



# News from your local councillor

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### Yura fellow Redlanders!

This has been a busy year full of surprises. Fortunately, we live in a great part of the world and enjoy an enviable lifestyle by comparison with many other places.

I want to thank our many volunteers, frontline workers, teachers, emergency personnel, local entrepreneurs, employees and public servants for all the work you do for our community.

Best wishes also to graduating students and season's greetings to those who will soon enjoy the holiday season.

Please be storm safe, fire ready and consider home security plans for your property as we head into the summer months.

Feel free to reach out if I can be of assistance for Council or community matters.

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UPGRADE: Chelsea Road intersection and Rickertt Road Cycleway.

### Safety improvements at Thornside intersection

Due to popularity and increased appreciation for the open space area around Beth Boyd Park, I have asked officers to consider safety issues around the Mooroondu Road and John Street intersection.

It's a place where cyclists, pedestrians, motorists and people with diverse abilities like to access the park, beach, cafe, shops and coastal recreation areas. However, the

growing interest in our special corner of the world has also meant we need to be safe together and learn to adapt when the place gets busy with pedestrians.

Soon, the Brisbane City Council upgrade of the Rickertt Road Cycleway will open. It is likely there will be more cyclist movement through the area. As your representative, I have asked for changes to encourage safer movement through our city's north.

### Introducing the Northern Greenway

Imagine an extensive corridor where pedestrians, cyclists, mobility scooters and people with diverse abilities can move about the region. A connection away from busy traffic, on the way from home to work or school, shops, clubs, sport, recreation and community events. Or a place just to have fun!

Thanks to wise planning decades ago, recent advocacy from residents, Councillors, officers and co-funding from Council and the State Government, a series of planning projects are under way to deliver an active travel corridor that stretches east to west from the Birkdale/Quarry Road roundabout and south of the train line.

The future active travel "greenway" was originally earmarked as a road reserve about 50 years ago but will now suit increased pedestrian movement in a post-COVID world.

In future, the path is planned to join Quarry Road and extend west, crossing Collingwood and Pitt roads to Wellington Point Farm, then down toward Cleveland.

It will take years to design and deliver in full but will help to reduce traffic, increase safety, encourage social cohesion and offer healthy lifestyles for locals in our area.

Meanwhile, Birkdale's active transport network will soon get a boost. The Birkdale Active Pathway Upgrade,

which is part-funded by the Queensland Government, involves extending the existing shared pathway at the Judy Holt Recreation Reserve to the Tarradarrapin Creek Wetlands in the north and Allenby Road in the south.

This 2km shared pathway, planned to be delivered next year, will offer many benefits and demonstrates how Council is prioritising walking and cycling opportunities as outlined in the 2020 Redlands Coast Transport Strategy.

The pathway route has been assessed by engineers and designers to ensure active commuters have a safe and easy connection through Birkdale and along the natural Tarradarrapin Creek Wetlands environment.

## Beth Boyd Park and Queens Esplanade foreshore upgrades due in 2022

Work on these two significant local projects will begin around May, after years of planning and consultation with residents, and continue into 2023.

Improvements to the park and seawall, pictured, will be managed in a way that minimises impacts on local lifestyles and the natural environment.

In response to resident interest regarding matters of ecological, cultural and historic significance, educational elements will be integrated into the way-finding and place-making features. This will help people to enjoy the play experience and the importance of the unique ecosystem that is part of our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast.



## What kind of Olympics will you help to create?

The next decade will be tremendously important for our region with the Olympic and Paralympic Games headed here in 2032. Together we can design a regenerative Olympic and Paralympic Games by supporting ethical local enterprises which promote ecological sustainability, making sure that local dollars support local production, local consumption and local jobs as we drive value deep into our economy to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

We can each choose to support social, economic, environmental and cultural values and actions that regenerate and recirculate both money and meaning throughout the region to create a more robust and resilient society before, during and after the Games. Consider that there are students in schools today who we may help to be competitive athletes on international display within a decade. There are also local artists, creatives and storytellers whose work will be featured on the global stage by 2032. Investment starts with you. The Games are coming, play smart.


## You and democracy

We live in a great part of the world. People in our region really do care for one another and the place we call home. If you see something that you believe needs attention, make sure you raise the issue with the appropriate authorities. If you believe something needs to change, chat with others – see if they agree, work together to hatch a plan and let me know if I can assist or support your efforts in building community, while supporting locals to love where we live. Nothing changes unless someone does something.

In the words of Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world – indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

There are often limits to what is possible. Yet, where there is both common sense and community will, there is always a way to make change.

Let me know if you believe I can assist.

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