



News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Julie Talty

November 2017



Get in the festive spirit

Locals have some awesome community Christmas celebrations planned for this year.

The Mount Cotton Community Christmas Party is on November 26. There will be all the usual fun and fare at Mt Cotton Park into the evening, plus a great line-up of performers.

Then you are all welcome to celebrate 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.

A variety of free Christmas fun and entertainment has been planned.

The event will include the **Twilight Makers Market**, "Christmas on Bloomfield", from 4pm.

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.

Keep an eye on council's Facebook page and our website at www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs for updates.



GET READY: It's clean-up time.

Protecting residents from fire risks

Council is committed to helping residents reduce the risk of bushfire with work now well underway on 52 of the Fire Management Review's 56 recommendations.

The other four recommendations from the report handed down in July depend on the finalisation of other work.

Council has worked closely with the community to encourage the spring cleaning of properties and has found residents are very responsive. There have been significant improvements.

Council also continues its own program of fuel reduction burns and maintenance such as slashing and mowing. Officers also have been speaking with residents about what to do to in case of a fire.

Other initiatives include simplified disaster management plans and improvements to Council's "Red-e-Map" service, which allows users to check their risk of bush fire and the location of evacuation centres.

A specialist advice service is available with QFES officer Graham Wells willing to visit individual properties to advise on fire risk and property management plans. He can be contacted on 0457 821 919.

Good sports

Councillor Small Grant funding has been allocated to Victoria Point Soccer Magic to get a new barbecue trailer that will replace this old barbecue and trailer.

Other groups to benefit from the Division 6 small grant fund include

Mount Cotton Scout Group, Mount Cotton Hall Association, Mount Cotton Community Fellowship's community Christmas party, Muddies Cricket and Recreational Club, Old School House Gallery, Bayside Blues Festival and Redland Bay Uniting Church Seniors Football.





Riders on a roll

The Chicks in the Sticks three-hour enduro event at Mt Cotton's Karingal Scout Camp has helped build the Redlands' reputation as a mountain biking destination.

It adds to the success of RATS Cycling Club, whose Bayview Blast has won a spot in the five-event National Marathon Series for 2018. The Bayview Trail Park is well and truly on the map and is becoming an important and popular venue for local and visiting riders.



HELPING HAND: Presenting the sponsorship grant for Chicks in the Sticks 2017.



READY, SET: I was thrilled to start the women's endurance event at Chicks in the Sticks.



Stepping out

Redland Bushwalkers had a great time during their recent climb to the top of Mount Cotton.

Among them were: Betty, Bev, Carmel, Colin, George and Gayle, Gai, Geoff, Hilary M, Jene, Judy, Julie, Laurel and Rob, Leah, Lynn and Peter, Malcolm, Michael, Nooshin, Patricia, Tracy and Tuija.

Council's holiday closures

Phone services:

Closed from 5pm Friday 22 December, re-opening 8am 2 January, 2018

Cleveland and Capalaba Customer Service Counters:

Closed from 4:30pm Friday 22 December, re-opening 8:30am 2 January, 2018

Victoria Point Customer Service Counter:

Closed from 5pm Friday 22 December, re-opening 9am 2 January, 2018

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

Wild encounters

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



Merry Christmas and stay in touch

I would like to wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. I look forward to serving you in 2018 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.

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