



News from your local councillor

Cr Julie Talty, Deputy Mayor

Division 6: Mt Cotton/Redland Bay



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Dear resident,

With Christmas almost here, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to you all for the way you have responded to what has been a tough and challenging year.

Through your efforts we have been able to keep COVID-19 largely at bay and get back to enjoying our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast.

Many people, however, may still be doing it tough so I urge you to check the range of measures introduced by Council to help residents and businesses adversely impacted by the pandemic to get the assistance they need. You will find details at redland.qld.gov.au.

If you need someone to talk to, there is a Disaster Chaplaincy Hotline supported by Council specifically to help those affected by COVID-19. It operates daily from 8am-8pm on 1800 841 106.

Due to COVID, there will be no Mount Cotton Community Christmas Party this

year. Hopefully we will be able to do something extra special next year.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from Thursday 24 December 2020 and will reopen on Monday 4 January 2021. This includes our Customer Service Centres and libraries.

If you need urgent assistance for an issue relating to Council's services which significantly impacts residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number 3829 8999 as we will have crews on call.

I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing holiday season and I look forward to working with you in 2021.

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Improved facilities on the way for Charlie Buckler Sportsfield

Following work to fix the carpark at Redland Bay's Charlie Buckler Sportsfield, Council has been working closely with Southern Bay Cyclones Rugby Union Club and Redlands Cricket Club to deliver improved club facilities.

The project is expected to get under way next financial year, with completion expected before July 2022.

With storm season here, the \$800,000 upgrade to the carpark will show its worth as the area was subject to flooding during and after heavy rain.

These are part of multi-stage plans for the sportsfield, subject to future Council budgets.

Let's get growing

I am thrilled to see the Fielding Park Community Garden at Redland Bay is well under way.

Redlands Coast Salad Bowl members have been busy on the site, on the corner of School of Arts and Fielding roads, with fencing and the first garden taking shape at the time of going to print.

After years of planning by the group and Council, the garden will be a wonderful place where our community can come together to grow fresh food, to learn, relax and make new friends.

Check the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl Facebook page for updates.



TIME TO 'GET READY'

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires, so I urge all Division 6 residents to ensure they are ready.

It pays not to leave it until you hear there is a storm or fire on the horizon which might force you to evacuate your home in a hurry.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au. Meanwhile, Council has been proactive in its fire management, conducting planned burns in local conservation areas.

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes.
- Secure loose items around your property.
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk.

Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch.
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets.
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan.
- Have your bushfire survival plan ready.

Visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au for more information.

Prepare your home and a family emergency plan.

Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies.
- If you don't know who owns the property next door contact Council on 3829 8999 for their details.
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning **1300 885 698**.

Be Informed

Visit disaster.redland.qld.gov.au for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters. For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au/qld



Movie nights to return

Plans are under way for a new series of movies in the park through summer. Please check the Community Connections page for updates, movies and details.

At this stage, COVID restrictions allowing, a Christmas-themed family movie is planned for Mount Cotton Community Park on December 5.



Review of dog areas

Residents will have an opportunity to comment on a Council review which affects where dogs are allowed to go in Redlands Coast.

The review of the Register of Animals in Public Places, ordered by Council in February, focuses on the list of places that

animals are prohibited from going or places where restrictions on animals exist.

It aims to balance the needs of dog owners with those of others.

At the time of printing, details for the public engagement were being worked out so check Council's Your Say page at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au for updates.

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