



# News from your Local Councillor

## Cr Paul Gollé



### A Christmas message from my family to yours

Christmas brings family and friends together and helps us to appreciate the love in our lives we can often take for granted. May the true meaning of this Christmas season fill your heart and home with many blessings!

Once again, thank you for supporting me this year and please have a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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*BEST WISHES: The Golle family hopes you have a great Christmas.*

### It's time to 'Get Ready'

While we were relatively unscathed by last year's storm season, we should not become complacent.

As the few summers before that showed, we are not immune to significant and damaging weather events and bushfires.

This year, the Bureau of Meteorology is expecting an active storm season, so it is important that residents take the time now to ensure their homes, family and neighbours are prepared.

The wetter-than-average winter has resulted in high moisture levels in the soil below ground level, meaning that the threat of flash flooding will be significant if the long-range forecast holds true.

The weather experts say the storm threat is also higher than average and that we can expect the formation of quite a few cyclones in and around the Coral Sea this season.

Heat waves – classified as three or more days of high temperatures – are also likely this summer, so remember to keep an eye on more vulnerable family and friends. If you have an elderly family member or neighbour make sure they are also prepared, especially for the heat.

To ensure you can be best prepared, check out the information at [www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlanddisasterplan.com.au).

The Redland Local Disaster Management Group will continue to be vigilant and provide information through its website, social media, 612 ABC radio and Bay FM radio and it would be well worth connecting with Council's social media feeds so you can keep up to date with the latest information.

Please 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:

#### 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





## Keeping dogs under control

Dogs being walked off-leash are a constant source of complaints in our division.

I would like to remind dog owners that, in the interests of public safety and community wellbeing, they are obliged at all times to keep their dogs restrained unless in a designated off-leash area.

While the Redlands values responsible pet ownership, we also support the rights of others who may feel uncomfortable in the presence of unrestrained dogs. While many owners may believe their dog is well trained and friendly, others can become concerned by even small dogs.

Remember, it is the obligation of owners to ensure their dogs do not attack or frighten people or other animals. And please carry a bag or container and pick up your doggie do when in a public place.

Dog owners must keep their furry friend's barking to a minimum and walk their dog on a lead at all times, unless in a designated off-leash area.

Council's animal management team is happy to help both pet owners and other residents with advice.

On-the-spot fines do apply in all instances.

If you want more information, check out Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for advice. It's under "animals and pets".

## Out and about



*COMMUNICATION: I find the best way to seek community input is to get out on the streets and speak to residents.*



*ADVENTURE: There were some anxious moments as parents said goodbye to their Faith Lutheran College Year 9 sons and daughters who were headed to Mount Binga for four weeks. The students stayed on a working farm at Blackbutt, swapping the internet for plenty of hard work and self-growth.*



*HEALTHY MESSAGE: In partnership with the Department of Education and Training and Metro South Health Alliance, Faith Lutheran College is providing a seamless pathway into health professions through its Health Hub.*



*GOOD SPORTS: Heather Ballinger of the Jillaroos national rugby league team was special guest at Redlands Junior Rugby League's end-of-year presentations. An awesome ambassador for women's sport, she caught up with our stars of the future.*



## Help make a difference

I would like to bring to your attention a matter of concern to the Redlands. Homelessness is on the rise and we can make a difference. By simply purchasing or donating a backpack bed (pictured) to Swags for Homeless, you can make all the difference to someone's life.

If you can, please support this worthy cause as together we can make a difference. Go to [swags.org.au](http://swags.org.au) for details.

## Keeping mozzies at bay

The management of mosquitos in the Redlands falls to a dedicated team of professionals who have access to boats, a helicopter and other materials to manage this challenge.

Our staff conduct regular exchanges with leaders in the field to keep up to date with modern preventative medicine.



*BUZZING: On mozzie patrol recently.*