



News from your local councillor Cr Shane Rendalls

Division 5: Redland Bay edition



Christmas 2024



Ho, ho, ho, Redlanders,

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

While for most of us this is a time to celebrate with family and friends, for some it can be a time of loneliness or to remember loss. Please keep an eye out for each other – a pleasant smile and simple 'hello' can really brighten someone's day.

For those of you who reach out and support the community, thank you.

With our islands and bayside location, we see a lot of visitors over the Christmas and New Year period. Please be considerate and slow down for each other and our wildlife. Be safe at home, on the roads and on the water.

The end of 2024 is also a time to reflect on what we have achieved in the first year of this Council's term. Locally, the upgrades and installation of new play equipment at Lanyard Place, Potts Place, Bedera Street and Point Talburpin (pictured below left) parks has been completed or due for completion in the first half of 2025.

I have been working with local resident groups regarding foreshore upgrades of the Esplanade, north and south of the marina, and to improve the amenity of parkland adjacent to Habitat Drive.

You may have also noticed local road resurfacing and footpath upgrades.

With the 50 cent ferry fares, the islands are more accessible than ever. So, visit your island neighbours and check out what the islands have to offer. There's a wide range of markets, cafes, clubs, art galleries, live music and nature, all waiting to be explored.

It is an honour to work with local residents as your Councillor. I am enjoying the challenge and I feel that we are slowly getting things done for our community. I have brought other Councillors and Council's Executive Leadership Team to Redland Bay and SMBI to help them understand our community and how our needs differ from the rest of Redlands Coast.

Please continue to reach out to me at shane.rendalls@redland.qld.gov.au or 0403 689 717. Come along to one of my regular pop-up offices on the islands and Redland Bay, and follow my Facebook for regular news and updates. Have a joyous break and watch us thrive in '25.

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Concerns over planning legislation

An area of concern is the *Planning and Other Legislation Amendment Regulation 2024 (Qld)* that came into effect on 22 July 2024.

This legislation gave the Queensland Government the ability to approve housing development, taking it away from Council and the community.

The site at 144-150 Broadwater Terrace, Redland Bay, was the location for the first of these on Redlands Coast.

Council and residents were given only 15 days to respond to a proposal for 75 housing units, onsite parking and amenities. There was no detail provided on size of units, number of car spaces, size or height of the development, setbacks.

This legislation removes capacity for our community to have a voice in what our community looks like or how it fits with the City Plan.

As your local councillor, I will continue to address these issues to ensure that Council and local residents always have a voice.



Council offers new ways to access capital works information

The way residents access information about Redland City Council's capital works program has been transformed for the 2024–2025 financial year, with a new-look guide and interactive map now available online.

Council is committed to enhancing the city's infrastructure, best practice asset management and sustainable growth, investing annually in a broad range of projects as part of the annual capital works program.

Council reports on the program as part of every annual budget, and this year is providing additional information about the program with a detailed supporting guide and an online map of proposed city projects.

The new resources provide residents with information about where and how Council plans to invest in community facilities such as roads, streetscapes, parks and public spaces across the city.

Residents can download the guide from Council's website or consult the online map to read about the projects being designed or delivered in their suburb this financial year.

The program guide lists each project by asset category, provides a brief project description, and states whether the capital investment is for the project's planning, design or construction stage, with the online map presenting information spatially.

The filter function on the map allows users to search for projects according to their category, pinpoint funded projects in their local area, or browse more information about project staging. To download the program guide or use the online map, visit redland.qld.gov.au/CapitalWorks

Welcome works for Weinam Creek

The local community and Council have been advocating the Queensland Government for many years to recognise their responsibility for providing parking at the Redland Bay Marina public transport hub (pictured).

This advocacy has paid off with both major parties making pre-election commitments around the Weinam Creek carpark, work on which is due to commence in 2025.

The planned multi-level car park within the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area will reduce the pressure on local residential streets. Council has also opened the new

Weinam Creek boat ramp and trailer parking in time for summer. With new small boat pontoons on each of the bay islands, this will make the whole of the bay and Southern Moreton Bay Islands more accessible.



Keeping koalas safe from dogs

Council is reminding dog owners what actions to take if your dog attacks a koala.

If your dog has attacked or tried to physically play with a koala, even if you think it has gotten away unharmed, please call the Redlands 24hr Wildlife Rescue Service on 3833 4031.

The RWRS volunteers will rescue the koala and transport it to a wildlife hospital for further assessment or treatment.

Due to a koala's thick fur, injuries can be hard to spot. Koalas can also easily suffer from internal injuries from crushing bites that have left no mark. If untreated, these injuries can be fatal.

With the koala breeding season underway and running through to January, these iconic marsupials will be more active in our neighbourhoods.

Council recently launched an awareness campaign (pictured) about the issues, including dog attacks, that koalas face during the breeding season. It explains that koalas haven't evolved to be combat ready against such threats.



Dog attacks have historically been ranked as the third most significant impact on koalas and are usually caused by domestic dogs.

Council encourages all dog owners to be responsible by exercising their dog on a lead while in public, unless being exercised in a designated dog off-leash area.

Attacks are more likely to happen during the breeding season. Even friendly and curious dogs can unintentionally harm a koala through play or stressing the koala.

To join the koala community and learn more about koalas on Redlands Coast and how you can help them, go to Council's koala conservation page at redland.qld.gov.au/koala