



A message from the Mayor Cr Karen Williams



Christmas 2023



Merry Christmas Redlands Coast!

As we head into the holiday season, it is an opportune time to revisit some of the reasons why we all love Redlands Coast so much.

We have world-class natural landscapes, seascapes and bush trails, as well as a fantastic variety of dining options and local gourmet products. We have our markets and our vibrant arts scene that highlights and celebrates our city's Indigenous culture. We have a relaxed and friendly lifestyle nestled beside some 335km of amazing coastline.

There is so much in our own back yards that you may want to reconsider your travel plans this summer!

It might well be that your next "overseas" trip is across the bay to Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island); your next "over-nighter" is a stay at one of our local camping (or glamping) sites; or your next day trip is just a few minutes down the road to the local café or local bushwalking trail you haven't visited for a while.

It is a great time to get out of the house and explore and enjoy the city's cultural experiences, unique retailers and restaurants, and community events such as the Redlands Coast Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Cleveland 1 December and the return

of Christmas by Starlight to Redland Showgrounds on 16 December.

While out and about, you may like to consider donating to the STAR Community Services' annual Secret Santa appeal.

Our libraries at Cleveland, Victoria Point and Capalaba are drop-off points for donations of items for gift hampers to be distributed to vulnerable senior residents.

This season is also a time to relax and refresh after what has been another busy year for Redlands Coast with the opening of some outstanding new infrastructure and exciting progress on a range of city-defining projects.

Along with the completion of the SMBI Ferry Terminals upgrade project, one of the most spectacular new experiences is the Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk at Point Lookout that links to the world-famous Gorge Walk.

We have an amazing future ahead of us as a city, with major projects such as Birkdale Community Precinct, Weinam Creek redevelopment, the Wellington Street / Panorama Drive road duplication project at Thornlands, and the much-anticipated rejuvenation of Capalaba Town Centre.

As we see out 2023, I wish you and your families a safe holiday season full of happiness, laughter and love. My sincere thanks to each of you for making Redlands Coast such a special place to live.

Cr Karen Williams
Mayor of Redland City

Be prepared for bushfire and storm season

With the bushfire and storm season upon us, Redlands Coast residents are being urged to ensure they are properly prepared.

The Bureau of Meteorology recently advised there will be reduced rainfall through to at least the end of February due to an El Nino, and these warmer and drier than average conditions mean there is an increased risk of bushfire.

Here are some tips to prepare your home for the fire and storm season:

- Clean gutters and downpipes so stormwater can drain quickly, but don't use a high-pressure water blaster on asbestos roofs
- Secure loose items around your property and garden
- Have tarps available to use with sandbags if you are in an area prone to flooding
- Trim trees and overhanging branches around your property (check with Council first and be mindful of power lines)
- Install metal screens or shutters to prepare your home against embers

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Left to right: Baroque Group site supervisor Llew Michael, Baroque Group general manager Clinton Butcher, Mayor Karen Williams and Baroque Group development and acquisitions manager Alf Cutuli, outside Willards farmhouse.

A precinct for now and into the future

Work started this year on the restoration of the historic Willards Farm homestead and dairy outbuildings on Birkdale Community Precinct.

The heritage values of the circa 1870s farming property will be carefully protected while work is undertaken to revitalise the homestead – along with the milking shed, creamery, garage, inground well and elevated water tank.

It is just one part of an amazing intergenerational community project of a

scale never before delivered by Council.

Once returned to its former glory, Willards Farm will be the welcome gate to international visitors as they arrive at Redlands Coast's world-class Olympic venue during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Set to become one of Queensland's largest and most exciting parklands, the 62-hectare Birkdale Community Precinct will be home to the Redland Whitewater Centre that

will be a host venue for the Canoe Slalom events at the Brisbane 2032 Games.

There is a wealth of benefits this event and this venue will bring to our city in the lead-up to the Games and beyond as a legacy facility. The Redland Whitewater Centre will be incorporated within a Resilience Training Centre of Excellence for Swift Water and Urban Flooding training.

It is being specifically designed to be able to train emergency service agencies from across the world.

As we continue to see an escalation in the effects of climate change, the importance of being prepared and resilient will see a correlating escalation.

It is expected the entire Birkdale Community Precinct project will bring forward vital transport infrastructure such as the extension of the Eastern Busway to Capalaba and the much-needed duplication of the rail line to Cleveland.



An artist's impression of the layout of the proposed Birkdale Community Precinct.

Changing our city for the better

They are called our city-changers, the key projects that will help Redlands Coast grow and evolve.

As well as Birkdale Community Precinct, there are a number of projects that will help us reach our full potential as a vibrant city of villages and islands, and that will further inspire people to live in and visit Redlands Coast.

Redland Investment Corporation (RIC), on behalf of Council, will be working with a joint venture partner to deliver the commercial precinct element of the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area.

Eagerly anticipated by the local community, the commercial project, to be delivered over three years, will transform the Redland Bay waterfront area with travel and transport upgrades, community and retail services, visitor attractions and an activated foreshore with more open space.

It is expected to create more than 700 jobs and generate almost \$30 million for the local economy.

In partnership with RIC, Council is also delivering an exciting multi-million dollar revitalisation of a 1.55 hectare site in the heart of Capalaba.

Development partner Shayher Group will also be part of the \$250 million Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project that incorporates a commercial precinct and public spaces including community assets such as a new library, customer service centre, arts centre and community hall.

Other city-changing works include the \$48.6 million Southern Moreton Bay Islands Ferry Terminals Upgrade project and the Wellington Street / Panorama Drive road duplication project at Thornlands.

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