



News from your local councillor

Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah edition



Christmas 2023

Dear Straddie resident,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and thank you for the way you have worked with myself and Council over the past year.

It takes genuine, open collaboration to work as a community for the betterment of that community, and I am always grateful of that wonderful spirit of cooperation we have on Minjerribah and right across Redlands Coast.

This time of the year offers us an opportunity to regroup and connect with what and who is important to us.

A couple of fantastic community events on the mainland that offer a great way to celebrate and share the festive spirit are the lighting of the Christmas tree in Cleveland on Friday 1 December and the return of Christmas by Starlight to the Redland Showgrounds on Saturday 16 December. Details for both of these events are available in this newsletter.

I also would like to remind you to try and buy local and support our island businesses whenever you can. These businesses always offer a top opportunity

to celebrate and purchase your Christmas gifts.

As we enter our peak storm and bushfire risk season, the other thing we need to remember is to be proactive and take precautions now to ensure that our families and homes are prepared. Be fire and storm aware, have evacuation kits prepared and brief everyone on your plans. To ensure you can be best prepared, go to disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Let's hope we have a safe and disaster-free holiday season, and please take care in all you do this season. Have fun and best wishes to all.

Cr Peter Mitchell
Division 2 – Island



Cultivating a vibrant arts community

Redland Performing Arts Centre is not only a fantastic performance venue but the hub for a number of initiatives that support a diverse range of landmark projects and local talent.

RPAC is collaborating with the community, including on Minjerribah, on a number of new projects for 2024-25 to honour First Nations stories, nurture emerging artists, and support Elders with creative and cultural development.

Council's PASSAGE Artist Development Program is about cultivating a vibrant arts community with grants and in-kind support being awarded to projects that showcase the rich talent and creativity on Redlands Coast and the broader south-east Queensland creative sector.

For more information about program funding for the 2023/24 financial year, go to rpac.com.au/PASSAGE or contact the RPAC Box Office on 3829 8131.

Meanwhile, a new round of grant applications for the 2023-24 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) will open in February. The RADF program supports both professional and emerging artists and arts workers on Redlands Coast.

One of the recipients in the 2022-23 RADF round was Nuigi Elder Uncle Norman Enoch (pictured) whose project will culminate in a series of books about brothers Goompi and Poypi and the lessons they learned growing up on Minjerribah.





The Christmas tree at Raby Bay Harbour Park; the popular Point Lookout Markets on Minjerribah; and Christmas by Starlight when it was last held at Redland Showgrounds in 2019.



Lighting the way for festive season

Redlands Coast will celebrate Christmas this year with a whole month of activities.

The annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree will be held from 5pm to 8.30pm on Friday 1 December at Raby Bay Harbour Park, Cleveland.

There will be free live entertainment, photos with Santa, a Christmas movie in the park, and the official lighting of the tree. It is a free event with no tickets required.

Many traders in Bloomfield Street will be open late until 8pm on the Friday night to help spread the festive spirit through the Cleveland village.

The Christmas in the Park at Cleveland Markets for 2023 will be held from 7am to 1pm on 24 December in Bloomfield Street.

Meanwhile, Christmas by Starlight returns to its original format and location this year on Saturday 16 December 2023,

from 3pm to 8.30pm, at Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland.

There will be live entertainment, free rides, Christmas merchandise stalls, food trucks, a visit from Santa Claus and Christmas carolling.

For the past three years the event had been subject to restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and had been a ticketed event held over five days at Raby Bay Harbour Park.

This year it returns to its original popular location at the showgrounds and will be free to all with no tickets required.

On the island, don't forget to check out the Sunday markets at Point Lookout in the lead-up to Christmas. There's even one planned for Christmas Eve in case you've really, really left your gift buying to the last minute!

Community grants

Over the past year, several community groups have benefited from a Councillor's Community Benefit grant. Organisations that benefited in Division 2 (or were co-funded with other Divisions) included: Community Connections Redlands Coast Inc, purchase of trailer and crane; Redlands Bridge Club, purchase of new dealer table; Old SchoolHouse Gallery, upgrade windows and door locks; North Stradbroke Island Golf Club, water supply; Sharks Triathlon and Cycling Club, replacement marquees; and Redlands Swim Club, video analysis equipment.

Sealed and delivered

About 600m of gravel road at the end of George Nothling Drive at Point Lookout is being bitumen sealed in time for the holiday period.

The section being upgraded is from the end of the existing bitumen road heading towards the beach access, near the Minjerribah Camping area on Main Beach.

The sealing will reduce the ongoing maintenance of this small section of the road which degrades very quickly during peak periods or in bad weather.

YOU LIVE IN A BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA

Ten years ago, a fire in the summer of 2013/2014 saw around 60% of North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah burnt out and there have been fires since.

Are you ready?

- Have a bushfire survival plan
- Have a quick-grab emergency evacuation kit
- Prepare your property and home
- Check your insurance

IN THE EVENT OF BUSHFIRE

Follow local updates:

- Tune to ABC 612 AM and 100.3 Bay FM
- RedlandCouncil
- qfes.qld.gov.au
- disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Head to Get Ready Queensland for disaster preparedness advice
getready.qld.gov.au

Closure times

All non-essential Redland City Council services will shut from close of business on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024. This includes Customer Service Centres and Council's Contact Centre.

Council's emergency service will operate during the closure period for Council-related emergencies.

For more information on operating hours, visit redland.qld.gov.au

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