



News from your local councillor

Cr Julie Talty, Deputy Mayor

Division 6: Mount Cotton/Redland Bay



Dear resident,

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a safe and happy new year, from my family and the Council family to you and your family.

Times are tough. If you are struggling, reach out. We have many wonderful supportive people and programs who may be able to help. Be kind to yourself and others.

I look forward to continuing to work for and support this amazing community as

we venture toward a bright, prosperous future. Take care, and please contact me if I may be able to help; I will always try.

Cr Julie Talty – Division 6

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Diary notes:

- Redlands Coast Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Friday 1 December, 5pm to 8.30pm, Raby Bay Harbour Park, Cleveland
- Redland Bay Christmas Market, Redland Bay Village, Saturday 2 December
- Christmas by Starlight, Saturday 16 December, 3pm to 8.30pm, Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland



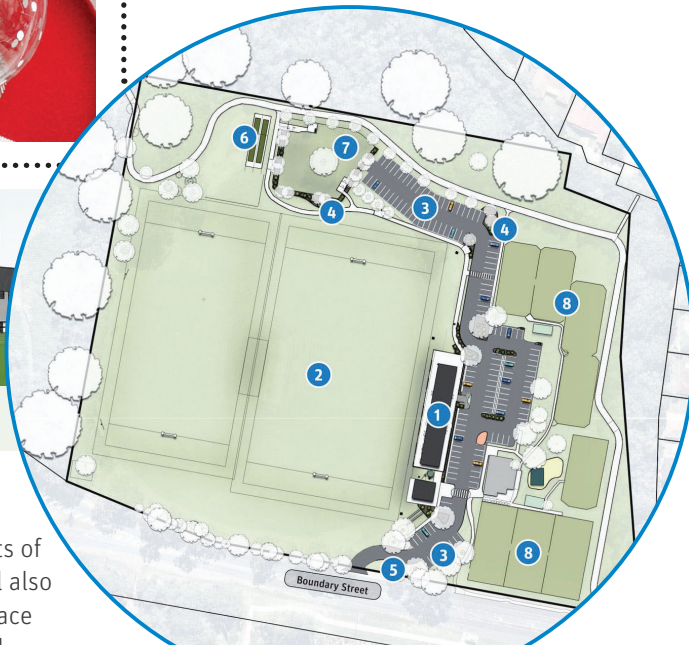
Rebound wall bound to be lots of fun

The Mount Cotton Community Park has a new addition in time for the school holidays.

A concrete rebound wall and slab has been installed at the park on Valley Way, for activities such as handball, tennis and similar games.



An artist's impression of the new clubhouse being built at the Charlie Buckler Memorial Sporting Fields.



Fields of dreams becoming a reality

Works are underway on the Charlie Buckler Memorial Sporting Fields upgrade at Redland Bay and are expected to be completed by mid-2024.

The upgrade will see a new clubhouse, more car parks, reconfigured fields that will improve drainage across the site, new practice cricket nets, a new dog off-leash area, new pathways and safer site entry.

The new clubhouse is set to become a wonderful community asset. Designed to

meet the sport-specific requirements of both rugby union and cricket, it will also house a bookable multi-purpose space that other community members and groups can use.

The facilities will be sustainable from environmental, maintenance and operational perspectives – a true reflection of Council's commitment to delivering high-value, intergenerational projects.

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| 1. New clubhouse | 5. Entry reconfiguration |
| 2. Field reconfiguration | 6. New cricket nets |
| 3. Total of 147 car parks | 7. New dog off-leash area |
| 4. Improved pathways | 8. Tennis courts |



An example of the type of two-lane boat ramp with central floating walkway for Wallaby Road, Redland Bay, is in the conceptual planning stage.

Planning ramps up for boat ramp

The new two-lane boat ramp with central floating walkway for Wallaby Road, Redland Bay, is in the conceptual planning stage.

The Queensland Government listed the Wallaby Road project as part of the 2023-24 to 2026-27 Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP), committing \$3.3 million in funding for the in-water infrastructure, with Redland City Council to fund the landside works.

The Wallaby Road site provides nearby open-water access to southern Moreton Bay.

The new public boat launching facility and car trailer parking area will greatly assist in meeting demand for recreational boat launching in the Redlands Coast area, while easing congestion for boaties at other Redlands Coast facilities.

The conceptual planning stage will run through the 2023-24 financial year, with delivery scheduled for the 2024-25 financial year.

It is great to see this project becoming a reality.

Redland Bay is a particularly strong growth area in Redlands Coast and the many young families who are moving to the area and calling it home will welcome this increased boat access to the bay.

Community grants

It has been a busy year with life continuing to return to a new post-COVID normal. It has been wonderful to see the ongoing community activities and club improvements that have been made possible through the Division 6 Community Fund.

These have included funding for a new trailer and lifting equipment for Community Connections volunteer group who provide so much community support by putting on free movies in the park (pictured) with the support of sponsors. Community Connections received the Community Organisation Award at the 2023 Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards, an awesome and well-deserved recognition of the volunteers.

Other recipients of funding from the Division 6 pool have included: Mount Cotton Scouts to purchase abseiling equipment; a new barbecue for the Southern Bay Cyclones to help feed hungry players and raise club funds; Redlands United Football Club for presentation day medals for players; Bay Islands Multi Sports and Recreation Association for office technology supplies; and there is funding pending for the Vanuatu Library Project for event support in Mount Cotton.



ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

Be prepared and ready to act

- 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 on conditions, evacuations and safest routes:

- 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 detailed disaster preparedness advice getready.qld.gov.au

Volunteers take on massive foreshore clean-up

Earlier this year, a total of 6.14 tonne of rubbish was removed from the shores of several Southern Moreton Bay Islands in just four clean-up days by the community and volunteers from Ocean Crusaders.

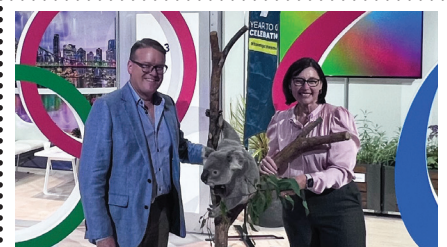
It was a great reminder to all of us not to rubbish our beautiful SMBI foreshores.

Ocean Crusaders received a Community Conservation grant under Redland City Council's Community Grants program. The grant enabled the educational not-



for-profit organisation to carry out clean-up days on the island coastlines.

The volunteers were cleaning up areas that are often out of sight and in mangrove areas, so they are really making a difference for wildlife in areas that otherwise may be overlooked.



I attended the Asia Pacific Summit in Brisbane in October along with Council CEO Andrew Chesterman. People came from all over the world to look at Brisbane and Redlands Coast to find out about opportunities to invest in our local economy in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Games.

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