



# News from your local councillor Cr Rowanne McKenzie

Division 7: Capalaba/Alexandra Hills/Thornlands/Cleveland



## Dear resident,

Once again the festive season is fast approaching, with students graduating, end-of-year celebrations and Christmas preparations beginning.

Our Redlands Coast has an abundant variety of businesses and an array of community markets and I encourage you all to buy local where possible.

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful part of the world and I'd like to thank the many community organisations, volunteers, teachers, emergency and frontline workers, local businesses and service providers for making our community an even better place to live.

Over the past year I've had many great conversations with Division 7 residents during my community catch-ups at The Hills IGA, Cleveland Markets and Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre. You've shared ideas, reported problems, received information and these times of connection are of great value to me.

As we head into summer and a predicted hot, dry season you may consider helping our wildlife beat the heat by leaving a container of water in a shady spot away from pets and human activity.

Remember, if you see a pothole, fallen tree, a sign down or another matter that needs reporting to Council, call 3829 8999 or email [rcc@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:rcc@redland.qld.gov.au)

I wish you and your family a safe and blessed Christmas and I look forward to continuing to build community with you in 2024.

*Rowanne McKenzie*

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## A winning combination

A good coffee and a good book is a dream combination.

With the Alexandra Hills Little Library now located outside The Hills IGA on Vienna Road, that combination is proving irresistible to the local community.

The little library was originally located at the Alexandra Hills Community Hall, but repeated vandalism meant a decision was made to relocate it to the more secure location on Vienna Road.

I hope you continue to enjoy this gorgeous little library. Check it out next time you stop by the IGA.



## Happy 1st birthday Scribbly Gums Parkrun

Established by Alexandra Hills resident and Sports Award winner at the 2023 Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards, Blair Habberjam on 22 October 2022, Scribbly Gums Parkrun has celebrated its 1st birthday.

This event kicks off every Saturday at 7am at the Flinders Street entrance for walkers, joggers, and runners.

A dedicated group of local volunteers makes this free weekly event possible.

A recent survey revealed 84 per cent of those who volunteer at Parkrun reported it made them feel happier.

As a regular volunteer with Cr Peter Mitchell, I can confirm it is one of the best ways to start the weekend.



Cr McKenzie with her dog Shelby in Windemere Road Park.

## Park projects and upgrades continue to roll out

The solar lighting program in Windemere Road Park will be expanded as part of Council's Community Infrastructure Program.

More solar lighting will improve the safety and extend the usable hours of the dog off-leash area and park.

Under the program, we will also be installing picnic table seating in Sevenoaks Street Park. Through the 2023-2024 Capital Works program, Lorikeet Drive Park and Crotona Road West Park will be receiving upgrades as well.

## Local organisations benefit from Councillor grants

Over the past year, several community groups have benefited from a Councillor's Community Benefit grant which has enabled them to purchase items such as battery-powered tools, sports jerseys, medals for presentation days, computers, and events.

Organisations that benefited from the grants in Division 7 (or were co-funded with other Divisions) included: Oaklands Street Community Gardens, Alexandra Hills JAFC, Redlands United FC, Women of Trades, STAR Community Services, Bay Islands Multi Sports and Recreation Association, Community Connections, Redlands Coast Ukes, Old SchoolHouse Gallery, Redland City Bands, Redlands City Church of Christ, and Redlands Swim Club.



Cr McKenzie and Oaklands Street Community Gardens President Alison Hallett at the community garden.

# ARE YOU READY REDLANDS COAST?

## STORM AND BUSHFIRE SEASON IS HERE

**Take the steps now to keep you, your loved ones and your property safe.**

- 1. Know the risk – everyone's disaster risk is different. Find out what disasters may happen in our area and how they might affect you. Take actions to reduce your risk.**
- 2. Have a plan – extreme weather can happen quickly. A plan means everyone in your household knows what to do, saving precious time.**
- 3. Have an emergency kit – store your kit somewhere safe so you have the things you need when the weather turns bad.**



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## Christmas back under the stars

A Christmas tradition on Redlands Coast returns to its original format and location this year.

Christmas by Starlight will be held on Saturday 16 December 2023, from 3pm to 8.30pm, at Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland.

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.

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

Meanwhile, 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. It is also a free event with no tickets required.

## Temporary pedestrian path

Through the advocacy efforts of both the community and myself, Council has constructed a temporary pedestrian connection along Kinross Road between Boundary Road and Lathro Way.

Although temporary, this vital piece of infrastructure will benefit pedestrians walking on this narrow section of road.