

# Residents' Christmas Report

## Message from your Councillor



"Unbelievably, it is Christmas time again" – I remember my parents saying that when I was a child ... yet a year seemed so very long back then.

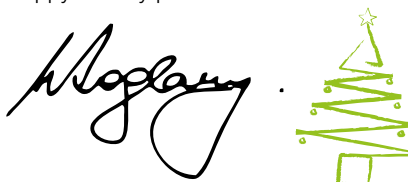
At the recent school graduations and awards nights I was amazed at the results Redland youth are achieving, often topping the State. This is testament to the schools, teachers, parents and community we thankfully have here. Thanks all for what you give to strengthen our community – I believe years go so quickly because there is always something to do, a friendly group to join or a beautiful place to relax.

Christmas is a time to reflect and I have so much to be thankful for work-wise: roads have been resealed, park infrastructure installed, projects throughout the Division and City delivered. I have been able to assist various community groups with grant money and have been involved in umpteen fantastic events. Unfortunately sometimes decisions have been made that I don't agree with but I can always say I spoke up on behalf of the community.

Most of all while I reflect, I appreciate you for advising me of concerns and issues. Those extra eyes and ears are invaluable. I am honoured to be your representative and when we work together we are strong and we achieve for the Redland community. This is my agenda and goal.

This Christmas, I am sure you will also feel blessed that you live in Redlands and have the strength of our community surrounding you. While there are no scheduled "community chats" for January, there are many Christmas events over the next few weeks so please come and say hello. I will endeavour to keep everyone up to date via Facebook and my website, so use these as another tool for us to work together.

Merry Christmas, everyone. Have a safe and happy holiday period.



PS: I have a lot to be thankful for personally too: all three boys and dog are healthy and happy

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<b>Wellington Point Carols</b>	
Saturday 14 December Village Green, Main Road Wellington Point.	
<b>Ormiston Carols</b>	
Sunday 15 December Scout Den, Ormiston	

## Get Ready for anything

Storms and bushfires are all part of summer in Australia but there are steps we can all take to make sure we are prepared:

- **Be informed** – stay tuned to local media for emergency updates
- **Make a plan** – talk with your family about how you would survive a disaster
- **Prepare an emergency kit** – include a torch, batteries, water, important phone numbers, medicine and documents
- **Know your neighbours** – exchange numbers and think about any neighbours who may need help such as the elderly.

Redland City Council has released the first two parts of its Disaster Management Plan and also recently distributed the Australian Red Cross emergency REDiPlan and the Department of Community Safety's Bushfire Survival Plan.

These plans and much more handy information are available at the Disaster Hub on Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).

# Come and enjoy Christmas by Starlight

Saturday 7 December 2013  
Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds



## FREE festivities for the family

Preparations are in full swing ahead of Christmas by Starlight – a huge FREE family event on Saturday 7 December to celebrate this special time of year in the Redlands.

There is a host of local talent lined up to perform, including headline act Connor Crawford of *Jersey Boys* fame who will incorporate a selection of Frankie Valli's greatest hits into the program.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said Christmas by Starlight, at Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds in Long Street, Cleveland – would be one to remember.

"Christmas is a very special time of year for families and we will have something for everyone," said Cr Williams. "There will be children's entertainment from 3pm, a special children's concert from 5.30pm, and traditional twilight carols from 6.15pm.

"Add to that food stalls, roving entertainers, children's rides and static displays as well as a spectacular fireworks finale (and even a special visit from Santa himself) and Christmas by Starlight will certainly be a highlight of the festive season."

Cr Williams said the stage and equipment would be weatherproof so nothing would dampen the spirits of performers, community groups and residents.

**Christmas by Starlight is an alcohol-free event.**

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## Shop local and win

Buying locally has a lot more to offer than just a boost to our local economy in terms of jobs – those who shop at retailers participating in the 100% Redlands Christmas Challenge will also be in the running

to win loads of prizes, including a Holden Barina, a Straddie holiday or a 32" Samsung LED HD TV. The final prize draw is 17 December. Simply register at participating stores or online at [www.100percentredlands.com.au](http://www.100percentredlands.com.au).



## Fantastic future for our ferry facilities

Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek are on the brink of an exciting period of transformation. From mid January 2014 you will be invited

to have your say on the proposed development schemes for these Priority Development Areas. The plans will be based on ideas from the community, technical studies as well as feedback and interest from potential investors. The development schemes for both sites will be finalised by June next year (2014). Visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).



## Rethink your rubbish this Christmas

Just as Christmas is a time of giving, Boxing Day is a time of disposing. Extend your goodwill to our environment this festive season by choosing gifts with less packaging or reusing shopping bags.

During the Christmas clean-up, keep plastic bags out of your yellow-lidded recycling bin – they belong in the general waste bin. Better still, take them to selected supermarkets for recycling.



## Council Christmas closures

Redland City Council's Customer Service Centres (Cleveland and Capalaba) will be closed during Christmas-New Year from Wednesday 25 December 2013 up to and including Wednesday 1 January 2014.

This includes the Cleveland Administration Building and the Capalaba Place Building, as well as Redland Libraries. During this period, only essential Council services will be available in a limited capacity.

Fallen trees, urgent road repairs, water supply and other emergencies can be reported on Council's After Hours Emergency Service number 3829 8999.

The IndigiScapes Centre and Redland waste transfer stations will be closed Christmas Day only. Waste collection services will continue as normal.