



News from your local councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Division 10: Birkdale/Thorneside



Yura fellow Redlanders!

We are fortunate to live within Quandamooka Country and so I wish to pay respect to Goempul, Nuugi and Nunuccal People whose ancestors have cared for this area over thousands of generations.

As the festive season draws near, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, your family and loved ones all the very best for summer - with a gentle reminder to make your home safe for storm season (www.getready.qld.gov.au).

Thanks to our many local community group volunteers, organisers, business owners, carers, teachers and emergency service personnel for your vital contributions which assist people in our area. To quote Kahlil Gibran, your "work is love made visible".

Thanks also to residents who have reached out to Council or myself when issues needed to be addressed within our neighbourhoods.

Remember, if you see a pothole, fallen tree, a sign down or another matter that needs reporting to Council, call 3829 8999 or email rcc@redland.qld.gov.au. Please include your name, phone number, address and details relating to the issue so officers can assess and assist. If you want to keep up to date with local issues, consider following [www.Facebook.com/CrPaulBishop](https://www.facebook.com/CrPaulBishop). To learn more about local groups, calendar events or my work, visit www.paulbishop.com.au. My mobile number and email address are on the back of this newsletter .

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Ahoy! Beth Boyd Park lovers

This summer will see works completed at Thorneside's favourite foreshore park (weather permitting).

The area has many unique natural features, extending to the west around Mooroondu Point, up Tingalpa Creek and east along Waterloo Bay to Aquatic Paradise.

Thanks to Council officers, contractors and residents who have patiently overseen this significant redevelopment project.

The upgrade will provide a range of active places and relaxing spaces for locals to enjoy by our beloved bay.

A reminder that dogs are prohibited from entering the foreshore area. This is an important feeding ground for indigenous and migratory shorebirds, which are protected species, so please take care.

Please remember that people live around the park and we all need it to be clean and tidy after use.



Return of Birkdale/Thorneside Community History Project

A few years ago, a number of residents joined together and convened a series of conversations about our local history.

If you are interested in working with a small keen group of local people to gather, collate and curate some local stories,

please let me know at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au. If there is sufficient interest, I will do what I can to support the process and reboot this project. I believe the past is a gift to the future in the form of the present.



LEGACY: Richard Randall, Self portrait n.d, oil on canvas. Randall Collection, 1925, City of Brisbane Collection, Museum of Brisbane

Remembering Richard Randall & Family

From Sunday 11 December to 22 January, Redland Art Gallery in Cleveland will present a series of art works by one of Australia's most famous Birkdale residents, Richard Randall (1869-1906).

The Randall family is important to the history of our area. Honouring their legacy, I will create a presentation about the Randall family and their connection with the pioneering Willard family. I will also feature some other famous Birkdale artists. Plans are to present it at Birkdale School of Arts Hall early next year.

Please engage with housing strategy

Recently, the State Government announced it would intervene to oversee Redland City Council's housing strategy. I have been advocating strongly on the need for meaningful consultation. State departments need to consider residents' views on matters such as lot sizes, housing diversity, limits to growth, access to transport, infrastructure and open spaces and ensure they are reflected in any proposed changes. I believe Redland City should not be treated in the same way as other regions. We have island issues and 335km of coastline, fragile environmental areas and a limited population base to manage costs and impacts. Growth targets need to be managed carefully. When the time comes, please share your clear views on what matters to you and our Redlands Coast lifestyle in future.

12 months of local community action

Will you help co-create a better future?

As your elected Council representative, I believe the most powerful force we have is our shared focus - the common interest. The best way to create common sense is by working together, especially in public.

After two years of COVID-19 disruptions, I would like to invite you to gather with other locals on the last Sunday afternoon of each month during 2023. Help build shared plans for a better future based on individual strengths as we shape our collective plans together.

Please come to join forces with good-hearted people from diverse backgrounds. We will work with Asset Based Community Development to focus on "what's strong" rather than "what's wrong".

Music and images created by some of our many talented artists will also be featured. (You may bring a gold coin donation.) People of all ages and cultures are welcome.

Questions:

- What you most love about our area?
- What concerns you most about the future?
- What would you most like to see change?
- What are you prepared to do about it?

This will be a democratic process Participants are invited to self-organise and cooperate in a respectful and inclusive manner as we explore positive pathways toward better futures.

It will be safe and fun.

Residents with community development skills are welcome to attend and offer support where appropriate.

Diary dates: 3-6pm Jan 29; Feb 26; Mar 26; Apr 30; May 28; Jun 25; July 30; Aug 27; Sep 24; Oct 29; Nov 26; Dec TBA. Call or email me for more details.



Time: 3pm-6pm Sunday 29 January. Last Sunday of the month in 2023
Place: Mooroondu Sport & Recreation Club, Thorneside
Bring: Plate to share and BYO cup for light refreshments

Age-friendly Redland City

Councillor Wendy Boglary and I recently attended an age-friendly awareness workshop for people considering retirement, ageing in place, residential care and end-of-life issues (pictured). There are many great social groups supporting residents, including Redland District

Committee on the Ageing (RDCOTA); Donald Simpson Centre; U3A and Star Community Services, to name a few. Please consider learning more about these helpful groups and exploring the many activities and events they provide. Search Community Support on Council's website.



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