



# News from your **Local Councillor** Cr Paul Gleeson

November 2017



## 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.

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.

Keep an eye on council's Facebook page and our website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs) for updates.



## 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)

## Rhodes decision a huge win for residents

Seven years on, the residents of Capalaba's Aramac Court, Holland Crescent, Almara Street and surrounding areas have had a great win relating to the Rhodes development.

What was originally a 271-unit, six-story development involving six buildings has been significantly amended thanks to community concerns, negotiations and goodwill on all sides.

The developers have now applied for a number of changes, with plans for one more six-story building facing Moreton Bay Road to join the one already built, with three-story townhouses in the centre of the complex and two-story townhouses along the southern boundary to reduce overshadowing.

The number of units has been reduced by almost half to 139, substantially reducing concerns about the impact on traffic and parking in the area.

This proposed change is a great result for the community and I thank the developers for hearing residents' concerns and going against the trend of increased development.

It has been a long process since I met with the developers in 2014 expressing local concerns about the project's overshadowing of existing townhouses and its potential to cause parking and traffic congestion in what already is a busy area.

In other good news for the area, Holland Crescent, Aramac Court and Almara Street are about to be resurfaced.





## Keeping mozzies at bay

Redland City Council is committed to delivering a year round, best practice mosquito management program that is safe for the environment and for residents to manage mosquito numbers.

Council conducts regular ground and aerial treatments and pre/post treatment field surveys for mosquitoes. Specialised equipment such as quad bikes, Argo and granule spreaders are necessary to ensure the ongoing management of mosquito numbers.

Rain, coupled with warmer weather, has provided ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes but there are measures people can take to protect themselves.

Council will increase its inspections of known breeding sites and we encourage everyone to do the same in their own backyards.

Mosquitoes are endemic in our coastal environment and it is impossible to eradicate them completely, but everyone in the community can take simple steps to assist Council in our efforts to reduce numbers.

Council spends about \$845,000 on the Mosquito Management Program annually but does allocate more when necessary.

During 2016-17, we did 24 aerial treatments covering about 12,500ha and another 357ha by ground application.

So far this financial year, there have been four aerial treatments and these will continue throughout the breeding season when our surveillance identifies breeding occurring in treatment areas.



We treat these areas by helicopter as they are large, and at times, inaccessible. We conduct ground treatments constantly where we can get in safely with our equipment and where we identify breeding.

But we need residents to also do their bit. People are often surprised how little water it takes for mosquitoes to breed – even the water at the bottom of a pot plant base is enough.

Please check your yard, emptying water pooling in items such as toys, boats, fallen palm fronds, blocked roof gutters and old tyres. It's also timely to check your insect screens are in good condition and, in areas where mosquitos and biting midges are particularly prevalent, consider treating screens with a UV stable insecticide.

Council's mosquito team targets mosquito larvae or "wrigglers" before they can fly and bite and has an inspection program to monitor larvae numbers and the efficacy of our treatments. But they are unable to treat biting midge larvae, as there is no environmentally approved and cost effective way to do so.

## Bin day app

"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. Simply choose your address from the menu to check your collection day. Residents can access the online bin collection calendar, on Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/binday](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/binday)

## Wild encounters

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



## Christmas Wishes

This will be the last newsletter before Christmas so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful and safe Christmas.

To keep in touch throughout the festive season, please 'Like' my Facebook page at

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## Graffiti gone

Help us manage graffiti by notifying Council as quickly as possible. Download the handy VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button. You also can call or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334 or email [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au).

## 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.**