

Newsletter from Councillor George Turelli



Representing your voice in Council for Findon Ward The City of Charles Sturt

Dear Ratepayers,

I wish to update you on three projects that won funding in the 2017/2018 Council Annual Budget. These project bids were successful because the community, with my help, endorsed them via letters of support and a petition to Council. The three projects were:

Parkway Reserve Playground and Irrigation Upgrade - \$183,000

Valetta Reserve Irrigation Upgrade - \$50,000

Krista Reserve Irrigation Upgrade - \$40,120

All this work has been completed, other than the Parkway Reserve Irrigation Upgrade, which should be completed by mid-September. I was hoping that all this community improvement would be finished by the end of the June 2018, but unfortunately there were higher priorities in Council. Parkway Reserve in Fulham Gardens involved community consultation on the concept plan and I was pleased to note the feedback of nearly 30 residents, highlighting strong support for the proposed upgrade.

In previous years, I was successful in winning project bids to have the George Jones Reserve and Glenwood Reserve Irrigation systems upgraded and a playground extension to the existing play equipment located in Glenwood Reserve. I strongly support the need to encourage children to be active outdoors in a safe environment, as well as providing attractive areas for family gatherings to celebrate special events in our lovely community.

The first two years on Council were a challenging period and especially "learning the ropes." However, my professional background of finance and business management, stood me in good stead at this time and proved an invaluable experience in dealing with a broad range of Council matters. Helping residents with parking fines, problem trees and graffiti issues satisfactorily, gave me great motivation in assisting the community. My dedication and passion for local government, strong work ethics and commitment to engage with the community resulted in my fellow Councillors electing me Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee and earlier this year following a vacancy, Deputy Chair of the Corporate Services Committee. In fact I was the only Councillor to take on an extra committee roles (including Deputy Chair) at the half term review period, November 2016.

Council has a discretionary funds program for assisting eligible not-for-profit organisations that address community priorities. I was pleased to assist with small funding requests for various groups including Findon Skid Kids Inc., Kidman Park Primary School 50th Year Birthday Event, Woodville District Baseball Club, Fulham United Soccer Club, Fulham Cricket Club, Woodville Rechabite Cricket Club, Seaton Calisthenics Club and Woodville Little Athletics Centre Inc. This is not a complete list, but indicative of the help provided to enable building local capacity, strengthening social diversity and enhancing health and wellbeing of residents in the City of Charles Sturt.

I am still as passionate as ever to represent you as I was when elected nearly 4 years ago and still not a member of any political party, so my loyalty resides with you.

I will be nominating for the November Council elections and will in future seek your support for this nomination. I can be contacted at the details below or via the information on the Council's web site.

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Your support, my commitment, our community

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