



# News from your local councillor Cr Paul Gollè

Division 3: Cleveland/Thornlands/Victoria Point



Christmas 2024

## Dear Residents,

As we approach the end of 2024, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and trust in my ability to represent you on Council.

This year has been filled with successful activities across our division, and it has been an absolute pleasure to serve you.

We are truly an amazing community, brimming with excitement and passion for life. Together, we can continue to move forward into an incredible future.

I encourage all residents of Division 3 to check in with friends and family, lend a hand, or simply share a cup of tea with a neighbour. This sense of community is especially important as we enter our peak storm and bushfire risk season.

As always, if you need my assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can email me at paul.golle@redland.qld.gov.au or call me on 0438 117 265.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a safe and joyous holiday season. Enjoy Christmas, celebrate with family, and let's remember to lend a hand to those who may not be as fortunate.

On behalf of my family, thank you, and Merry Christmas!

Warm regards,

Cr Paul Gollè  
Division 3



## Get ready for storm season

Division 3 residents are reminded to prepare for this year's summer storm season.

To keep your property and yourself safe, it is important to ensure your home is best prepared to handle an extreme weather event.

Some of the steps you can take to secure your property include clearing downpipes and gutters, and trimming overhanging branches, trees and shrubs.

Items around the yard that could become projectiles under high-wind conditions should be secured

or stored safely. Also, have a think about how to secure caravans, boats and trailers.

You can subscribe to Council's free emergency notification messaging service, Redlands Coast Alerts, via the Redlands Coast Disaster Dashboard at [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au)

During a disaster, the dashboard is continually updated with vital information on road closures, emergency contacts, Energex power outages, active evacuation centres and weather warnings.

## Our daily heroes in blue

A big thank you to our local police who do an excellent job all year round.

Remember, if in doubt call the police and report anything suspicious over the holidays.

In case of an emergency, please remember to call 000 if there is a threat to your safety and you require immediate assistance from police, ambulance, or fire services.



This is crucial when a crime is in progress, someone is seriously injured, a life is threatened, or if the offender is still in the area.

## ▼ Cadet challenges build teamwork



Australian Army Cadets seek to build key attributes within youth by instilling a sense of identity, purpose and belonging.

Councillors have been providing wonderful support for the Redlands Coast unit – 136 ACU Redlands – for many years.

Cadets are not members of the Australian Defence Force and it is not used as a recruiting process for the Australian Army.

It is a diverse organisation open to young people of all abilities, provided a safe environment can be maintained. Part of youth development is providing challenging opportunities in a safe manner that also encourage fun and friendship.

The 136 ACU Redlands are currently working towards pre-selection for the Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge, which is a culmination of cadets training and experiences.

Each region selects a team of 10 cadets who meet physical and knowledge testing requirements. The exercise provides a positively controlled range of physical and mental challenges that are designed to test the cadets' leadership and teamwork.

In 2025, the Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge will take place in Canungra, Queensland in July.



## Be on alert for fire ants

Another recent emerging issue that may impact us over Christmas is the red imported fire ant.

Since 1 July 2024, Council has been undertaking surveillance, suppression and treatment of fire ants on Council-owned or managed land.

The Fire Ant Management Program involves preventative (broad-scale suppressive) treatments across sites such as community parks, sports fields and wastewater treatment plants. Treatments are also conducted in response to fire ant detections.

This program supports the National Fire Ant Eradication Program (NFAEP).

Please note that it is still your obligation to report any suspected fire ant nests to Biosecurity Queensland in the first instance, whether the location is on private or public land. You can reach them at 13 25 23.

Council will be informed of any locations reported to Biosecurity Queensland that are on Council-owned or managed land to ensure relevant surveillance and treatment is carried out.

More information about Council's Fire Ant Management Program can be found at [redland.qld.gov.au/FireAnts](https://redland.qld.gov.au/FireAnts)



## Hold on!

Councillor Paul Golle – working with event organisers, Redland City Council – helps coordinate community events such as the 2024 Grass Roots Bull Riding at Thornlands.

It was a fantastic day of fun for families, showcasing some of the world's best and youngest bull riders (pictured) on Redlands Coast.



## Sniffing out our local koalas



Council collaborates with research organisations, government agencies, education groups and, importantly, local residents, to keep an eye on our city's koalas on an ongoing basis.

The community can report koala sightings via the Redlands Coast Koala Watch BioCollect hub or by using the

BioCollect mobile app that you can download to your mobile phone.

Ambassador koalas live in the city's four designated koala safe neighbourhoods, with each neighbourhood having two to six tagged koalas that are monitored.

Council also works with the University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation research teams (pictured).

They head out about every two weeks to track and check on the health of each of the city's ambassador koalas and analyse their movement patterns.

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](https://redland.qld.gov.au/koala)

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