



# News from your local councillor

## Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: Cleveland edition



### Dear 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 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 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 and Cleveland CBD 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](http://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 – Mainland



### Working together on looking our best

Keeping the Cleveland CBD looking its very best is a collaborative process.

While Council has a rolling program of works throughout the year, it has been input from the community that has helped focus those works to where they are needed and wanted most.

I am always open to community input on what you would like to see better in the amenity of our CBD. Input leads to uplift and also helps build a sense of community between traders and shoppers.

Work this year has included tree trimming, garden makeovers and replacing planter boxes, the repair of pathways and pavers to alleviate tripping



hazards, installing better lighting with brighter lamps where possible, and improving wayfinding signage. Alongside this is the daily maintenance work.

In some instances, Council also will partner informally with landowners and businesses to support making the area

look the best it can and be as easily accessible as possible.

There is also a community group who are looking at how Council and the community can collaborate on improving the gardens in one of the CBD parks, as another way of establishing pride and a sense of ownership.



*The Christmas tree at Raby Bay Harbour Park; the Raby Bay promenade during the Christmas festivities; and Christmas by Starlight when it was last held at Redland Showgrounds in 2019.*



## Lighting the way for festive season

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

The annual Redlands Coast 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.

This is a fantastic event and a real collaboration between Council, Bloomfield Street Collective, Cleveland Village Traders and the community.

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.

Raby Bay Ratepayers Association is also considering bringing back the lighting up the canal event.

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.

## 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.

## A home for the arts

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.

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](http://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.

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## 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](http://redland.qld.gov.au)

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