



DIFFICULT SUBJECT: Philippa Morton has two little fans in her children Madeline, 2, and Dominic, 4, who gave a big thumbs up to Mum's new book *Memory Flowers*, written to help children accept the realities of death by focusing on the importance of memories. **Picture:** Sarah Keayes

More in store for suburb

A COMMUNITY meeting to discuss the future of Bellbowrie drew more than 200 residents.

Chaired by Brisbane City Councillor Margaret de Wit and directed by local organiser John Bellchamber, the meeting was centred around the shopping needs of the area's briskly increasing population.

"The ideas came thick and fast and were largely constructive, although the management of Coles should take note that an overwhelming consensus of the meeting was the local branch is not used by many residents for their weekly shop because of lack of choice in the store," Mr Bellchamber said.

"There was also overwhelming support for an Aldi, whilst feelings were mixed about the proposed MacDonald's and tavern."

Organisers of the meeting are still collating the responses from a questionnaire circulated in *Westside News* and at the meeting.

Mr Bellchamber said he planned to meet with Cr de Wit and shopping centre manager Thomas Cher to relay issues raised at the meeting.

■ Visit www.bellbowrie.org or join the group on Facebook, 'Concerned Residents of Bellbowrie'.

Bright book deals with life's harsh reality

THE death of a family pet can be hard to overcome, particularly for children.

But St Lucia's Philippa Morton has illustrated a new children's book, *Memory Flowers*, aimed at helping children accept

the realities of death by focusing on the importance of memories.

Primary school teacher and mother-of-three Donna Ellis became inspired to write the book when her young son

asked, "What are those flowers for, Mum?" while passing a cemetery.

Mrs Ellis said she told her son they were Memory Flowers.

Mrs Morton is a childhood friend of Mrs Ellis

and together compiled the 32-page book.

"As parents with young children, we knew it was a difficult subject to broach so we wanted to get it right," Mrs Morton said. "We hope, in some

way, the book may help families through loss or begin to educate children in ways to cope with one of the harsh realities of life."

■ Visit www.memoryflowers.com.au.

Concerns balloon

Tower plan

By ANNA HILTON

A BUNCH of red balloons hung 20m in the air over Sherwood last week, matching the height of five-storey developments proposed in the draft Sherwood/Graceville Neighbourhood Plan.

Residents had gathered at an information session regarding the Brisbane City Council-released draft plan, which is open for comment until July 2.

Resident Nancy Williams said she had not realised the impact the height of the

proposed developments would have.

"They would block light, breezes and views and would dominate the suburban landscape," she said.

Walter Taylor South Action Group secretary Leigh Park urged people to look at

the plan and have their say.

"The final plan will determine the future of our suburb and this is our last opportunity to tell council what we like and don't like about the draft," she said.

"Please take the time to put in a submission."

■ The full draft plan is available online at the council website, and submissions must be sent to Neighbourhood Planning, City Planning Branch, Brisbane City Council, GPO Box 1434, Brisbane QLD 4001.

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Telstra area general manager Anton Jones said the new proposal reflected careful consideration of feedback from residents.

He said formal consultation would begin after the school holidays so that all interested people had enough time to consider the Telstra proposal.

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