



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Julie Talty, Deputy Mayor

Division 6: Mount Cotton/Redland Bay



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### Dear resident,

Thank you for all that you have done to make our community better throughout the year and best wishes for a safe and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Whether you and your family are taking a well-earned break or will be working through the holiday season, I hope you stay well and enjoy all that life on Redlands Coast has to offer.

As we enter our peak storm and bushfire risk season, please remember to ensure that your family and your home are prepared. Be fire and storm aware, have evacuation kits prepared and brief everyone on your plans. We hope you never need to use them, but it pays not to leave it until you hear there is a storm or fire on the horizon. To ensure you can be best prepared, information for all residents and visitors to Redlands Coast is available at [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au)

I am grateful for the way you have worked with Council to keep our community safe through another challenging COVID-affected year.

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from 5pm on 24 December 2021 and will reopen on Tuesday 4 January 2022. This includes our Customer Service Centres and libraries.

If you need urgent assistance for an issue that may pose an immediate risk to Council's services and significantly impact residents' amenity or capacity to access services, then please call our main number 3829 8999 and you will be redirected as we will have crews on call. I will do my best to also be available if you need me. For non-urgent matters you can email [julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:julie.talty@redland.qld.gov.au)

Stay safe, take care and have a very Merry Christmas.

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### How our garden has grown!

Many locals came together in October to celebrate the long-awaited opening of the Redlands Coast Salad Bowl Community Garden and to sign up for membership of the garden group.

The community garden in Fielding Park, Redland Bay, has been built by volunteers, with donations and support from local businesses and Council.

The garden features many elements that reflect the farming history of southern Redland Coast, with families descended from the original farmers who settled the area donating funds and display items.

Hundreds of locals turned out to enjoy the new community space, which provided an opportunity to view the large farm history display, while enjoying an afternoon tea donated by local businesses Supa IGA Mount Cotton and Crusty Edge Bakery.

A management committee is being formed to set a calendar of fun and interesting events, with members able to garden in their own allocated plot at the garden, or garden at home while enjoying talks and opportunities to join with like-minded gardeners for social connection.

The garden was officially opened by Mayor Karen Williams and myself and we helped to plant the first tomato plants in the raised garden. The new community space was blessed by local resident Shemaine, who performed a traditional smoking ceremony on behalf of the Quandamooka traditional owners.

The attendees heard from volunteers of Community Connections and project



managers Craig Wilson and Craig Luxton about their experience in conceiving of and building the garden. Betty Goleby dedicated the arbour, which was constructed with donations from her family, to the memory of her husband John and his brother Ernie, who were both local farmers. Mrs Goleby revealed that the Goleby farm was the supplier of gladiolus for performer Barry Humphries, with the farm sending the famous flowers all over Australia and direct to London for his alter ego Dame Edna Everage.

If you would like to find out about joining the garden you can email [redlandssaladbowl@gmail.com](mailto:redlandssaladbowl@gmail.com) or find them on Facebook.



*GROWING: It was a great turnout for the opening of the Redlands Salad Bowl Community Garden, where Betty Goleby (top) dedicated an arbour and Mayor Karen Williams, colleague Cr Mark Edwards and I joined in the planting.*

## Eastern Escarpment a regional recreation destination

It is great to see the upgraded Redlands Coast Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area already being enjoyed by cyclists, bushwalkers, horse riders and nature lovers.

The major upgrade to this naturally wonderful 187ha area, bought by Council in 2008, has long been on Council's to-do list and was able to be brought forward as a result of the Queensland Government's COVID Works for Queensland funding.

It has made this area even more enticing to visitors while also helping to protect the region's biodiversity.

It was wonderful to meet rising mountain biking (MTB) star, 16-year-old Bailey Meares, and adaptive mountain biker (aMTB) Renee Junga at the recent media event. I am sure the track will inspire more future Olympians, with the popularity of the area greatly increasing since word got out about the new trails and facilities.

About 7km of trails have been upgraded and more than 13km of new trails created with new wayfinding signage, along with new viewing opportunities out to Moreton Bay. New trailhead facilities at Gate 2 (near Schoek Road) include a small sealed carpark, amenities, potable water and a shelter with signage incorporating a map.

As well as providing an improved experience for recreational users, the upgraded trails also provide better access for the effective management of weeds and fires in the reserve.



ON A ROLL: Bailey Meares, Lonnie Toia (RATS Cycling Club) and Renee Junga at the Redlands Coast Eastern Escarpment Hinterland Experience.

## High praise for our SES volunteers

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, hardworking group of SES volunteers on Redlands Coast who are willing to put the safety of others ahead of their own.

They have proved yet again to be exceptional at what they do, with Redland City State Emergency Service Unit volunteers scoring a state award and six regional awards during the recent SES Week, which acknowledges the outstanding service SES volunteers provide to their own and other communities during times of crisis.

Local Alex Johnson, of the Redland Bay SES Group, deserves a huge pat on the back after being named not only the Brisbane Region Volunteer of the Year for his distinguished service but also the Queensland Volunteer of the year. Alex was recognised for his leadership, dedicated service to the community and for continually developing the knowledge and skill level of fellow members, providing the service with longevity.

The Redland City SES Unit was also highly commended.

In the past 12 months or so, the unit's members attended 490 jobs, from land searches for missing people, responding to storm damage, supporting police

with COVID-19 border security, assisting Queensland Health with COVID-19 vaccination and testing hubs, community support and public education.

The commitment of these volunteers to our community safety was supported by the opening of the Redland Bay SES Group's new \$1.7 million purpose-built home base in May at Redland Bay Business Park. It was the result of a long-term plan to better equip and streamline our SES services to ensure they can better respond to incidents in our area and continue to be among the best in the state.



LOCAL HERO: Redland Bay SES Group volunteer Alex Johnson was awarded Queensland Volunteer of the Year at a regional SES Awards ceremony.

## Book a fire hazard inspection

Council, in partnership with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and the Rural Fire Service (RFS), is working across the city to carry out audits to help identify overgrown vegetation and anything that can increase fire hazard risks.

Officers from Council's Bushfire Hazard Reduction Team and QFES/RFS have been carrying out an audit program in Mount Cotton, visiting individual properties.

As well as encouraging households to check and maintain their property to ensure it does not have overgrown vegetation or a build-up of fuel load, the Bushfire Hazard Reduction Team and QFES/RFS will provide practical advice and direction on reducing fire risks.

To arrange a visit, email [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au) or call the Bushfire Hazard Reduction Team on 3829 8999.

## Anita Street pedestrian bridge update

The replacement of Redland Bay's Anita Street pedestrian bridge is expected to be completed around Christmas, weather and site conditions permitting.

I thank residents for their patience as the work to demolish and rebuild this vital link over Moogurrapum Creek, which connects the eastern end of Anita Street with the Pinelands Circuit Park and on to North Street, has progressed.

I know many residents have missed it since it had to be closed due to structural concerns, with its total replacement considered the best option.

Council was able to access the second phase of the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program to fund the project.

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