



# News from your Local Councillor Cr Mark Edwards

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## Dear resident,

Redland Bay's Fielding Park is looking great thanks to a great Council makeover.

Renewal works include a new swing, a shaded climbing structure and toddler play unit, improving this important space's attractiveness to local families.

The park's history is celebrated with a history sign for William Fielding that was on the shelter being relocated to the park entry. Mr Fielding was an early pioneer in the 1880s and settled in Redland Bay.

Meanwhile, with summer arriving early we are seeing significant dry spells and our parks can suffer despite the best attention of our parks teams. Not only is the grass browning but the trees are also being impacted due to lack of moisture in the soil.

To help retain the water from evaporating from the ground, many of our parks are receiving significant mulching around the trees and shrubs.

At Point Talburpin Park, for example, during October large quantities of mulch have been spread out and it is particularly deep around the larger trees. These trees often have roots protruding above the ground and may not be seen when the mulch is spread. This mulching is great news for the vegetation in our parks but please exercise caution when walking around the trees.



*GREAT SPACES: The upgrades in Redland Bay's Fielding Park and, above, tree mulching in Point Talburpin Park.*



## Weinam Creek carpark update

Construction has begun on the new carpark on Moores Road, Redland Bay, within the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA) project.

The ground-level carpark with a boardwalk and a footbridge connecting with the Redland Bay Marina is expected to take about six months to complete, with plans for it to be open to the public next April.

Meanwhile, the final design plans for the overall masterplan and future stages of the project are now being finalised and will include secure car parks and a multi-deck carpark within the Redland Bay Marina precinct.

Once the Moores Road carpark is open, it will allow cars to park there so work can start on the extra car parking at the ferry terminal, which

will provide additional parking for both island and mainland residents.

The footbridge will provide more direct access to the marina and accommodate bicycles as well as mobility scooters. I expect it will be on average five to 10 minutes to walk from the ferry terminal to the carpark.





# TIME TO 'GET READY'

Prepare your home and a family emergency plan

## 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](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au) for more information.

## 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](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au) for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters.

## All go for new garden

I am looking forward to seeing the development of the new community garden at Redland Bay's Fielding Park now it has Council approval.

I am also pleased to report the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl group has been granted \$6000 through the Mayor and Councillors' Community Benefit Fund, thanks to Mayor Karen Williams and colleague Cr Julie Talty, to buy an irrigation system for the garden, including water tanks and pumps.

I have no doubt the community garden will develop into a great place where southern Redlands Coast residents can grow fresh food, relax and forge new friendships.

It will include areas for both communal and private plots, and will allow families and individuals who may not have land of their own an opportunity to enjoy the benefits of growing and harvesting their own produce.

## Happy 100th to our golf club!

In September, I joined with many residents to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Redland Bay Golf Club. Very few clubs survive 100 years but "our" golf club now looks forward to the next 100 years.

In 1919, a community decision was made to establish a nine-hole course on a paddock owned by William Melrose on German Church Road. The course opened on 6 September 1919 and soon had a membership of 43. It was admitted to the Queensland Golf Council in 1926 and, in 1930, moved to its current position in Redland Bay.

During World War II, the US Army took control of the site to use it as a communications site. Following the war the club struggled to build member numbers and be financially viable.

It was in the 1970s that it made the major decision to increase the course to 18 holes. To acquire the adjoining land, the club approached Council and an arrangement was struck through which Council acquired the extra land and the existing course was transferred to Council. This remains the case today, with the land leased to the club.

To commemorate the anniversary, the club has commissioned a limited edition book on its history. A copy has been donated to the Cleveland Library.

Redland Bay Golf Club is an important sporting club for Redlands Coast and many locals often call in for a meal or cold drink. Congratulations to all in achieving this 100-year milestone.

## Merry Christmas

I would like to wish all residents of Redland Bay and their families a great Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me for help if you need it. You can email me anytime at [mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:mark.edwards@redland.qld.gov.au) or call me on 0407 695 667.

Warm regards

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