



FIRE REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

> **UPDATE**

October- November 2017

Work to reduce fuel loads on the Islands and at Mt Cotton, Sheldon and Redland Bay

After QFES cancelled all fire mitigation burn permits due to extreme weather in September emphasis has turned to manual removal of overgrown vegetation and track maintenance. Areas across the city requiring this work have been inspected, assessed and costed. Teams across Council are looking at reprioritising resources to continue addressing the Fire Review recommendations.

Macleay and Russell Island waste transfer stations open seven days a week

Operational teams managing the Macleay and Russell Island waste transfer stations are continuing to monitor the amount of green waste deposited. This information will be used to gauge the effectiveness of the increased opening days.

Mapping of cultural heritage sites

Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) are currently engaged to investigate and provide advice on priority areas across the city where fire mitigation works could impact on areas of significant cultural heritage.

Signage

Council has received advice of provision of fire danger rating signs from the QFES for installation at key locations across city. Council is also designing signage with location maps and updated content highlighting evacuation areas, routes and other emergency information for installation at key locations on the SMBI and Coochiemudlo Island. Signage on North Stradbroke Island has been determined to be adequate at this time.

Improve fire mitigation awareness

Council is reviewing its suite of temporary signs used to inform the community of local mitigation works and new signs are being designed to identify and advise mitigation works that include moving slashing and trail clearing works.

Simplified Disaster Management Plans

In addition to the ongoing work on Council's simplified disaster management plans, content for abbreviated DL size brochures is being finalised for design and will provide residents with basic disaster information specific to the area where they live.

Improving Council's mapping system

Council's current information identifying areas where Vegetation Protection Orders are present is being updated before being incorporated into the mapping layers visible to the general public. Fire Hazard overlays have been approved for incorporation in the draft city plan. The latest QFES fire mapping is also being made available as key reference for community information on fire hazards.

Enhancing Online Emergency content.

The website www.redlandsdisasterplan.com.au currently provides local disaster planning information for areas of the city. The website supports emergency planning, providing another

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portal for community access in addition to the main Council and Emergency Agency websites.. Council's Emergency Management Group has separately commissioned a new website to provide links and content using the State's "Guardian" emergency information platform.

Community Resilience - Know Your Neighbour

Council has promoted Know your Neighbour information and resilience information through media and key community and social support contact and resource information is being prepared for wider hard copy distribution to community.

Community engagement 'Street Speaks'

Delivered by Disaster Management staff, including fire preparedness information delivered at:

- Karragarra Island Flea Markets (1.10.2017)
- Presentation to year 5 students Alexandra Hill Primary School (6.10.2017)
- Prepare, Act, Survive presentation Macleay and Russell Islands (14.10.2017)
- Blues Festival Cleveland Showgrounds (14.10.2017)
- Mt Cotton Shopping Village (21.10.2017)
- Macleay Island Lions Club (25.10.17)
- Macleay Island Progress Association (28.10.2017)
- Mt Cotton Christmas Carols (26.11.2017)

'Get Ready' messaging

- A Bay Islands 'Get Ready' message was designed and supplied to BITS to run over a three-month period from October-December.
- Mention in several November Councillors newsletters (Divisions 6,9,5,2).
- Double page Get Ready story and back cover in Our Redlands magazine summer edition
- Redesign and reprint of 2000 'Get Ready' flyers for use at public forums/events
- Continuous placement of Get Ready messaging across all channels

Awareness campaign for bay Islands SES recruits

A campaign for SES recruits, focussed on bay islands residents, has been included in several communications including Councillors newsletters, Redlands Snapshot (Council column in Redland City Bulletin): several mentions during October-November.

Media

- *'Street Speak to the experts on storms, cyclones and bushfires' (13 October). Supplied material to Redland City Bulletin to include call for bay islands volunteers in an SES award story. Story ran with these inclusions (13 October)*
- *'Redland City Council committed to ongoing protection of residents from fire risk' (18 October) Redland City Bulletin "street speaks" story 18 October*
- *Council urges residents to get connected with neighbours (27 October)*
- *Friendly Bay Islander (October) Intergovernmental Workshop bush fire response and island clean up commentary.*
- *Friendly Bay Islander (November) reports Mayor's messaging on disaster mapping, clean up, Street Speaks and personal disaster planning.*