



A message from the Mayor

Cr Karen Williams



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Merry Christmas Redlands Coast!

This has been a pivotal year for Redlands Coast with progress on a range of exciting projects that will bring benefits to residents for generations to come.

City-defining projects such as the Birkdale Community Precinct and the



Christmas on the Coast
Wed 14 – Sun 18 December
4.30pm – 9pm
Raby Bay Harbour Park

much-anticipated rejuvenation of the Capalaba Town Centre (see updates in this newsletter) are well on the way.

These will be massive assets for our community and Council has got on with getting the groundwork and planning done to ultimately provide residents with sporting, recreation and relaxation opportunities that were wishful thinking just a few years ago.

These projects will also stimulate our economy and create local jobs through attracting visitors and making it more attractive for local families to enjoy and invest in our own community.

In the meantime, I would also like to invite you to Christmas on the Coast 2022 – arguably the best five-day end-of-year celebration in our part of the world.

The festival at Raby Bay Harbour Park from Wednesday 14 December to Sunday 18 December will include an exciting program of festivities, combining the annual lighting of the city's Christmas tree and carols concert. There will also

be performances each night by some great local talent as well as fun Christmas activities and rides.

Running from 4.30pm to 9pm, there will be a range of local food trucks and market stalls, making it a wonderful opportunity for residents to enjoy the spirit of the season with family and friends. It's also a good way to support local traders and suppliers by picking up a Christmas gift or two.

Christmas on the Coast is a ticketed event, so bookings are essential. Tickets are \$5 per person, with children aged 12 and under free, with proceeds supporting local causes such as domestic and family violence support services. Each ticket includes free train travel to and from the event.

Check redland.qld.gov.au/Christmas for more information.

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Mayor of Redland City

Become a Secret Santa and let Redlands Coast seniors know that you care

Redland City residents can help local seniors enjoy a very merry Christmas by supporting STAR Community Services' annual Secret Santa appeal.

This annual initiative offers a way for locals to become Secret Santas for elderly residents who may be spending Christmas alone.

Council is helping STAR Community Services gather as many gifts as possible by having drop-off points at its Capalaba, Cleveland and Victoria Point libraries until 20 December 2022. You can donate a gift or non-perishable food item from 9am to

5pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturdays.

Last Christmas, thanks to the amazing generosity of our community, STAR Community Services were able to deliver more than 480 hampers, 992 gifts and 680 food items to elderly residents.

A simple gift such as socks, coffee, vouchers, pamper packs, hand cream, crockery or any non-perishable food item can help someone cope with the feeling of loneliness or social isolation, so why not be part of the initiative and let our elderly community know we care and are thinking of them.

Also check STAR Community Services' website at starcommunityservices.org.au for other drop-off points.

You can also make a monetary donation to the Secret Santa appeal online at givenow.com.au/starsecretsanta



SUPPORT: Redland City Mayor Karen Williams and STAR Community Services' CEO Patsy Wilshire.



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Capalaba Town Centre set to come alive

The Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project has taken another step forward with Redland City Council and the Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) entering into a development agreement with preferred development partner, Shayher Group.

This will pave the way for the revitalisation of the Capalaba Town Centre, bringing significant benefits to residents across the city.

Shayher Group presented an exciting and dynamic proposal that will bring much needed infrastructure, improve connectivity between the two shopping centres, creating a mixed-use precinct to become the civic heart of Capalaba, complemented with exemplar public spaces and improved street environments. It will



RENEWAL: An artist's impression of the future Capalaba Town Centre.

create a new town centre that is safe, activated, innovative and environmentally sustainable, using best practice architecture and sub-tropical design.

The Capalaba Centre Master Plan, adopted by Council in 2010, identified key areas of need at Capalaba including the need for an active town square, improved pedestrian movement and activating it as a primary employment, transit and mixed-use development centre with an after-hours economy.

The development agreement will see the delivery of this exciting landmark project that will incorporate a high-quality public realm including community assets such as a new library and community hall.

The next stages will include the detailed design and development applications.

The draft masterplan for the Capalaba Revitalisation Project can be found on Council's Your Say site.

Exciting milestone for Birkdale land

The New Year will bring with it an exciting milestone for Birkdale Community Precinct (BCP) with the release of the final Master Plan for this incredible site.

Covering 62 hectares, BCP will include Redlands Coast's first public swimming lagoon, food and entertainment hubs, a whitewater centre and adventure playground, bush trails with access to Tingalpa Creek for canoe and kayaking, cultural and environmental experiences and a circuit running track among other community facilities.

It will also feature and celebrate two heritage properties that exist on the site: the former World War II Radio Receiving Station, built by the US Army in 1943; and Willards Farm, one of the city's earliest homesteads and dairy farms with its collection of outbuildings.

The results of an extensive five-week community engagement campaign conducted in May-June this year by Council confirmed strong support for what is being delivered at BCP.

The extensive feedback and suggestions gathered through the consultation period was used to inform the upcoming final Master Plan which was delayed to provide time for further studies and reports to investigate these ideas.

The New Year also delivers the start of a new life for Willards Farm with work commencing on its multi-million-dollar restoration. Council is bringing this c1860s property back to its pioneer-era glory, including recreating the Victorian gardens that originally framed the homestead.

Help celebrate our community's local heroes

We are blessed with so many inspiring "local heroes" on Redlands Coast and, while they don't look for accolades, they are deserving of our acknowledgement.

One way we can celebrate what they do for our community is to nominate them for a 2023 Redlands Coast Australia Day award. It is a small reward for the invaluable efforts of those who help to bring a sense of community to our city.

There are nine categories recognising accomplishments such as working toward reconciliation with our Traditional Owners, caring for the environment or developing local cultural activities and projects.

If you know an individual or an organisation who has demonstrated achievements that have helped make a difference in our community, I encourage you to nominate them.

Online nominations are open for Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year (60 years of age or older), Young Citizen of the Year (30 years of age or younger), Local Hero, Reconciliation, Community Organisation, Cultural, Sports and Environment and Sustainability.

To make a nomination, visit Council's website. Nominations close on Friday 2 December 2022. Finalists will be notified and invited to attend the 2023 Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards.

Your code to a safer Redlands Coast

Council's emergency notification text and email messaging service can be a lifesaver but you need to subscribe if you want vital emergency news, weather warning updates and flooded road notifications delivered to your device. As chair of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) I cannot stress enough how important this service

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