



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Julie Talty, Deputy Mayor

Division 6: Mount Cotton/Redland Bay



Summer 2022



### Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and update you on what's happening in our division.

I am also thrilled to report that our Mount Cotton Community Christmas Party is back after a three-year COVID hiatus from 3.30pm on Sunday 27 November.

Supported by Council and some awesome local community business sponsors, it will be a very welcome opportunity to again get into the Christmas spirit and celebrate our wonderful community.

Let's make this year's event the best ever. Making it happen is a huge effort by a very small group. I would especially like to thank dedicated local resident and event coordinator Mrs Deb Wagner, who puts everything into this event just to see the joy and coming together of families at this special time of year. Parking will be limited, so please walk or arrange to be dropped off if you can. There is street parking on Hardwood Drive. Take a blanket or chairs, browse the food trucks, take a picnic, and enjoy the entertainment. Ride bands will be available for \$10. This is an alcohol-free event.

Redland Bay will not be missing out this Christmas with another chance to celebrate at the Redland Bay Village Christmas event on Saturday 3 December,

which is supported by Council through a Village Events and Activation Grant to the CAGE Youth Foundation. Special thanks to event coordinator Pastor Linda Grieve, who has many great things planned for this event which we hope becomes a tradition.

Christmas by the Bay, Redland Bay Village, will include live entertainment on stage, along with street entertainers, about 20 stall holders and Kids' Zone games.

Both of these events are sponsored by Council to support our community and local businesses. They raise much-needed funds for local not-for-profits and amazing community projects such as the Vanuatu Library Project and youth programs presented by CAGE.

As we enter our peak storm and bushfire risk season, please be proactive and take precautions now 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.

Being well prepared and having a plan ahead of the event, whether storm, fire or other eventuality, makes the difference.

Last year's severe weather events showed us we cannot be complacent. We hope you never need your emergency plan,

but don't leave it until you hear there is a storm or fire on the horizon to take action.

To ensure you can be best prepared, there is a quick guide on the back of this newsletter or you can go to **[disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au)**

During the holiday period, Council offices will close from 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

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 stay on the line to be redirected to the after-hours service 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)**

Whether you and your family are taking a break or will be working through the holiday season, please take care, stay safe, and have a fabulous Christmas.

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## Let's celebrate!

### Mt Cotton Carols in the Park

Sunday 27 November  
Mount Cotton Community Park  
3.30pm to 8.30pm

### Redland Bay Village Markets

Saturday 3 December  
Redland Bay Village, Stradbroke Street  
(with live performances and Kids' Zone)  
2pm to 6pm



## Community update

Work on a range of community facilities has been completed across the division recently, with other projects in the pipeline.

The upgrade at Redland Bay's Bankswood Drive Park will see residents enjoying new shade sails over the refreshed play space in this naturally beautiful neighbourhood park. Sandstone block retaining wall has been added to provide additional seating, along with a new drinking fountain and landscaping.

The shade sail at Mount Cotton Community Park has also been renewed in time for the warmer weather. Council is advancing plans for works at the park's dog off-leash area, as well as resurfacing of a section of Valley Way eastbound from Mount Cotton Road to Hardwood Drive.

The new bus shelter on Gordon Road, outside Redland Bay State School, was completed in time for the last term of the school year.

Sewerage work is planned to start early in the new year on Hardwood Drive.



*SUN SAFE: The new shade sails at Mount Cotton Community Park.*



*PLAYTIME: The upgrade at Redland Bay's Bankswood Drive Park.*

## Recognition for SES Unit

Redland City State Emergency Service (SES) Unit volunteers are always ready to assist during extreme weather events and disasters.

During the severe weather event last February and March, the unit received 430 calls for assistance and was also deployed to assist Moreton Bay unit in its storm and flood response.

The unit was recognised with two major state awards at the SES Week State Awards recently:

- Cleveland Group Leader Mitch Brushe was named SES State Member of the Year, and
- Redland City SES Unit was joint winner with Brisbane City SES Unit and Moreton Bay Regional SES Unit for Operational Response of the Year for service to the Brisbane Region community during the February 2022 severe weather and flood event.

In addition, a number of other Redland City SES Unit members were recognised at the 2022 Brisbane Region SES Awards.

This included:

- Meritorious Service Medals (MSM) – Peter Brown, Scott Chambers, Luke Forster, Laurence Holt and Robert Hurren
- MSM 20 years clasp: Raymond Melbourne
- SES Week Awards: Michael Ryan, Steven Hayes, Ricky Cook and Justin Kirkby

# PREPARE YOUR HOME AND A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

## Household tips

- Clean gutters and downpipes
- Secure loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

## Make a family emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch.
- Identify a safe place to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets.
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan.
- Have your bushfire survival plan ready.

Visit [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au) for more information.

## Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies.
- If you don't know who owns the property next door contact Council on 3829 8999 for their details.
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning **1300 885 698**.

## Be informed

Visit [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](http://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au) for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters. For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology [bom.gov.au/qld](http://bom.gov.au/qld)

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