



News from your local councillor

Cr Paul Bishop

Division 10: Birkdale/Thorneside



Dear resident,

As this year draws to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many residents who have reached out to me for assistance with Council matters, or to help make contributions in support of our community.

Special mention and appreciation to the many volunteers who support our local groups, schools and organisations that hold our local community together.

We live in a very unique part of the world and it means so much to have passionate citizens engaged in a wide range of activities and conversations that protect our values and enhance our culture.

From sport and recreation to arts activities, education and lifestyle opportunities for youth, families and seniors, there is so much on offer for residents to enjoy.

We also thank our Council officers, emergency services personnel and essential workers who keep us safe, healthy and informed about the things that matter to us all.

It remains my honour and privilege to work alongside the many folk who make a real difference every day.

As we enter the festive season, please remember to support local businesses and to “think local first”, when sourcing goods and services.

In case of extreme weather, please consider an emergency plan for your home, loved ones and neighbours.

Engaged residents are the eyes and ears of our community, so if you ever



see something in the public arena that needs Council attention, report it to Council on 3829 8999. Or you can send an email with your name, address and details to rcc@redland.qld.gov.au

If you wish to discuss a community matter, or other issue with me, please contact me at any time.

Have a wonderful festive season and I look forward to working with you in 2024 and beyond.

Respectfully,

Cr Paul Bishop – Division 10

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Birkdale Community Precinct update

Restoration work is in progress at Willards Farm Homestead as part of the Birkdale Community Precinct Master Plan. I want to assure you that I will continue to seek clarity on the financial impacts and advocate for information sharing about future costs, as well as plans for consultation and the preservation of cultural heritage, and environmental values.

These are all significant matters, for this place is of special community interest to past, present, and future generations.

I want to express my gratitude to the many residents who have contributed to protecting the site's values and raising awareness about its historical significance, which I believe will continue to resonate for years to come.

Supporting local action

It was great to see Birkdale's Craft Brew House music venue and bar win Business of the Year at the annual Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce's Redlands Business Excellent Awards, supported by Council.

Night Ninjas won the Redlands Champion Award, that celebrated their ongoing work supporting homeless people and hungry residents.

There is much good work taking place in our community, thanks to people with big hearts.



Cr Paul Bishop and Cr Wendy Boglary with Martin and Tracy Robson whose Birkdale business Craft Brew House was named 2023 Business of the Year; and Night Ninja's Kym Courtenay, Alix Russo and Gary Courtenay.

Diary notes:

- Redlands Coast Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Friday 1 December, 5pm to 8.30pm, Raby Bay Harbour Park, Cleveland
- Wellington Point Traders Christmas Fair, Saturday 2 December, 4pm to 9pm, Main Road, Wellington Point
- Christmas by Starlight, Saturday 16 December, 3pm to 8.30pm, Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland

Managing development and change

The Queensland Government is currently updating the SEQ Regional Plan and the Redland Housing Strategy. These changes could lead to new developments and potential changes in our city and local area.

If you're interested in specific proposed Development Applications (DAs), you can search for them by the property address at developmenti.redland.qld.gov.au

It's important to note that 'Code' assessable applications don't require public notification, while 'Impact' assessable DAs do require public notification, yet the assessment of submitted feedback is limited to specific planning matters.

However all feedback is valuable, as assessing officers do take residents' concerns into account for each application.



Your active participation will remain very important as we prepare to review the Redland City Plan in the next term of Council, from 2024 to 2028.

I will also be requesting Council invite public consultation at each stage of the next City Plan review process.

If you have any questions or concerns about development applications, please contact Council to have your voice heard, or you can reach me via email at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au



Upgrades welcomed for local parks

There are some great upgrades happening to parks in Division 10.

Among them is the William Taylor Sports Reserve at Thorneside that will receive a lighting upgrade this financial year.

The reserve is home to the Mooroondu Football Club and club members (pictured with Cr Bishop) have welcomed the news.

Meanwhile, Council contractors are demolishing and removing some run-down assets before installing new play equipment, including an ironbark obstacle course at the Macfarlan Street Park in Birkdale.

There will be new landscaping going in, including sandstone boulders, topsoil and turf, along with a new sand softfall and screening of existing sand.

The Macfarlan Street Park will have new signs, a tap with dog bowl, seats, swinging park gate, recycled plastic bollards and surface-mounted bollards.

It is hoped everything will be completed in the week before Christmas, weather permitting.

Fund to offer relief

Council's one-off \$500,000 Civic Support Fund aims to assist Redlands Coast residents who have been impacted by cost-of-living pressures.

Its intention is to support not only those who have been financially or materially impacted by rising costs, but those who have increased risk factors such as experiencing or at risk of homelessness or domestic and family violence.

The fund is open to eligible community organisations. Applications close 30 June 2024. More information is available on the Grants and Sponsorship page on Council's website.

Local roads and pathways update

Thanks to the residents who have raised issues relating to safety in our local area. Recent studies have focussed on safety issues and speed reviews in areas including:

- Charles Street, Quarry and Birkdale Roads
- Collingwood Road and Spoonbill Street intersection, with a speed review and focus on pedestrian movement, improved sight lines and line marking

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