



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Julie Talty

### Dear resident

A state-of-the-art automated flood warning system has been installed on Avalon Road, Sheldon, to improve safety during rain events and severe weather.

The solar-powered water measuring device and illuminated signs will provide early warning to motorists who approach the area if there is water on the road and will close the road as soon as both lanes are fully inundated.

This part of Avalon Road is prone to rapid onset flooding, often resulting in treacherous conditions forming before hazard signage can be put in place. This system will overcome that time lag and make the road safer.

When the signs are activated, they will also update Council's online Disaster Dashboard to reflect the localised flooding, and residents will be able to log in to a live camera feed and view the real-time status of the creek crossing before they leave home. Residents will also be able to opt in to a text message warning service that will notify them that water is over the road.

Visit Council's Disaster Dashboard at [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au) for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disaster.

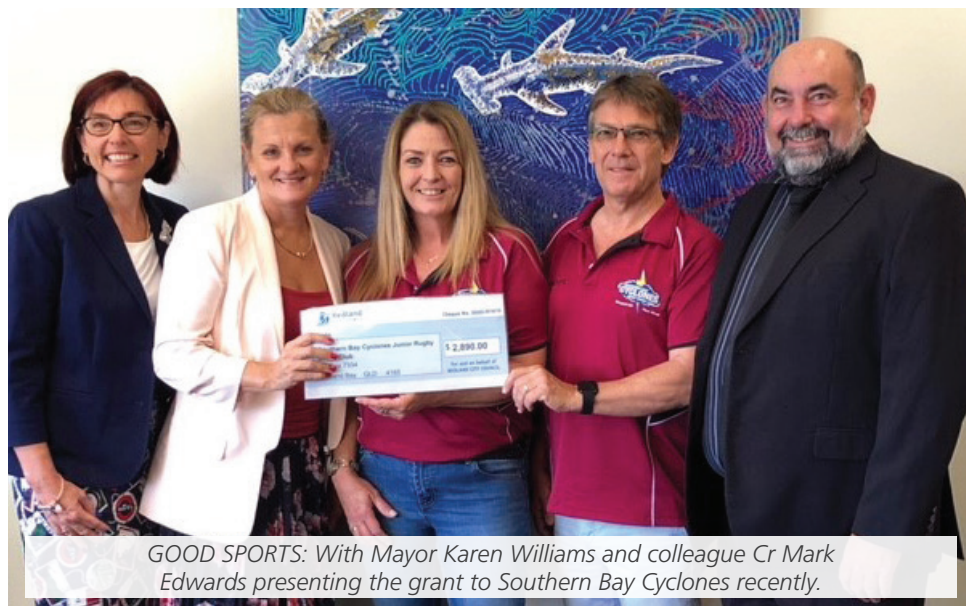
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*SAFETY: With Mayor Karen Williams inspecting the newly installed automated flood warning signs at Avalon Road, Sheldon.*



*GOOD SPORTS: With Mayor Karen Williams and colleague Cr Mark Edwards presenting the grant to Southern Bay Cyclones recently.*

### Supporting community

Council was pleased to be able to support the Southern Bay Cyclones Rugby Union Club with a grant toward improvements to the clubhouse at Charlie Buckler Field. A new three-tiered seating unit to make it more comfortable for supporters of both the cricket and rugby clubs is also on the way. Engineering and project planning is also continuing toward the upgrade of car parking. Plans for the long-term improvement of the grounds are progressing.





## New shed a hit



*OPENING: With Mayor Karen Williams and colleague Cr Mark Edwards at the opening of the new Redland Bay Men's Shed, which is proving a great asset for the southern Redlands Coast community.*

## New ways to keep fit

Phase three of the exercise equipment planned for Mt Cotton Park will be installed later this year.

The equipment has been chosen for installation between the flying fox and the skate park.

I also recommend that residents consider taking the opportunity to join one of the activities in Council's Redlands Coast Healthy & Active Program.

Our popular group exercise program offers a diverse range of low-cost activities at just \$5 per person, per session. This year, the program has introduced some new activities, including ninja warrior, cardio tennis and Billy's Buddies, a children's rugby league-based program founded by former Queensland Origin great Billy Slater. Also returning are the

very popular Zumba classes, as well programs which cater for all levels of fitness.

The program is having a positive impact on the community, with about 1500 people taking part in more than 20 different activities.

Visit [redland.qld.gov.au/rchap](http://redland.qld.gov.au/rchap) for details.



## Community garden update

Local community group Redlands Coast Salad Bowl is continuing to work with Council, Cr Mark Edwards and myself to create a new community garden in Fielding Park, Redland Bay. The garden will be run by volunteers, so if you are interested in joining the gardening group you will find details on

[f/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl](https://www.facebook.com/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl).

The vision for the garden is to create a place where local people of all ages can come together to grow fresh food, to learn, relax and make new friends. Community consultation on the proposed site for the garden is

complete and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, so the garden should be getting off the ground soon.

The site has been selected to provide accessibility to the broader community, while retaining all the large, open kick-out play areas in Fielding Park. The proposed garden will preserve all existing vegetation and activate the park with an exciting new feature. It will include communal areas, raised garden plots for individuals and families, tree planting and an open orchard for community use. Some

built structures are also proposed for the storage of gardening materials. The group hopes to be able to host community talks and information workshops on topics such as organic growing and "paddock to plate", and eventually hopes to be involved in farmers markets.

Several local youth groups, including Scouts, have signed up to participate in garden activities, as well as local organisations assisting seniors, with the ultimate goal of encouraging local schools and aged-care centres to join in the fun and activities presented through the garden.



## Road works well on track

The Collins Street and School of Arts Road upgrade project is progressing well, with works currently ahead of schedule.

Major drainage upgrades are currently being installed and all major service relocations are all but complete.

Over the next few months works will start on the upgrade of the existing road, which will necessitate the altering of traffic flows through the project.

This substantial project is now expected to be completed in February next year.

## Wild encounters

To report sick or injured wildlife, call Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031.

