



# News from your Local Councillor

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## Resurfacing roads in Redland Bay

Roads are a very expensive infrastructure asset and it is important that we keep them in good condition.

Currently a number of roads are being resealed in Redland Bay. Those recently resealed are: the Esplanade from Moores Road, Auster Street, Oakland Avenue, Michael Street, Mark Street, Rusbrook Street, Shanahan Street and June Street.

This forms just part of a wider asset maintenance program. This is expensive work, and sometimes residents question why the work is being done as the road looks fine.

The condition of a road relies on the ability of the top surface, the bitumen, to maintain a waterproof barrier from the form of the road beneath.

The main cost in road construction is from preparation and compaction of road bases beneath the tarred surface. Water erodes this structure if the surface is not maintained.

So while your road may appear to look in good condition, Council needs to periodically resurface the top to ensure the road maintains its integrity.

## Grant supports local fishing club



The lights are on and fresh painting completed at the new first-floor extensions to Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club thanks to a Councillor Small Grant.

The extension offers wonderful bay views and a great place to relax.

The club is keen to welcome new members and guests, and regard their great waterfront location as something the whole community can use.

The building would be a great place to hire for a function and the fenced grounds offer plenty of off-street parking.

If you are interested in learning more about this great community club, go to [www.rbafc.org.au](http://www.rbafc.org.au)



COMMUNITY: With Redland Bay Amateur Fishing Club members, from left, vice-president George Kuropka, building co-ordinator Mick Kolodka, president Danny Salfus and building co-ordinator Gina Kolodka.





## Good sports

Victoria Point Magic Football Club, which plays at the Donald Road Sports Field at Redland Bay, has a large and growing membership.

The club's success has placed demands on them to provide more equipment to train their players. To assist the club, a Councillor Small Grant has been provided to enable them to buy a trailer and moveable goal posts that can be used for training sessions.

I thank Councillors Julie Talty (Division 6) and Lance Hewlett (Division 4) who shared with me in the funding of the grant so that our local youth have the resources available to help them in their sport.

Victoria Point Magic Football Club has members across the Redlands and encourages everyone to come along and enjoy being a member. For more details go to their website at [vpmagicfc.com.au](http://vpmagicfc.com.au)

Meanwhile, AFL fans will have a place to play and practise with goal posts to be installed at Redland Bay's Sel Outridge Park.

They are expected to be in place by the end of November, weather willing.

## Dealing with midges

Midges literally come with the territory in our wonderful part of the world.

Unfortunately there is little councils can do about them, as there are no midge-specific insecticides available and, even if there were, it would be nigh on impossible to treat larvae that are living in mud, unlike mosquitoes which breed in water.

Intertidal habitats, especially those associated with mangroves, are protected under State Government fisheries legislation and general insecticides cannot be used in these areas. This is because most of these

insecticides are highly toxic to fish and crustaceans and their use could easily lead to fish kills.

There are no products registered in Australia for the control of intertidal biting midges in natural habitats such as mangroves. And, unfortunately, there are no other scientifically proven, environmentally appropriate and cost-effective ways to manage midges.

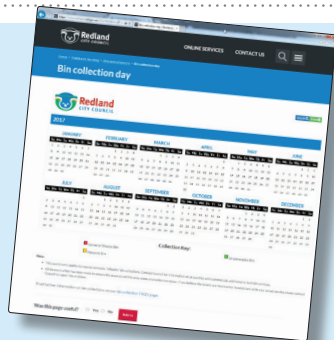
Council does, however, partner with industry research bodies and other councils to keep up to date with the latest research and practices.

## Never miss bin day

"When is my bin collected?" is one of the most frequently asked questions by residents.

To help, Council has launched an online "When Is My Bin Day?" calendar, which can be accessed on your desktop, mobile, tablet and is printer friendly.

You can access the online bin collection calendar [www.redland.qld.gov.au/binday](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/binday)



## Time to 'get ready'

As we head into summer, ask yourself: "Am I ready for storms and bushfires?"

Dry conditions in the lead-up to the season, coupled with a Bureau of Meteorology outlook of up to four cyclones forming over the Coral Sea between now and April, means it is important to be prepared for all weather conditions.

Simple tasks you can do today to keep you and your loved ones safe include:

- Clearing debris from roof gutters and cleaning up your yard;
- Creating an emergency evacuation kit with all the essentials in one easy-to-access spot, and;
- Having a plan for what you'd do and where you'd go in an emergency to protect yourselves and the things that are important to you.

Info: [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au)

## Get in the festive spirit

Redland City Council has an awesome community Christmas celebration planned for this year.

The first major event will be the lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Cleveland's Library Square, on the corner of Bloomfield and Middle streets, from 5pm-7.30pm on Friday, 1 December.

You are all welcome to come along to celebrate the beginning of the festive season, with a heap of free Christmas fun and entertainment planned. The event will include the Twilight Makers Market, "Christmas on Bloomfield", from 4pm.

Then Christmas by Starlight, the Redlands' biggest free community event, returns to Norm Price Park - Redlands Showgrounds in the heart of the city on Saturday 16 December. From 3pm-8pm, the park at Long Street, Cleveland, will host a wide range of free activities, including a children's show, traditional Christmas carols and fireworks. As usual, there will be a wide selection of food vendors.

## 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.

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