



# A message from the Mayor Cr Jos Mitchell



Christmas 2024

## Dear fellow Redlanders,

2024 has flown and we are quickly moving into the Christmas and New Year season. I'd like to sincerely thank everyone who has been so supportive of my work during the first year of my first term as Mayor.

It's the perfect time to look back at the moments that have had an impact on where we are today, to assess and work towards a bright 2025.

The first six months of my term have provided a wealth of knowledge and connections and there is a great deal of work ahead. I have taken part in hundreds of meetings and attended events across our city. I am very pleased to have had the opportunity to advocate on a state and federal level on behalf of our community, for greater funding towards infrastructure across our local government area, including our island communities.

I am also glad there has been a positive response to the increased information about our Capital Works Program and the introduction of e-petitions. I am a member of the Audit Committee, and I look forward to working towards further organisational improvements. A multi-sports complex is now on the table as a project to consider and I have enjoyed engaging with some of our amazing sports clubs as well.

I want to thank the community organisations who have asked me to be their patron. It is an honour to be working with you to promote the wonderful work you are doing in our community.

As we approach Christmas, I encourage everyone to focus on the important things in life – our wellbeing, our families and finding joy in simple pleasures and meaningful pursuits. We are very fortunate to live in a beautiful and relaxed part of the world and I am sure we are united in our wanting the best for our region.

Stay safe this holiday season. Let's look out for each other. If you see me out and about, please stop to say 'hello'. I have really enjoyed meeting many members of our community over the past six months.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I hope 2025 brings positive opportunities for us, our families and our city.

Kindest regards,

**Councillor Jos Mitchell**  
Mayor of Redland City



*It was such a pleasure to congratulate these two high achievers – Suncorp Spirit of the SES Award winner Cindel Richardson, left, and SES State Young Member of the Year Heather Robertson, right.*



*If you are able, please donate blood or plasma. The Australian Red Cross Lifeblood mobile buses come to Cleveland and Victoria Point regularly.*



*Enjoying the Rotary Wellington Point Community Pancake Morning with the fantastic Night Ninjas Inc. crew and Councillor Wendy Boglary.*



*Redland Museum staff and volunteers work hard, and their efforts have been rewarded with more than 25,400 visitors over the past year.*





## ▼ 'Tis the time to celebrate!

Christmas is always a wonderful time to bring people together and I am excited about this year's plans to help our community celebrate the festive season on Redlands Coast.

Instead of holding one big event in one location, Redland City Council has reimagined Christmas 2024 as a series of events over four weeks across both the mainland and islands.

Council has retained many of the traditional events such as the lighting of the Christmas tree, free photos with Santa, carols, and an expanded listing of four free movie in the park nights. There are also a number of exciting additions to this year's program, with the use of smartphone apps allowing families to interact with festive activities, such as the Christmas Trail and colouring-in competition, in innovative ways.

The apps are a fun use of technology to spread Christmas cheer, and indicative of Council's ongoing digital transformation journey.

## Booking space

Council launched its new online venue booking system in September, so if you're still looking for somewhere to host your Christmas gathering, why not consider a community hall or park space. You can now book, manage and pay for bookings of these Council venues – as well as some sports fields, library and IndigiScapes spaces – online, from anywhere at any time. Go to [redland.qld.gov.au/BookVenue](https://redland.qld.gov.au/BookVenue)



## Christmas goes city-wide on Redlands Coast

Forget the 12 days of Christmas – Council is celebrating the festive season with a four-week city-wide festival of activities.

Christmas on Redlands Coast will be launched at a free community event at Raby Bay Harbour Park on Friday 22 November with the annual lighting of the Christmas tree, carols, free Santa photos, roving performers, craft activities, food vendors, and the Christmas movie *The Santa Clause*.

The free Christmas movie in the park events continue weekly until 13 December, including roving performers, free Santa photos, lighting and food vendors. Festive Friday Flicks will be held at Capalaba Regional Park on 29 November – *Arthur Christmas*; Ron Stark Oval, North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) on 6 December – *Elf*; and Thornlands Community Park on 13 December – *Home Alone 2*.

A Christmas Trail with a digital twist will run from 22 November to 13 December, featuring colourful images of Santa, elves and snowmen at nine locations. If you use your phone to scan the images

the artwork comes to life with animated characters dancing in the air – providing a great photo opportunity. The Christmas characters will be located at Raby Bay, North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), Russell Island, Coochiemudlo Island, Mount Cotton, Birkdale, Thorneside, Capalaba and Redland Bay.

Four locations will also be lit up with Christmas light displays from 22 November – Cleveland Point, Raby Bay Harbour Park, Victoria Point Library Square and Wellington Point Village Green.

A special festive Santa Hotline will be located within Redlands Coast Visitor Information Centre at 50 Middle Street, Cleveland from 22 November to 20 December. There is also an interactive festive colouring competition for a chance to win one of eight \$50 Cineplex gift cards. If you scan your completed entry you can watch it magically come to life.

For more about Christmas on Redlands Coast visit [redland.qld.gov.au/christmas](https://redland.qld.gov.au/christmas)

## ▼ Nominate a hero

Hurry, nominations for the 2025 Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards close at 11.59pm on Friday 22 November 2024. It is a great opportunity for Redlands Coast residents to celebrate the city's community heroes. The Council-run awards help shine a light

on often unheralded locals who give so much to their community, as well as the city's high achievers. Winners will be announced at the 2025 Redlands Coast Australia Day Awards in January. To nominate someone, go to [redland.qld.gov.au/AusDayAwards](https://redland.qld.gov.au/AusDayAwards)

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