirmed the proposed boundary realignment for Gold Coast City at the March 2012 election. The boundary for Division 3 will move north to Yawalpah Road up Kerkin Road north and along the Pimpama River to Moreton Bay. This means Division 1 will lose the area east of the M1 including Coomera Shores, Coomera Waters, Dreamworld, Coomera Sports Park, Coomera Town Centre, Greenmeadows, Coomera State School, the new Coomera Rivers State School and the surrounding residential developments. Realignment of boundaries was necessary to provide a more even distribution of electors. The current number of electors in the existing Division 1 was approaching 25,000 people – whereas areas like Southport (Div 6) and Labrador/Arundel (Div 4) number approximately 19,000 electors. There will be changes to the northern boundaries of both Divisions 4 and 6 – and of course, to Division 3. Please be assured of my commitment to represent your interests in the interim and that I'm extremely sorry to have to lose a part of the existing Division 1. I would have preferred to simply work harder – but unfortunately that can't be. I'm working with Cr Pforr on joint initiatives that will bring immediate benefits to the area – because Coomera Sports Park, for example, will continue to benefit residents of other parts of Division 1.



Northern Gold Coast Social Infrastructure Plan

In 2008 Council adopted a Draft Social Infrastructure Plan for the northern growth corridor. It was pleasing to recently receive correspondence from the Premier, Hon Anna Bligh MP, indicating that the government is committed to formally considering the strategy before the end of September 2011. The strategy was prepared by Council in 2008 and, since that time, we have been seeking the Government's endorsement so that population growth in the north can be appropriately managed, ensuring that effective planning is undertaken to provide the necessary services and facilities for our growing community. It is important that the State and Federal governments move to support the funding commitments already made by Council.

Council's Disaster Management hotline

As part of Council's Disaster Management Program we are promoting a hotline number which is the first number to call for up to date information regarding any disaster in our region. The number to phone is 1800 606 000. Make a note of it and ensure it's near your phone should the need arise to protect your family and your home during a disaster.

Red Cross mobile blood van – Jacobs Well

For the first time, the Red Cross mobile blood van is visiting Jacobs Well on 21 November to invite Jacobs Well residents to donate blood. Australia needs more than 27,000 blood

donations every week to keep the seriously ill alive. We have a great community at Jacobs Well and if you're aged between 16 and 70 please note in your diary 21 November at the Jacobs Well Community Centre car park (between 9am and 4pm) to become a donor. For further information phone 131495 or visit www.donateblood.com.au

Roadworks Upper Ormeau Road

It has been a difficult time for residents of the Upper Ormeau Valley during the roadworks being undertaken as part of the development approval for Ormeau Ridge. The work is being carried out by a contractor and every attempt has been made to address the issues of concern which have been raised by many residents. By the time that you receive this newsletter, I hope that sealing of the damaged sector is completed and better safety/traffic control measures are in place. Thanks to all for your patience during these works which will be finished in early October.

I need your feedback

In an effort to address issues within the Division 1 community, I would be grateful to receive your feedback on any local matters of concern or issues that you would like taken forward. Your input and views are important to me and will help to ensure maximum benefits flow to our area. A feedback form is accessible via my personal website at www.donnagates.net.au. Please take a moment to provide information that will help me to represent you at a local government level.

Newsletter delivery

I am aware that residents of multi-unit developments and some rural residents do not receive The Local Newsletter. Each month my husband hand delivers about 600 copies of this column to units in the Upper Coomera area – but if you would like to receive the column directly by email, please send your details to division1@goldcoast.qld.gov.au and we will ensure you receive a copy each month.

MOT Club

Of interest to you may be the MOT Club performances at the Drama Theatre, Griffith University, Parklands Drive, Southport on 16-17 September at 7pm. This recently established creative group shares its personal experiences as socially disadvantaged men, with sketches, musical items and a little stand-up comedy. The men are homeless – some are emotionally or socially challenged – and this initiative is building their confidence and allowing their expression through word and song. Go along and support them if you can.

Contact me

Please continue to contact me should you require assistance with any local government issue. Telephone 5581-6301 or email me at dgates@goldcoast.qld.gov.au