



News from your Local Councillor

Cr Paul Gollè

Best wishes to all

As an eventful and productive year for our community draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year.

I would especially like to thank the many residents who have helped me to serve our division by being my eyes and ears in the community, as well as the local community groups and volunteers who do so much to make this such a great place to live.

Your efforts and input have been central to the improvements that have been realised across the division.

Not least has been the improvement to open spaces and play areas throughout Thornlands and Cleveland South, making it more attractive for residents to get out and be active. The work Council has been doing in our parks will have considerable benefits for residents of what is a popular area for families.

Prime among these wonderful spaces is the developing Thornlands Community Park at Waterline Boulevard, which is getting public amenities, including Council's first Changing Places facility for people with disabilities and a carpark. These will complement the future all-abilities play space.

It is just one of many parks across the division which has benefitted from the strategic planning for our division.

With Christmas bringing family and friends together, these areas take on greater significance and I am sure they will be popular places to spend some time during the holiday season.

Council also progressed a range of "bigger picture" strategies of interest to residents during the year, including the endorsement of the Draft Redlands Coast Transport Strategy for community engagement (see below) and the Education and Training Industry Sector Plan 2018-2023, which supports the delivery of Council's economic development framework.

We also launched the *Redlands Coast - naturally wonderful* brand which will help us to better realise tourism and business opportunities, leading to more local jobs for young Redlanders.

This year we also saw specially trained koala detection dogs and their expert handlers start a city-wide Koala Population Assessment as part of Council's five-year Koala Conservation Strategy. This project is seen as a critical step in understanding koala density numbers, health, population size and survival rates, population genetics, and identifying important Redlands Coast koala habitat.

Meanwhile, I have been heavily involved in work to enhance our established wildlife corridors, providing improved habitat and safe passage for native animals.

As always, I am keen to hear your thoughts on these and any other issues which affect our area. Your feedback is important to me. I value and appreciate your compliments, suggestions or complaints as they help me to help our community. I am available on Facebook Councillor Paul Golle, email paul.golle@redland.qld.gov.au and mobile 0438 117 265.

I was also pleased to be able to help a range of local community groups through my Councillor small grants program through the year and I am always keen to hear about worthy projects which meet the criteria for assistance.

With this time of year often bringing severe weather events and the risk of fires, I have provided some tips on how to be properly prepared on the back of this newsletter.

Cr Paul Gollè - Division 3



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Transport strategy update

Council is keen to hear your views on the city's future transport needs. With community engagement on the Draft Redlands Coast Transport Strategy now underway, we are keen for feedback through yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au.

One of the key things we want your input on is the prioritisation of projects.

This strategy will guide how and where Council spends your rates: on local road upgrades, cycle ways or programs designed to change

travel behaviour for example. It also will guide which state roads, state infrastructure and state services Council will advocate for upgrade, duplication, extension or improvement of and their order of priority.

The draft strategy was guided by engineers, transport and urban planners, futurists and other experts - and we listened to what the community told us at transport forums, and through other community consultation activities. But it is important that you tell us whether we have got it right.

There is a copy of the draft strategy on the website, as well as an interactive map where you can make comments about certain locations in our transport network. You also will find a survey and fact sheets. Pop-up engagement sessions are also continuing for residents to get information on this strategy, which will affect everyone who visits, works, or lives in our great city.

I encourage you to write a formal submission to Council if you would like to contribute to our planning for the city's future.



REDLANDS COAST... BE BUSHFIRE & STORM SAFE



Time to 'Get Ready' for summer

Summer regularly brings significant weather events and bushfires to Redlands Coast, showing that we are not immune from potential natural disasters.

With the Bureau of Meteorology expecting hot conditions this year, and with severe storms and an ever-present fire risk over the next several months, all residents should take time to make their homes ready.

You may not live in a bushfire or flood-prone area but that doesn't mean there is no chance of a disaster which might force you to quickly evacuate your home.

To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au.

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through Council's website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio.

Council's news and social media feeds are well worth following to stay up to date with the latest information. I trust you will find the information here useful.

Ten things you must include

Your emergency kit should contain:

- a portable radio with spare batteries
- a torch with spare batteries
- a first-aid kit
- candles and waterproof matches
- a waterproof bag for valuables
- important documents including emergency contact numbers

If evacuation is likely or required:

- a good supply of any prescribed medications
- any special requirements for babies, the disabled, infirm or elderly
- strong shoes and protective clothing
- food and drinking water



We are approaching bushfire and storm season, so it is important to plan for both.

- Prepare a family emergency plan
- Prepare your home to minimise damage

Redland City Council's disaster management plan provides information on how to prepare for and recover from a disaster.

The plan can be viewed and downloaded from redlandsdisasterplan.com.au

Assembling an evacuation kit

I want you to consider putting together an emergency evacuation kit containing the items that you will need should you be forced to relocate. Here is a list of essential items that you can personalise to suit your own requirements.

Medical: Prescriptions, medicines, Medicare number, contact details of your local doctor, puffers, spare glasses, a clear account of any special medical needs that you may have.

Documents: Passport, driving licence (copy), Medicare card (copy), bank account details, credit card numbers, birth certificate, copy of your will, list of critical telephone numbers.

Insurance: Policy documents including vehicle and or boat policies.

Clothing: Sufficient for five to 10 days (include comfortable shoes). Remember personal items such as a toothbrush, comb and toiletries.

Irreplaceable items: Photographs (scan irreplaceable memories onto a memory stick), jewellery (heirlooms such as grandma's wedding ring).

Things to consider: A few good books, transistor radio and batteries and diaries.

There are other things that you might consider important enough to include in your kit, but the main thing is to be prepared. We all hope that we will never need to grab the kit and run, but if the day ever does arrive, you will be so relieved that you have everything ready to go.

Here's a tip! Keep your kit somewhere accessible but secure - you do not want it falling into the wrong hands.

The Redlands Disaster Plan website contains suburb-specific emergency information and advice for Division 3 residents, so check it out at redlandsdisasterplan.com.au

We're all in this together disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Illegal 'car yards' and signs in sights

Car owners who park their vehicles on Council land advertising them for sale risk a \$261 fine.

The practice is prohibited for good reason. It is considered necessary for public safety as well as for aesthetics. Drivers stopping to inspect the cars can also cause significant issues.



It is a similar story with illegally placed signs on fencing and telegraph poles.

There has been a spike in corflute signs being attached to telephone poles, in particular. In the first instance, Council will contact those using the sign and advise that they will need to be removed.

If there is no compliance, Council will take steps to confiscate the sign and consider issuing fines of \$652 for each sign.

Council's holiday closures

Phone services: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8am Tuesday 2 January.

Cleveland and Capalaba Customer Service Counters: Closed from 4.30pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 8.30am Tuesday 2 January.

Victoria Point Customer Service Counter: Closed from 5pm Monday 24 December, re-opening 9am Tuesday 2 January.

For urgent assistance over the closure, please call 3829 8999.