



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Julie Talty



FUN & FITNESS: Council's low-cost Healthy & Active program has been a big hit across Redlands Coast this year.

Best wishes for the season

I would like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and good tidings for the New Year. As the year ends we can look back on some great achievements and these are, as always, tempered with some loss and challenges.

The community has celebrated with another wonderful Christmas party and the efforts of residents to bring us all cheer with their festive decorations and lights are evident all across southern Redlands Coast.

Division 6 has benefited from many Council projects with improvements to roads, parks and reserves.

We opened the Bayview Trial Park, improved connections in Sheldon and upgraded facilities in Erapah Parklands and Weinam Parklands. We enjoyed the opening of the new Redland Bay Men's Shed and are on the way to a new community garden.

The new Redland City Plan will make it easier for you to do things on your property and around your home and will support provision of better infrastructure and renewed local economic development.

There is much to look forward to and much to be thankful for as we see in this New Year.

I look forward to serving you in 2019 with many great projects in train for our community.

Please continue to stay in touch and feel free to email me at julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au or call 3829 8606 or 0418 218 847 if I can be of assistance.

You can also keep up to date at

 [facebook.com/CrJulieTalty](https://www.facebook.com/CrJulieTalty)

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Community chats

As always, I will be out and about in our community throughout the Christmas and New Year period.

I will be holding community chats at Lakeside Shopping Centre, RedEdge and Mount Cotton Village. You can also call me for a chat either on the phone or to arrange to meet for coffee or to look at a problem in your local area. Please check my Cr Julie Talty Facebook page for updates on community chat opportunities.

Weed watch

With the warmth of spring comes a few nasties that we need to manage or avoid, so don't forget to check your pets and children for ticks, keep an eye out for snakes and manage your fire weed, pictured, through recommended sprays. Hand pulling, slashing or mowing when the fireweed is in flower will promote its spread.





Delivering better roads

Council and its contractors are advancing with construction works associated with the \$10 million reconstruction of School of Arts Road and Collins Street at Redland Bay.

This is Council's largest single local road improvement project in this year's budget and will bring significant benefits for local residents, as well Redlands Coast motorists generally. The work has involved relocating sewer/water

services, earthworks, drainage and retaining wall structures. Council officers are also working on a project relating to the trees which are located in the road reserve of Collins Street. Saving the area's iconic fig trees and removing the 90 degree bend that motorists have had to negotiate is central to the design, which will complete the road section between Queen Street and Penzance Drive. The project is expected to be completed by mid-2020.



BETTER BY DESIGN: The footpath, retaining wall and planting design for the eastern side of Collins Road.

Weinam Creek PDA update

The Priority Development Area (PDA) project at Weinam Creek is progressing, with an application before the State Government to allow parking at Moores Road.

If approved, this area will provide relief parking as the development advances. The key infrastructure is a multi-level carpark located directly at the ferry terminal.

Council-owned subsidiary Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) is working with Council to develop stage one of the PDA project and plan for future stages. RIC has advised that once the overflow parking is provided across the creek, the company will be negotiating with a number of potential partners to construct a carpark of up to five



levels, catering for up to 2000 vehicles, within the ferry terminal precinct.

The final design will not be finalised until a development partnership is established. However, it is proposed that retailers and service providers will be provided within or next to the carpark that will benefit all of the community. There will

be additional parking outside the parking facility. RIC is looking to maximise parking options on the ferry terminal side of Weinam Creek so that the community is not reliant on the Moores Road land for commuter parking once the multi-level carpark is constructed, while also maximising community day-use areas and access to the bay.

Garden plan starting to sprout

Plans to create a community garden at Redland Bay's Fielding Park are progressing after it was nominated as the preferred site following an evaluation by Council and the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl group. On the boundary between Division 6 and Cr Mark Edwards' Division 5, it is well suited to a community garden where southern Redlands residents can socialise and grow their own produce. These gardens build a sense of community, which is something the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl members have plenty of. In a short time they have built a strong supporter base and have had wonderful support from local businesses - including two nurseries - keen to give them a hand to get started. Neighbours in the area will be consulted and, once feedback has been received and the design (pictured) approved, work can start to bring the garden to life. Info: [facebook.com/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl](https://www.facebook.com/RedlandsCoastSaladBowl).



Be prepared for fires

- Simple tasks you can do today:
- Clear debris from roof gutters
 - Clean up your yard
 - Remove overgrown vegetation
 - Check pumps and generators
 - Ensure clear access for firefighters
 - Stock a first aid kit
 - Have a bushfire survival plan

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