



A message from the Mayor

Cr Karen Williams

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Merry Christmas Redlands Coast

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

For most of us this is a wonderful time of year when we look forward to catching up with family and friends and enjoying our great lifestyle. Unfortunately, for some it also can be a time of domestic unrest.

I believe every Redlander deserves to feel and be safe in their own home and workplace. But I am also a realist and know that there will be incidents despite our best efforts to stop domestic and family violence.

We desperately need more crisis accommodation in our area for those seeking to escape violence in the home and I have been working closely with the State Government and the Maybanke Accommodation Crisis Support Centre on a project which will go a long way to easing that dire shortage.

I have fingers crossed that, by this time next year, the crisis

accommodation we have proposed will be close to being realised.

Community support for this cause has been truly outstanding, showing just how much awareness there is of the effects of domestic and family violence and how much dedication there is to doing something about it.

This support is epitomised by the generous action of a Redlands Coast high school student recently. This humble young woman donated \$50 of her birthday money to the cause because she wanted to make a difference.

An incredibly heartwarming gesture, it added to the almost \$250,000 that has already been raised by the Redlands Coast community through people's generosity and our annual Diner en Rouge fundraiser.

That fund is expected to swell further with a collection again planned at our big community carols event, Christmas by Starlight, on Saturday 15 December. Every contribution

will help, no matter how small, so please take a few coins along with your picnic blankets and chairs. You will find more about Christmas by Starlight on the back of this newsletter.

A contribution by the State Government matching the amount that our community has already raised will mean the foundations can finally be laid for the increased support that is needed.

The task, however, will not end there.

Domestic and family violence of any kind is unacceptable and I will continue to use my civic voice to advocate for change.

Cr Karen Williams
Mayor of Redland City

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For domestic violence assistance: **Contact WAVSS Across The Redlands** on 3808 5566 or **DV Connect** on 1800 811 811.

Seeking innovative transport solutions

Council is looking at a host of innovative transport solutions for our communities as part of the Draft Redlands Coast Transport Strategy, including working with the State Government and SEQ Council of Mayors on a trial of an autonomous vehicle on one of our islands.

There is still some work to be done but I hope that early next year we will host the first ever full trial of such a vehicle in Queensland, something which has very exciting implications across Redlands Coast. We will then work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and Sunshine Coast University to assess the impact of this emerging

technology. It followed a community demonstration in Cleveland this year which was very well received. The longer trial, if agreed, would be for a possible six months and would be just one of a rolling series of trials at locations across Queensland over several years.

With the State Government responsible for the majority of the



roads in and out of the city and public transport, they will play a key role in our transport future and so Council is engaging with them on our transport strategy.

In drafting our strategy we listened to what the community told us at transport forums, and through other community consultation activities but it is now important that you tell us whether we have got it right, so I urge you to have your say. There is a copy of the draft strategy at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au where you can make comments about certain locations in our transport network. You also will find a survey and fact sheets.

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Christmas dates for your diary

Light up your Christmas

Friday 30 November

4pm-8pm,
Cleveland's
Library Square

Lightup your Christmas

The start of the festive season will be celebrated on Redlands Coast with the lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Cleveland's Library Square, on the corner of Bloomfield and Middle streets, from 4pm-8pm on Friday, 30 November.

The evening will kick off with the popular Christmas on Bloomfield twilight markets from 4pm and plenty of free kids' activities by Redland Libraries. There also will be live entertainment, roving performers and, of course, a visit from Santa. Families will have an opportunity to get a photo with Santa before the countdown to the lighting of our wonderful community Christmas tree. For further information, go to redland.qld.gov.au/lightup



Christmas by STARLIGHT

Saturday 15 December

From 3pm, Cleveland's
Norm Price Park -
Redland Showgrounds

Get ready to sing in Christmas

I look forward to seeing you all at this year's **Christmas by Starlight**, which will again be at Cleveland's Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds with an exceptional line-up of national stars, top local talent and heaps of fun for youngsters.

Redlands Coast's biggest free family Christmas show will kick off at 3pm on Saturday 15 December 2018 with an awesome line-up of stars being assembled. The amazing Casey Donovan, one of Australia's most versatile indigenous entertainers, will feature this year alongside outstanding Brazilian soprano Carmen Monarcha, rising star Luke Antony and the wonderful voice of our very own Alexa Curtis. Others will be announced soon.

Redland City Council's much-loved carols evening will once again be led by internationally renowned musical director, pianist and composer John Foreman.

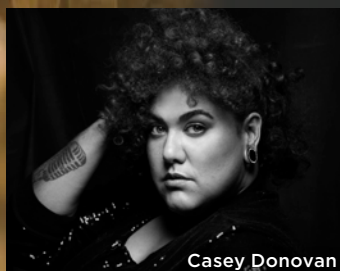
Top-class sound and lighting has been locked in, in keeping with Starlight's

reputation as among the best free community Christmas concerts in Queensland. There will be plenty of kids' activities this year with the return of the Starlight Express, a trackless train that will shuttle guests around the event, along with the usual kids' favourites. All rides are free and will run from 3pm to 8pm.

The main event will beam across the showgrounds from 6pm, with a spectacular fireworks finale to light up the sky from about 8.15pm.

While entry is free, people will have the opportunity to make a gold coin donation to support programs combatting domestic and family violence in Redlands Coast if they wish. There will be a variety of food, drink and merchandise stalls. Please remember that Christmas by Starlight is an alcohol-free event.

For more information, go to redland.qld.gov.au/cbs



Casey Donovan



John Foreman



Alexa Curtis



Keeping food waste out of landfill

Council is investigating options to divert food and garden waste from landfill, while at the same time creating a nutrient-rich product for local gardens.

As the deputy chair of the South East Queensland Council of Mayors waste working group, I believe a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service across the city would help the environment as well as residents' hip-pockets.

Food scraps and garden organics make up about 23 per cent of all waste collected in kerbside waste collection, with about 25,000 tonnes of it going into landfill each year. That's not only bad for the environment, it's like throwing money away.

Food waste is also a large contributor to greenhouse gases through the production of methane, so finding ways to use it on our gardens rather than dumping it makes sense.

We will be looking at what is being done at other councils as well as working with community partners as part of the investigation. We have some very passionate local gardening groups that we will look to engage in this conversation.

At this stage it is unclear how the introduction of the State Government's waste levy will impact Redlands Coast, so it makes sense to look at ways to reduce our waste going to landfill.