



News from your local councillor

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Division 3: Cleveland/Thornlands/Victoria Point



Summer 2022

Dear resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents an extra-special and safe holiday season.

I also encourage all residents of Division 3 to please check in with friends and family or lend a hand or simply share a cuppa with an older neighbour.

This is especially important 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.

It is best to be prepared early as last year's severe weather events showed just what can happen.

To ensure you are on track, there is a handy guide on the back of this newsletter. Information is also available at disaster.redland.qld.gov.au.

Also, I remind residents that the quickest way to get action regarding state policing issues is to report them directly to the Queensland Police Service.

Always call 000 if there is a threat to your safety and you need police, ambulance or a fire crew to attend immediately. This applies when a crime is in progress, someone is seriously injured, a life is threatened or the offender is still in the area.



MERRY CHRISTMAS: Best wishes for the season from my family to yours

Non-urgent reports relating to hooning and anti-social behaviour can be made through the Policelink service, either online at police.qld.gov.au or by calling 131 444. You also can call the dedicated hoon hotline on 13HOON (134 666). Please provide as much information as you can.

Reporting incidents directly to police will help them to identify and target hotspots.

Non-urgent police matters can be reported to police online via the Queensland Police Service website or by phoning Policelink on 131 444 (24 hours, 7 days). You can also call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 if you have information about a crime.

Non-police matters can be reported to Council for action on 3829 8999. These include issues such as graffiti and vandalism of Council property (which can be reported via Vandaltrak mobile app), illegal dumping and littering, abandoned

vehicles and shopping trolleys, animal-related complaints, potholes and faulty street lights.

As always, where you need my assistance, I am available on email at paul.golle@redland.qld.gov.au or you can call me on 3829 8618.

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.

Again, I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and I look forward to working with you in 2023.

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Division 3

The beating heart of our arts scene

Our local Yurara Art Society has been a big part of our community for more than 60 years, making it the oldest on Redlands Coast.

Based at Pinklands, Thornlands, it has a strong membership who have long been at the heart of our community's thriving arts scene.

Supported by Council, Yurara Art Society has always had a policy of educating all members and non-members from beginners

to the more advanced and regularly run tutored classes and workshops with recognised artists.

There are opportunities to exhibit work in the monthly members' rotating exhibitions, as well as the major autumn, spring and small works exhibitions.

It is a place to socialise and to make new friends, with new members always welcome. You will find more information at www.redlandyurara.com



THRIVING: With Yurara Arts Society's Evelyn Kerlin.

GET READY FOR THE SUMMER STORM SEASON

Are you ready for this year's summer storms?

The Bureau of Meteorology is predicting above-average rainfall for spring and possibly into summer so now is the perfect time to ensure you, your home and your business are prepared for extreme weather.

The Get Ready Queensland campaign can be broken down to three simple steps: understand your risk, prepare a household emergency plan, and pack an emergency kit.

There are a number of things residents can do to prepare their homes for storm season:

- Clean gutters and downpipes so stormwater can drain quickly, but don't use a high-pressure water blaster on asbestos roofs
- Secure loose items around your property and garden (sheets of tin, trampolines)
- Have tarps available to use with sandbags if you are in an area prone to flooding
- Trim trees and overhanging branches around your property (check with Council first and be mindful of power lines)
- Install metal screens or shutters to prepare your home against embers
- Ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimize fire risk
- Make sure pumps or generators are working and ready if needed.

Council maintains a dedicated Redlands Coast Disaster Dashboard that provides practical information on preparing for, responding to and recovering from disaster.

This webpage is continually updated during a disaster with vital information on road closures, emergency contacts, Energex power outages, active evacuation centres and weather warnings.

Council also has an opt-in emergency notification messaging service – and residents can sign up to receive weather warnings, community alerts and flooded road notifications.

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

Changes to sandbagging station

Council has changed the way it distributes sandbags on the mainland ahead of this year's storm season

They are now available through Nuway Landscape Supplies at 249 Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Thornlands.

When Council announces sandbagging stations are activated (through its Facebook page and news site), residents will be able to collect six filled sandbags from Nuway upon presentation of identification such as a rates notice or driver licence.

To help with storm preparation, and when sandbagging stations are not activated, residents are encouraged to check with their local landscaping supplier or hardware store for availability of filled sandbags.

Council will open its South Street Depot in Cleveland for sandbag distribution, if needed, in a significant weather event.

Information on how to use sandbags to protect your home is available on the SES website.

LIVE 
STREAMING

Council to livestream all statutory meetings

Residents will be able to see their local Council in action more easily from 2023, when all statutory meetings will be livestreamed.

This will eliminate geographic and social barriers which may prevent people from attending meetings.

Since 27 June 2012, all statutory meetings of Council have been recorded, with the recording available on Council's website within a couple of days.

From January next year, our meetings will still be uploaded to the website but you will also be able to watch proceedings as they are occurring online.

More details will be provided ahead of the first meeting for 2023, on Wednesday 25 January.