



News from your local councillor Cr Jason Colley

Division 9: Sheldon/Capalaba/Thornlands



Christmas 2024

Dear Residents,

It feels like only yesterday that we were making plans for Christmas, yet here we are again with the end of the year fast approaching!

Time seemingly goes quicker as I mature, so I suggest that you pause to reflect on the year that was, whether it was good, bad or indifferent. Cherish the time you share with loved ones and reflect on all you have achieved.

The Christmas holidays are always one of the most joyful periods on the calendar for my family, as we take time to step away from the daily grind

and enjoy quality time with friends and family.

We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world and will be making the most of our naturally wonderful environment, getting outside to enjoy the beautiful beaches and trails that are on our doorstep.

Even more than that, it is the wonderful people who make the Redlands such a great place to live.

In my first year as the Division 9 Councillor, the most rewarding part of

my role has been getting to know the residents, volunteers, business owners and service providers who contribute to the great sense of community in our area.

I wish you and your family a merry Christmas, filled with the joy and hope the holiday represents.

Cr Jason Colley - Division 9



Feasibility study begins into indoor sports centre proposal

At the September General Meeting, I was proud to move the officers' motion that initiated a formal process of commencing planning works for an indoor sports centre for our city.

Council has now commenced a feasibility study to determine the most suitable site for the facility, with Cleveland Showgrounds and Pinklands Sporting Complex at Thornlands two of the options to be considered.

This follows my commitment to pursue this important issue on behalf of residents.

Sporting groups like RedCity Roar Basketball and Redlands Pickleball –

who currently use the Redlands PCYC (pictured) on Degen Road, Capalaba – have had their growth limited by the lack of available court space, so this is a fantastic development for their continued success.

The multi-sports facility is something the community has been calling for many years. It will be a great asset for our entire city, not just for those who participate in physical activity, but it will also provide a flexible space which can be used for events, exhibitions or trade shows.

I look forward to working with our state and federal government colleagues to deliver this over coming years.



From left: Cr Jason Colley, Mayor Jos Mitchell and Cr Tracey Huges review the Capalaba Town Centre Masterplan Report.



Make sure you're prepared for disasters

With the summer bushfire and storm season upon us, it is important to ensure your home is best prepared to handle a disaster or extreme weather event.

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

You should also remove unnecessary fuel and combustible material on or around your property by storing it in a safe location.

Make sure you subscribe to Council's free emergency notification messaging service, Redlands Coast Alerts, via the Redlands Coast Disaster Dashboard at 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.

Check out your local library

Council Libraries offer a wide range of services for our community, with a variety of programs and activities to cater for people of all ages, in addition to the catalogue of books and other resources available.

Our program of activities for the school holidays is second to none, so why not check out what

is on offer across the Christmas holiday period.

In order to facilitate the work on the Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project, the Capalaba Library has relocated to the former Coles site in Capalaba Central Shopping Centre until the construction of new buildings is complete. Make sure you check out the new space.



Fire ant treatment kits available

Fire ants have been an increasingly concerning problem across much of our city, particularly in rural areas.

The Fire Ant Suppression Taskforce (FAST) recently made a great announcement for Redlands Coast residents to tackle the issue, with residents who report suspected fire ants

or nests on their property now able to receive a fast-acting fire ant treatment kit they can use themselves to treat fire ants and nests.

If you spot suspect ants or nests (pictured), report them within 24 hours at fireants.org.au or by calling **132 ANT (132 268)**.

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