



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Julie Talty



### Plenty happening at Mt Cotton

Council is currently working on a strategic plan for the development of Mt Cotton Village Park.

This will include looking at power and lighting needs, extending and upgrading the age-appropriate play areas, upgrading the dog park, a park-run exercise circuit and increased parking. If you have suggestions of what you would like to see, please let me know.

As part of the shopping centre redevelopment, the current small skate park is

due to be demolished in March next year. I am working with our park designers to ensure it is replaced by a bigger and better skate park. With the help of experienced professional skaters, Council will be talking with local youngsters to find out what they most want in their new skate park.

I hope to see you on Sunday 29 November at the Mt Cotton Community Christmas Party.

Keep an eye on my Councillor Facebook page for updates.



*BIG BLAST: More than 500 competitors and their crews descended on Mt Cotton for the Bayview Blast mountain bike competition. Council is working to upgrade bike trails such as those in Days Road Reserve to cater for national championship events such as this and boost our economy.*



*SUPPORT: Fellow councillors Paul Gleeson, Kim-Marie Hardman, Alan Beard and Mayor Karen Williams were pleased to join me in supporting the Calvary Christian Church and Pastor Neale Collier with sponsorship of our community Christmas party.*



*COMMUNITY: Mt Cotton Primary P&C Association was presented with a grant to help foster greater community use of the school hall.*

### 'Get Ready' for fire season

With the Bureau of Meteorology advising that we are entering an El Nino cycle, Division 6 residents can expect hot, dry weather with an increased possibility of severe storms over the next several months.

Bushfire risks during this time will remain high, particularly in Mt Cotton and Sheldon, making it vital that all residents "Get Ready" and ensure they, their families and homes are properly prepared to respond to a situation which may force a quick evacuation.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information specific to Division 6 residents can be found at [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au). Please make sure you have a disaster plan and kits at the ready and sign up for Council's social media alerts.





**REDLANDS... BE BUSHFIRE & STORM SAFE**

We are approaching bushfire and storm season, so it is important to plan for both.

- Prepare a family emergency plan
- Prepare your home to minimise damage

Redland City Council's disaster management plan provides information on how to prepare for and recover from a disaster.

The plan can be downloaded from [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)

**We're all in this together**  
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**HELPING HAND:** Mayor Karen Williams and Cr Mark Edwards joined me to present Redland Bay Men's Shed with the lease for the group's new shed space off Donald Road.



**KICKS:** Mayor Karen Williams and Cr Mark Edwards joined me to present a grant for new equipment to Victoria Point Magic Football Club's Adam Carmichael and the under 7s players.

## Parks and roads to benefit from upgrades

There's a lot to talk about in Redland Bay this quarter.

Work is continuing on the upgrades to the park on Denham and Donald roads, off School of Arts Road, with the sprinklers now installed to water the new playing field grass which is coming on nicely. The new dog park is attracting lots of happy four-legged users and their owners.

Work is also underway at the northern end of School of Arts Road, which will be followed by safety upgrades to the Viola and Watsonia street intersections.

The footpath connections continue, with the latest section at the southern end of School of Arts Road now complete. This work is part of the ongoing Southern Roads Program.

Meanwhile, I was pleased to sponsor Councillor small grants for the Redland Bay Men's Shed to provide white card and other training for the members and for the Victoria Point Magic Football Club to buy equipment.

I was thrilled to receive a certificate of appreciation from the Redland Bay State School P&C following the big working bee in July.



**POPULAR:** Trying out the new dog park on School of Arts Road with Holly.

## Flashback to the bay's Catalina past

Redland Bay Golf Club was the venue for the local launch of the documentary *Return of the Catalina*, made by local filmmaker Daniel Bunker of Bunker Media.

The Catalinas flew from the waters of Redland Bay until the early '70s and Daniel's documentary finally recognises the efforts of the Catalina flying boat crews which broke the Japanese air blockade of Australia in 1943.

The film follows the epic journey of a group of men who restore a 70-year-old Catalina and fly it from Spain to Australia. It builds on Daniel's previous documentary *Double Sunrise Flights*, which tells the true story of a top secret World War II



**PREMIERE:** Cr Mark Edwards, myself, filmmaker Daniel Bunker and Mayor Karen Williams at the local launch of *Return of the Catalina*.

flight service which used Catalinas to re-establish the Australia-England air route after Singapore fell in 1942.

Daniel has close links to the Redlands with Bunker Road, Victoria Point, named after his great-great-grandfather Ted.

## Merry Christmas and stay in touch

I would like to wish all residents of Division 6 and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Please continue to stay in touch and feel free to email me at [julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au) or call 3829 8606 or 0418 218 847 if I can be of assistance.

 You can also keep up to date at [facebook.com/CrJulieTalty](https://www.facebook.com/CrJulieTalty)

Residents who live near divisional boundaries can check whether they have been affected by recent boundary changes on the Electoral Commission Queensland website.

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