



News from your local councillor Cr Wendy Boglary

Division 1: Wellington Point/Ormiston



Dear resident,

Once again, we have arrived too quickly at the end of another year. This year was constructive and busy. After three years of being impacted by COVID, our local charities, schools, scouts, Bushcare, sporting groups and clubs were all able to come together again.

The members and volunteers from our local groups all contribute immensely to the strength of our community and I want to give a huge shout-out to everyone for their contribution throughout the year.

With Christmas quickly approaching, I would like to thank Night Ninjas for all the work they do locally for those in need, and to the local businesses who have been collection points for donations. In the spirit of Christmas I have included a list (below) of much-needed Christmas donation items.

I wish everyone a safe and merry Christmas season and I hope you all have time with family and friends. I look forward to supporting and working with you in the New Year!

Cr Wendy Boglary Division 1

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'Tis the season for giving ... Christmas hamper donations ideas for Night Ninjas can be left at Barrett Realty, Raine and Horne WP, and First Coffee Co Wellington Point Shopping Village.

- Christmas cake
- Christmas pudding
- Tinned ham
- Mixed nuts
- Long life custard
- Long life milk
- Cordial
- Bon bons
- Tinned fruit



Wellington Point Traders' popular Christmas Fair will be held on 2 December this year.

Support our community, support our businesses

Strengthening our community is my passion and presently I am supporting the Wellington Point Traders with last-minute preparations for their annual Christmas Fair.

Craft stalls, entertainment, local schools, Bayside Restorers, plus decorating your own Christmas tree, and a visit from Santa depending on his busy schedule will be happening Saturday, 2 December from 4pm to 9pm.

This wonderful evening not only brings together our community and visitors but also is a boost for our local economy. Many local businesses have not fully recovered from the past two years and with the cost-of-living increases that we are all feeling, they need our continued support.

Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce works tirelessly to support and promote our local businesses and at their recent Redlands Business Excellent Awards I was proud to see Birkdale's Craft Brew House awarded not only Best Food & Hospitality (Small) but also 2023 Business of the Year.

Also receiving awards on the night were local businesses Women Of Trades from Wellington Point for New Business & Start Ups; the wonderful team at Wellington Point Farmhouse who took home the People's Choice award for Best of Redlands; and the Night Ninjas who won the Redlands Champion Award.

Over the coming Christmas and holiday season, please consider buying local first.



Cr Boglary and Cr Paul Bishop with Martin and Tracy Robson whose Birkdale business Craft Brew House was named 2023 Business of the Year.



Night Ninjas



Women Of Trades, Wellington Point



Wellington Point Farmhouse

Bike track shade needed

It's great to see the popularity of the bike track (pictured) at the Raby Esplanade Park, Ormiston. Locals and visitors enjoy teaching their children how to ride and recognise traffic signs. However, the area needs shade and I wanted to reassure people I have been working with designers and, hopefully in the next financial year, shade will be installed that is sympathetic to the area.



Planning is a passion and priority

There is always important unseen work as Redlands Coast has a unique and enviable lifestyle and character, over which I am very protective.

Planning therefore is a priority so recently I advocated on your behalf to the State Government regarding the 26 changes they are proposing to introduce in their draft Redlands Housing Strategy.

Proposed changes include reducing minimum lot sizes across large areas of the city (as small as 200sqm) and increasing the height in medium density zones from three to seven storeys.

On the State's website it says the final Redland Housing Strategy will be informed by the SEQ Regional Plan 2023 (ShapingSEQ) Update which is currently in draft; and that "it is estimated the final (housing) strategy will be released early in 2024".

Obviously, any changes recommended in either of these strategies would need to go back through our Council and, of course, there would be community engagement, as they would require major amendments to our City Plan.

I believe there are concerns we need to work on together as a community to find an acceptable agreement, as the proposed

changes have direct impacts on our lifestyle, now and for generations to come.

A continuing citywide priority is financial sustainability. While Redland City Council remains strong in this area (with a Queensland Treasury Corp credit rating of "sound"), at the recent Local Government Conference I attended in Gladstone, it was stated 43 of Queensland's 77 councils were struggling with maintaining financial sustainability.

With the increase in costs and supply shortages of resources, ensuring Council is diligent and delivering the best value community outcomes is, along with planning outcomes, a priority.

There are a couple of current major projects for our area such as the Northern Greenway pedestrian/cycleway and lighting projects for our sports fields.

With softball and cricket now included in the Olympics, I will be strongly pushing for our local clubs as they are both of such a high standard as to be involved in the Olympics for matches or training fields. What an amazing opportunity for Redlands Coast and to promote our sporting clubs!

We have an amazing community and city. When one considers the conflicts and challenges across our world, we can truly count our Redlands Coast blessings.

Bushfire prevention work

Preparing for the bushfire season doesn't just start when summer gets close.

Council teams have been working diligently on fire mitigation in Division 1 across the whole year. There are more than 17 firebreak areas – known as Fuel Free Zones – created in about 10,749sqm of bushland in the division.

They are maintained and slashed about eight times a year to provide access routes for fire or maintenance vehicles and to provide a buffer from radiant heat should a bushfire occur in the area.

Council also maintains two fire access trails within the Geoff Skinner Wetlands Reserve.

There are also about 60 areas in Division 1 where Council carries out general vegetation management.

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Last year's Christmas carols event at historic Ormiston House.

Christmas celebrations

- 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, Wellington Point
- Ormiston House Christmas Carols, Saturday 9 December, from 5.30pm. Gold coin donation entry. Tea, coffee,

cold drinks, scones and jam will be available ... and Santa will be visiting

- Christmas by Starlight, Saturday 16 December, 3pm to 8.30pm, Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland. For the past three years, this event was subject to restrictions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic but this year it returns to its original popular location at the showgrounds and will be free to all with no tickets required.

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