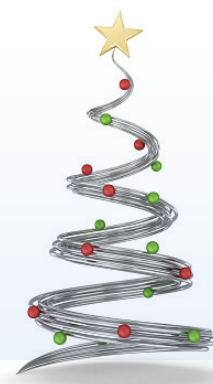




A message from the Mayor

Cr Karen Williams



November 2021

Let's celebrate at our five-night Christmas festival

As another COVID-affected year comes to a close, I would again like to thank you for the role you have played in helping to safeguard our community and to wish you a merry Christmas and all the best for the year ahead.

I would also like to invite you to a special five-day festival of Christmas presented by Council so residents can celebrate and enjoy the spirit of the season with family and friends. The festival at Raby Bay Harbour Park from Wednesday 15 December to Sunday 19 December will include an exciting program of festivities delivered in a COVID-safe way. The program will combine the annual lighting of the city's Christmas tree and

carols concert. Each night there will also be performances by some of the region's talented singers and entertainers, as well as fun Christmas activities and rides. There will be a range of local food trucks and market stalls.

Being spread over five days will help to ensure we all can celebrate the holiday season in a COVID-safe way. Keep an eye on redland.qld.gov.au/Christmas for information on how you and your families can be part of the big celebration.

It is a small way that we can thank each other for the way we rallied. To build on that spirit of community, I also encourage you to "buy local" wherever possible this festive season as it will do much

to help ensure a bright start to 2022 for our community by supporting local employment.

May you and your families have a great holiday season. Please stay safe, ensure your homes are ready for storm season, take special care on the roads and keep up to date with the latest COVID advice. I look forward to working with you next year to make our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast everything you want it to be.

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FUN: With Cr Peter Mitchell at the upgraded Cleveland Point Recreation Reserve.



ROLLING: The upgraded BMX track at Wellington Point's Apex Park.



GAMES: Alexandra Hills' Hanover Drive Park is now more inviting for local families.

Summer brings our parks to the fore

We are fortunate to have so many wonderful parks, beaches, bush trails, sports fields and green spaces to enjoy during the summer holiday season. They are very much central to our lifestyle.

In this and the last financial years alone, more than \$20 million will have been invested by Council just to improve existing community parks and sports fields, earning Redlands Coast a reputation for having some of the region's best parks.

This year the transformation of Thornlands Community Park continued with the addition of a shaded fitness area, agricultural-themed play space and picnic facilities. We opened our first disc

golf course at Alexandra Hills' Valentine Park, while Hanover Drive Park, also at Alexandra Hills, became our first to feature dedicated parkour facilities.

We saw fun upgrades in a neighbourhood pocket of Redland Bay at Azure Park and added even more excitement to Wellington Point's Apex Park, with new amenities, picnic facilities and improvements to the BMX track. New tennis and cricket facilities are being enjoyed at Thorneside's William Taylor Memorial Sports Field, with further improvements in the planning, and Cleveland Point Recreation Reserve had a facelift with new barbecues and playground equipment.

A number of parks benefitted from improvements under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program, including Capalaba Regional Park, Birkdale's Judy Holt Recreation Reserve, Alexandra Hills' Valentine Park and Victoria Point's Les Moore Park.

Work on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands included Russell Island's Jackson Oval, also through LRCI funding. Designs have also been completed for Lamb Island's Pioneer Park and tennis courts, Bay Island Memorial Park and for the future upgrade of Lions Boulevard Park on Russell Island. There are also some amazing recreational developments on the way (*see next page*).

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SPLASH: Fun water play is part of the vision for the Redlands Coast Adventure Sports Precinct.

Exciting times as recreation precincts take shape

I am particularly excited by what the 62ha Birkdale Community Precinct and the 101ha Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct, on Heinemann Road, Mount Cotton, will offer our community.

The Birkdale Community Precinct will become one of our most significant lifestyle assets, with Council's formal adoption of the vision document in August taking us another step towards the creation of this special community heart for Redlands Coast.

It is the preferred site of the proposed integrated Redlands Coast Adventure Sports Precinct, which will include a contemporary aquatic centre with a competition-level Olympic-standard pool, ancillary pools and fun water play area, as well as an Olympic-standard whitewater facility capable of international competition and swiftwater rescue training.

Possible features include an inflatable water playground and stand-up paddle boarding in the lagoon area of the facility, with adjacent beach and lawned areas. What is even more exciting about the whitewater venue is that it will be a legacy facility for generations to come, helping to meet the recreational, social and emergency training needs of our community.

Our vision places the Redland Whitewater Centre – which will be an event venue for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games – in an existing cleared area adjacent to the aquatic centre and with the area possibly having canoe access to Tingalpa Creek. It takes up just a small portion of the overall site. Council is now working on a

master plan for the precinct which is shaping up to potentially be one of this city's finest achievements.

The Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct, on Heinemann Road, will be the new state-of-the-art home for local sports clubs, with three new clubhouses, 16 sporting fields, cycling and BMX tracks and first-class recreation facilities. The project recently reached another milestone, with Council selecting Brisbane consultancy Bligh Tanner to deliver the project's detailed design and shovel-ready plans.

Over the coming year, we will see refined designs for this new home for Redlands BMX Club, Redlands Cycling and Multisport Club, Redlands Touch Association and Redlands Rugby League Club and other great recreation spaces.

These will include a regional-level play experience with water play and pump track; a kick-about area that could be used for events or fitness classes; boardwalks through wetland areas; and walking, horse riding and cycling trails funded by the Queensland Government's South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program in association with Council.



SPORTING: The Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct will be local clubs' state-of-the-art home.

Olympics well worth cheering

The Olympics are coming to Redlands Coast in 2032.

With Brisbane being named as host city for the Games of the XXXV Olympiad, we have been named as an event venue city for the canoe slalom events.

This is a fantastic opportunity, not only for locals to enjoy the spectacle and excitement of a Games event right in our city's backyard but also to showcase our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast to the world. Importantly, it can be the catalyst for important, long-awaited transport infrastructure - in particular, the much-needed duplication of the Cleveland railway line and the completion of the Eastern Busway to Capalaba.

It is also anticipated that about 150 jobs could be sustained through the building and delivery of the adventure sports precinct and Olympic and Paralympic facilities, with an annual contribution of \$52 million to the local economy. Similar Olympic facilities elsewhere have demonstrated substantial local community and economic benefits during construction and when operational.

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