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OUEEN'S HONOUR: Venturers Charlie Schirmer. Katie Martin and Stephanie Rhodess.

Top gong for local scouts

Three young Redlanders from the Mt Cotton Scout Group recently achieved the prestigious Queen's Scout Award, the highest award in the Venturer Scout Award Scheme.

Eighteen-year-old Venturers Charlie Schirmer, Katie Martin and Stephanie Rhodes dedicated more than 160 hours over the past three years to completing the rigorous demands of the program while juggling school, work and family commitments.

From learning bushcraft and first aid, to completing a two-day hike in the Gold Coast hinterland, the girls created individual programs to complete the requirements of the challenging award, which focuses on personal growth, leadership development, outdoor activities and community involvement for those aged 14 to 18 years.



Grants and Sponsorship Program

Every year Redland City Council awards community grants and sponsorship to individuals and community groups across economic development, the arts, cultural heritage, environment, community development and sport and recreation.

Community Grants Now open

Funding applications will be accepted from Monday 20 July until Friday 28 August, 2015.

Sponsorships Opening 500n

Funding applications will be accepted from Monday 17 August until Friday 18 September, 2015.





To apply for a community grant or sponsorship visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/grants or @ 3829 8912

Looking after your property

Winter may not be a productive time for your garden, but it's a great time to maintain your property. Overgrown properties appear untidy, can be a potential fire hazard, and encourage vermin such as rats, mice and mosquitoes to shelter and breed.

You can mow and slash grass, but remember that removing or damaging other types of vegetation (including trees) may require a permit.

Under the City's Local Laws, penalties may apply for land found to be overgrown or unsightly.





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From the Mayor's desk

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Message from the Mayor

Redland City is the perfect place to live, work and to do business. The challenge facing Council and what remains one of my top priorities as Mayor is to enhance the liveability and lifestyle of the Redlands.

One way we can do this is to help relieve cost-of-living pressures on residents - which I am proud Council has managed to do against the odds by absorbing millions of dollars in external costs and keeping rates rises low rather than passing them on to ratepayers.

Another is to continue on our journey of self-improvement to deliver a council that is efficient, effective, responsive to the people and which delivers better value for money for our residents. A third is to responsibly manage the inevitable growth that comes with a City that is coming of age. The State Government sets our growth projections but we must plan for it and manage it when it occurs.

While I am proud of Council's achievements to date, there is more work to be done if we are to continue to deliver for our community and build on our solid foundation of organisational improvement, financial sustainability and quality service delivery.

We need to search for new ways to generate income rather than continuing the overreliance on rates revenue. Redland City is now on the map, thanks partly to our Priority Development Area projects at Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek. It is early days yet for these foreshore transport hubs that will be transformed into worldclass waterfront precincts that continue to serve as our gateways to beautiful

> There is more work to be done if we are to continue to deliver for our community.

> > Mayor Karen Williams

Moreton Bay and our island communities. These projects have been long awaited -Toondah Harbour for more than half a century - and Council's strong commitment continues.

We also will have to find solutions to our statecontrolled public transport and road infrastructure needs to relieve increasing congestion in our City.

The key if we are to succeed is partnerships, such as the recently established Cross Boundary Transport Infrastructure Working Group. It involves three levels of government developing a whole-of-city transport plan that will identify priorities

and present a business case for funding to deliver road duplications to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and Rickertt Road, improved transport infrastructure such as the long-awaited and vital Eastern Busway and duplication of the Cleveland rail line.

We need the State Government to provide councils with the planning tools to help us manage growth and to better reflect our community needs. We must work with all stakeholders to ensure North Stradbroke Island and Redland City are best placed in managing the challenge of an earlier transition out of sand mining on Straddie.

We must forge partnerships with our business and tourism sectors via our economic development framework and tourism strategy and action plans to grow and broaden our economy, help generate jobs and create incentives for more people to visit the Redlands, to stay longer and to spend more.

Part of my job as Mayor is to lead a Council that is intent on building a strong economy that continues to instil investment confidence in our City, providing more employment opportunities, particularly for our younger Redlanders, while at the same time managing anticipated growth. Getting that balance right is a challenge Council will face head-on.

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Redland Art Gallery

Redland Performing Arts Centre

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VIBRANT ECONOMY

A vision of a people-friendly place

Youngsters play cricket in a parkland, nearby couples ride their bikes as others enjoy a meal and the view over Moreton Bay ... welcome to Toondah Harbour

Judging by first impressions, Cleveland's new Toondah Harbour will be a people place boasting expanses of open parkland and waterfront promenades.

The first artists' impressions were unveiled by Walker Group Queensland general manager Peter Saba during the recent announcement by the State Government of its endorsement of the group's \$1.39 billion proposal for the important but tired transport hub.

He also spoke of plans to increase public open space by about four times, much of it right on the shores of Moreton Bay.

The impressions Mr Saba unveiled for the Priority Development Area show public promenades, a port-side plaza and al fresco restaurants and cafes, capturing the visions local residents had in mind for the project during initial public engagement.

Importantly, the images showed an expansive treed parkland flowing down to a harbourside boardwalk.

The illustrations appear to have struck a chord. Local tourism operator and building design professional Wayne Lamb, who participated in a two-day think tank on Toondah Harbour in February last year, believes it is on the right track.

The owner of Robinson Cruises Sailing Adventures, who has experience designing maritime transit terminals, joined planners, engineers and architects to workshop ideas for revamping the harbour.

Mr Lamb's vision included public piazzas overlooking the bay and islands, local residents and tourists soaking up the cultural heritage and tourism operators busying themselves on boats in a marina.

"I want Toondah Harbour to be a vibrant place for people to meet and be active and these latest artists' impressions show planning that seems to be on the right track," Mr Lamb said.



"Public open space is absolutely vital - it allows us all to take ownership of our new harbour.

"Quality spaces like G.J. Walter Park should be enhanced and complemented by new

Redland Libraries

First 5 Forever

a family literacy initiative for Queensland



Free and accessible language and literacy resources for children 0-5 years and their families

Program	Age group	Time	Location and dates
Story corner Join in on our favourite stories and rhymes.	Ages 2-5 years	10-10.30am	Every Monday through July and August at Capalaba Library
Story Time Fun A fun morning of stories and craft.	Ages 2-4 years	10-10.45am	Capalaba Library - Thursdays 20 August and 17 September Cleveland Library - Tuesdays 18 August and 15 September Victoria Point Library - Wednesdays 19 August and 16 September
Ready to Read An early literacy program covering alphabet, counting, colour and singing.	Ages 18 months- 4 years	10-10.45am	Capalaba Library - Thursdays 23 July and 27 August Cleveland Library - Tuesdays 21 July and 25 August Victoria Point Library - Wednesdays 22 July and 26 August
Rhyme Time A high energy music and dance session with action rhymes, singing and stories.	Ages 1-3 years	10-10.30am	Capalaba Library - Thursdays 30 July and 13 August Cleveland Library - Tuesdays 28 July and 11 August Victoria Point Library - Wednesdays 29 July and 12 August
Baby's Day Out Introducing babies and parents to the joy of storytelling, using finger rhymes and song. Siblings welcome.	Ages 0-12 months	10-10.30am	Capalaba Library - Thursday 6 August Cleveland Library - Tuesday 4 August Victoria Point Library - Wednesday 5 August

For further program information go to www.redland.qld.gov.au and click on Libraries





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landscaped corridors connecting new places within the Toondah precinct with existing open space.

"I am heartened to learn public access to our beaches will be maintained. A balanced provision of boardwalks along the shoreline and places left untouched to access the beach itself to preserve the natural beauty of the landscape would work well for me."

Mr Saba said both the Walker Group and consulting planner for the Toondah Harbour PDA project, Place Design Group, had great concepts for maximising public access to the bay and open space in the precinct.

The next step is for Walker Group, Place Design Group, State Government, Redland Investment Corporation and Council to work on more detailed plans for the precinct's public realm. At the same time, Walker Group will start work on the environmental, social Revitalising Toondah
Harbour will provide a
vital jobs and economic
boost for the City.

Cr Julie Talty Division 6 (Mt Cotton, Sheldon, Thornlands, Victoria Point, Redland Bay)

Economic Development spokeswoman

and economic studies necessary for the project.

Residents will get the opportunity to have a further say on the project during this environmental impact statement (EIS) process. The first opportunity will be when the Queensland Coordinator-General drafts Terms of Reference for the EIS; the second will be when the draft EIS is released for public consultation.

You will also be able to have your say on the development application when it is submitted to Council.

Weinam Creek project proceeding

A master plan for Redland Bay's Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA) project is expected later this year.

It follows the State Government's granting of an extension to the Walker Group to continue work on its plan for this important gateway to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Car parking has been identified as a key community issue for the Weinam Creek transport hub and will form an important part of the master plan.

Weinam Creek was declared a PDA on 21 June 2013.

Welcome to Wayne's world

Local tourism operator and building design professional Wayne Lamb, pictured, explains his vision for a revamped Toondah Harbour.

"I walk along the public piazza with views opening up all the way to North Stradbroke Island.

"It is reminiscent of the piazzas in the south of France or the Greek Isles yet it is uniquely Redlands.

"It is ringed with lunchtime diners at al fresco restaurants and coffee shops. Traders are peddling their local wares.

"It boasts well-established native trees offering ample shade as they whisper a welcoming song and gently dance in the cool Moreton Bay sea breeze.

"A street performer delights the small crowd gathering. I can hear a busker with his rendition of Cat Stevens' *Father and Son*.

"There is a busy yet relaxed seaside village vibe. The Indigenous cultural and interactive centre is to the north, ferry terminals to the south, tourism operators in the marina



and families strolling down the waterfront boardwalk leading north to G.J. Walter Park.

"I can hear the sounds of kids laughing at the thrill of discovering new things, young couples chatting and falling in love.

"I smell salt air and a confused blend of coffee, fish 'n' chips and eucalypt.

"A seagull squawks as the Straddie ferry sounds its horn announcing that another happy boatload of tourists, full of excited anticipation, is off on a Moreton Bay adventure.

"So this is the Redlands and this is what all the fuss is about ..."



At a glance

- A typical Redland household (category 1A owner-occupied property with a property value of about \$280,000) will see a modest increase of just 0.5 percent about 31 cents a week including all water costs, rates and utility charges.
- A headline rate (Council total revenue) increase of just 1.99 percent, lower than Brisbane's CPI (2.60 percent) and the Redland City Council blended CPI (2.74 percent) at September 2014.
- Most of the additional revenue is provided through growth, with only 0.05 percent as a result of price increases.
- A 0.46 per cent decrease in water costs, excluding wastewater, for an average water user consuming 200kl a year.
 This is despite a 10 percent increase in State Government bulk water costs.
- More than \$30 million boost for the environment, including \$20 million in water, waste water and transfer station upgrades and \$11.65 million in operational spending.
- A predicted surplus of \$106,000.
- \$2.8 million in rates rebates for pensioners, with part or full pension discounts of up to \$330.
- Capital program of \$78 million.
- Visit **www.redland.qld.gov.au** for a full Budget breakdown.

Easing the pressure on Redlanders

Council's budget provides a cost-of-living reprieve for residents while still maintaining a healthy capital works program

Redland City ratepayers will pay only half-apercent more in rates on average as Redland City Council delivers a 2015-16 budget aimed at cutting living costs.

Council has also minimised increases in water costs, absorbing most of a State Government bulk water price rise.

In her budget speech, Mayor Karen Williams said that under this year's \$275 million budget, a typical Redlands' household with a property value of \$280,000 would get a rates increase of about 31 cents a week.

"I am very proud to be able to deliver another budget that truly provides for our residents, retaining the services and projects needed to take our City forward while keeping cost increases down," Cr Williams said.

"This is a great result for our community and while some residents' rates may be impacted by a change in State Government property valuations, this is outside Council's control and we have done everything in our power to again keep rates increases low for the fourth straight budget."

The Redlands' rates increase is less than half that of some neighbouring councils such as the Gold Coast (1 percent average rates rise) and Brisbane (2.5 percent average rates rise).

This is despite a 4 percent rise in operating costs, mainly due to the State Government's bulk water increases.

Council offset the State Government's 10 percent bulk water price increase by

reducing the Council-controlled retail component by 30 percent.

The budget also predicts a surplus of \$106,000, following the first surplus in more than a decade in 2013-14 and a predicted surplus for the previous financial year.

Cr Williams said that despite battling external cost pressures and reduced funding from other levels of government, Council had increased its total revenue (headline rate) by just 1.99 percent.

"What is even more pleasing is that ... almost all of Council's increased revenue will come from growth in our City, with only 0.05 per cent from existing ratepayers," she said.

"Obviously there is always a balancing act when it comes to growth and providing the infrastructure to accommodate it, but this is an example of how controlled growth can actually be good for the future of the City."

Cr Williams said the budget predicted debt would continue to fall, saving ratepayers money and freeing up funds for projects in local neighbourhoods as part of Council's \$78 million capital program.

I am proud to be able to deliver another budget that truly provides for our residents.

Mayor Karen Williams

What it means for you



A typical Redland household* will see a modest rates increase of just

0.5%

or



about

31 cents

a week including water, rates and utility charges.



Average domestic water user (200kl) costs

down 0.46%

excluding waste water



Predicts a

\$106,000 surplus

continuing Council's strong financial performance over the previous two years, including a surplus in 2013-14 and a predicted surplus in 2014-15

* a category 1A owner occupied property; with a property value of about \$280,000 including all water, rates and utility charges.

How rates are calculated

Your rates bill is made up of general rates and utility charges. The general rate is calculated using land valuations by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines over which Council has no control.

Latest change in median land valuations for the Redlands

Alexandra Hills	
Amity	0%
Birkdale	3.9%
Capalaba	5.6%
Cleveland	14.0%
Coochiemudlo Island	15.3%
Dunwich	0%
Karragarra Island	13.7%
Lamb Island	0%
Macleay Island	15.2%
Mount Cotton	0%
North Stradbroke Island	0%
Ormiston	0%
Point Lookout	0%
Redland Bay	0%
Russell Island	15.1%
Sheldon	0%
Thorneside	
Thornlands	1.9%
Victoria Point	0%
Wellington Point	1.8%

Making it easier to pay your rates

There's a range of options to make paying your rates easier. Council offers a direct debit service, as well as online, BPAY and phone payments. And, of course, you can still make payments in person at Council's Cleveland or Capalaba Customer Service Centres or at any Australia Post office. Through Council's online service, you can also make pre-payments 24/7, allowing you to pay any amount you like towards your next rates bill. You just need to enter the reference number from your rate notice and have a credit card. Go to **www.redland.qld. gov.au/Paymentsandeservices/Ratesinfo** for more details. Why not register for an electronic rates notice while you are there.



Cr Mark Edwards, Division 5 (Redland Bay, Bay islands)

Finance spokesman



Environmental benefits to flow, naturally

The Redlands' natural environment will benefit from more than \$30 million in spending in the 2015-16 Council budget.

This includes a total of \$11.65 million for a variety of ongoing environmental operations, as well as \$20 million in water, waste water and waste upgrades which will help boost the quality of water which flows into Moreton Bay.

Council has also recognised the community's strong affinity with the natural environment through a range of important fauna and flora programs.

These range from revegetation and erosion-control projects to restore areas of the Redlands to clean-ups, fire management and the work of the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre and its environmental officers.

This financial year, Council will plant another 60,000 trees, many of them koala favourites,

adding to the 38,000 koala food trees that have been planted across the Redlands in the past five years.

Council also recently completed koala corridor mapping to ensure koala trees were planted in the right locations and is actively supporting the work of noted microbiologist Professor Peter Timms, who last financial year received a grant to test a chlamydia vaccine on koalas in the Redlands.

The allocation also includes resourcing the care and control of the Redlands' public conservation estate, which now covers close to 10,000 hectares, as well as helping Bushcare volunteers and residents through programs such as Land for Wildlife, Voluntary Conservation and Koala Conservation agreements and the Waterways Extension and Your Backyard Garden programs.

Helping hand continues for pensioners

Pensioners will continue to get the full rates discount of \$330 under this year's budget.

The total amount of discounts provided to local pensioners

has increased to \$2.8 million this year. Eligible pensioners can also apply for discounts on their pet registration fee.

To be eligible, applicants must have a Pensioner Concession Card, Entitlement Card or Gold Card. For the rates discount, they must be the registered owner and resident of the property for which the rebate is being claimed.

BUDGET

Planning for the future of our roads

Making it easier, safer and faster to get around the City is a feature of this year's works program

Redland City Council will spend more than \$21 million to upgrade roads, transport and pedestrian paths this financial year.

Council's 2015-16 budget includes more than \$8 million to resurface local streets, taking the total commitment to resurfacing local roads to almost \$17 million over two years.

This includes a further \$1 million for Council's successful green sealing of Southern Moreton Bay Island roads.

The budget also includes funding for a crossborder transport strategy to plan for the future of roads between the Redlands and Brisbane.

The project will develop a plan for these roads to ensure they can cope with the extra residents who are expected to use them.

It will include planning for the future of congested Rickertt Road, as well as the State Government-controlled Old Cleveland Road and Mt Cotton Road.

The budget also commits to providing improved pedestrian and cycle infrastructure, to encourage alternative forms of transport.

Almost \$5 million will be spent upgrading footpaths, cycleways and bus stops, encouraging residents to leave their cars at home.

There will be almost \$1 million spent on new bikepaths, including \$650,000 to construct the missing link in the Moreton Bay Cycleway. This 800-metre cycleway along Redland Bay Road in Thornlands will combine with developer contributed works to provide a continuous 12km cycleway from Cleveland to Victoria Point.

The Moreton Bay Cycleway is a 150km multimillion-dollar project that will run from Bribie Island to Redland Bay via the new Gateway Bridge bikeway, and will become the longest cycleway on the east coast of Australia.

This year's capital program will also include a new 300-metre footpath along Valley Way, Mt Cotton, completing a missing link in the pedestrian and cycling network and improving access for residents to the only shopping centre in the area and Mt Cotton Community Park.



Our great outdoors is set to become even greater with Council committing \$27.5 million to revitalise parks and open spaces and boost access to Moreton Bay.

Residents and visitors will benefit from more than \$19 million in upgrading marine and coastal infrastructure, including a \$680,000 upgrade of the Coochiemudlo Island foreshore. This project will include the construction of new pedestrian pathways, formalised pedestrian beach access, picnic shelters and barbecues and improved playground and carparking between the existing boat ramp and ferry terminal along the Main Beach foreshore park.

Another \$8.5 million has been earmarked for local parks and open space upgrades, including a commitment of \$600,000 for the Weinam Creek Wetland Park, which will include new playground equipment, sporting fields and picnic shelters.

Local sports groups will also benefit from field upgrades, including a \$280,000 renewal of the William Taylor Netball Courts, \$200,000 to upgrade lights at Charlie Buckler Park and a further \$300,000 on the Henry Ziegenfusz Sportsfield lighting and power upgrade.

Council is also about to start work on new lights at the Judy Holt Park thanks to a \$700,000 joint Council and State Government commitment.





BY THE NUMBERS

The 2015-16 budget will provide the following funding to services across the city

\$9.98 million operating local libraries

\$11.65 million

greening the Redlands, including the planting of 60,000 trees

\$3.83 million

on strengthening the Redlands community, including grants and sponsorships

\$19.65 million

maintaining parks and sports fields

\$5.83 million

operating local transfer stations

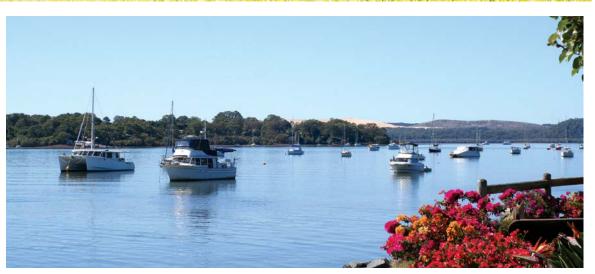
\$9.66 million

to collect waste and recycling from local households and businesses

\$2.63 million

for local art galleries and the Redland Performing Arts Centre





Big boost for Southern Moreton Bay Islands

Redland City Council's 2015-16 budget will deliver more than \$9 million in capital projects to Southern Moreton Bay Island (SMBI) residents.

Under this year's budget, rates for a typical SMBI property with a land valuation of \$44,000, with average water consumption and including all rates and utilities, will fall by almost 5 percent, saving residents about \$113 a year.

This has been made possible through Council absorbing external cost increases and the removal of the infrastructure levy previously imposed on bay island properties. The final rates bill will depend on the State Government's revaluation, which is out of Council's control.

The budget also earmarks more than \$5 million for the Macleay Island car park and foreshore upgrade and \$1 million for sealing island roads.

An \$800,000 upgrade of the Macleay Island barge ramp will also be completed to provide a safer, more reliable barge landing.

Work will also be completed on the Russell Island sports and resilience centre which began recently.

The budget also provides for SMBI residents' continued access to TransLink services.



Community grants

Funding for community grants is now available, with applications accepted until Friday 28 August.

Each year, Council supports a variety of community projects that benefit economic development, the arts, cultural heritage, environment, community development, sport and recreation.

Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/grants or call 3829 8912 to apply.



Public art acquisitions

Council is committed to developing a vibrant and innovative public art program developed in consultation with the community and users of the public spaces concerned.

More than \$22,000 will be invested this year in works that are innovative, functional and well understood by the community surrounding and visiting the work.



Stop the bus

Council will spend \$1.28 million to renew and upgrade up to 20 bus shelters and 200 boarding points across the City this financial year as part of an ongoing program to ensure they cater for people with disabilities. The State Government will contribute about \$500,000 to the works through the Public Transport Accessible Infrastructure Program.



Treatment plant on track

Work on Point Lookout's state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant has been allocated \$11.5 million in this year's budget.

The project is on track to start before the end of year, with the tendering process now well underway.

The new facility will be built at the site of the existing plant at the end of Tramican Street. Six sewerage pumping stations have been upgraded in preparation for the project, which will bring environmental and social benefits to the Point Lookout community.

It also will allow the sewerage network to be eventually extended to more properties.

ENVIRONMENT

Straddie group has foxes on the run

A fightback has begun on North Stradbroke Island where destructive feral pests have been exacting a massive toll on native wildlife

A battle for survival is being waged on Straddie between the natural wildlife and foxes and feral cats - and it's currently claiming about a million native animals a year.

But a new group is aiming to swing the pendulum back in favour of the island's indigenous wildlife by controlling the population of foxes and other pests that are ravaging Straddie's fauna.

The Council-supported Straddie Pest Management Group is an initiative that brings together land managers across Straddie with the common goal of reducing fox numbers to restore the natural balance.

Someone who knows only too well the devastation foxes and other

Getting on top of feral pests is vital in a City which takes pride in its natural environment.

Cr Lance Hewlett

Division 4 (Victoria Point, Coochiemudlo Is, part of Thornlands & Redland Bay) Environment spokesman feral pests can cause on the island is Wildcare Straddie volunteer Romane Cristescue.

Having volunteered with the wildlife carers' group for the past six years, Romane said foxes were a constant but not always visible threat.

"It's something not everyone would be aware of because it happens in the bush and often at night, so the attacks aren't always visible but it's definitely happening," she said.

"One of the impacts is in the bandicoot numbers. Years ago you could see bandicoots everywhere, but today they are very rare and we strongly suspect this is because of foxes."

According to Romane, while most kills happened under the cover of darkness one very visible impact was on Straddie's endangered sea turtles whose nests were regularly ransacked by foxes.

"The foxes just destroy them; they go up and down the beach digging out the nests and taking the eggs, it really is horrible," Romane said. "They also hunt reptiles, frogs, sugar-gliders, birds and even juvenile koalas. Foxes are very intelligent and very efficient

predators and will stalk and attack any animals they possibly can everything up to 3.5kg."

Romane says education is a key focus in the fight against pests such as foxes and feral cats.

"Because they hunt deep in the bush and at night, it is difficult for people to see and so not everyone is aware of the damage they can cause, so it is important we educate people about what they can do to help, such as reporting fox sightings to FeralScan or Council," she said.

This is a sentiment backed by Joel Bolzenius of SEQ Catchments, who said managing pests on Straddie needed to be dealt with at a community level. To support the need for community input, a series of community information sessions were held in early July, with a Feral Animal Management Forum scheduled for 4 August on Straddie.

Joel said the forum would include guest speakers from Victoria's Philip Island, where foxes were on the verge of being eradicated.

"Not only do pest animals have a major impact environmentally, they can also have major impacts on local economies," he said. "Philip Island provides a great example of where feral animal control was a necessity to protect penguin colonies and a tourism industry which contributes \$125 million to the Victorian economy annually.

"Getting on top of the feral animal issue is a struggle for many communities but there is a lot of great work being done and this event will provide an opportunity to learn how the challenge can be overcome."

Joel said Straddie's fox population was estimated at more than 1000 and it consumed 150-300 tonnes of wildlife on the island each year.

"This is the first time that a group like this (Straddie Pest Management Group) has existed - bringing together all of the landholders on Straddie to achieve the best long-term results, supported by the local community," he said.

"Our approach involves an extensive review of the best approved methods available that have the longest term benefit for the island."

For more information on the Straddie Pest Management Group visit www.seqcatchments.com.au.

Researchers having a whale of a time on Straddie

While Straddie's Point Lookout is known as a great place for whale watching, few would realise the important role it plays in the longevity of these wonderful mammals.

Scientists from the University of Queensland are currently perched on the point, counting the migrating humpbacks as they make their annual pilgrimage.

Chief investigator Dr Michael Noad said Point Lookout was critical to the success of the survey, which is perhaps the most important land site for tracking the recovery of the east Australian population of humpback whales. "There is nowhere else quite like Point Lookout for surveying whales, it is arguably the single-most important land-based location for surveying whale populations in Australia," Dr Noad said. "It is a significant site on an international scale."

Dr Noad said this year's survey, based on a custom-made platform supplied by Redland City Council, was part of a longrunning series of surveys which started in the early 1980s.

"Robert Paterson and his wife Patricia started noticing passing whales in the 1970s and started a more formal survey in the 1980s," he said. "In the early days of the survey, they would get really excited if they saw a handful of whales per day. Now we're seeing between 100 and 200 per day on many days." The record, set in July, is now 215.

Dr Noad said the surveys had shown a very high (10-11 percent a year) and consistent rate of increase in the whale population.

"We're expecting, however, for the rate of increase to slow around now, so this will be a particularly interesting survey," he said.

The survey crew is well out of the way of the main walkway so there are still plenty of places for visitors to view the whale parade.





Redlands at forefront of fight against chlamydia

Up to 40 Redlands koalas will be involved in a trial vaccination for the potentially deadly chlamydia bacterium.

Noted researcher Professor Peter Timms and his team from the University of the Sunshine Coast are treating koalas from the Redlands which find themselves in care at Moggill Koala Hospital or Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital before they are returned to the wild.

The trial treatment is being supported by a \$30,000 grant funded from Council's environmental levy.

"We plan to test the vaccine to determine if it can halt the progression of disease in koalas," Professor Timms explained. "While chlamydial infection is important, it is the (associated) disease that has the most devastating consequences. We will therefore administer the

vaccine to a group of koalas with early stage eye disease.

"We will monitor the vaccinated animals, by comparison with unvaccinated koalas, to measure their immune response, their chlamydial infection load and, importantly, their eye disease.

"If vaccination can have a positive effect on reducing disease, it will be a major step forward as the current approach of treatment with antibiotics takes at least one month and is impractical in many situations."

The trial includes two versions of the vaccine which covers multiple strains of chlamydia.



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COVER STORY

Redlands revels in the spirit of Quandamooka

Connecting cultures and understanding the significance of living on sacred ground is at the heart of the Quandamooka Festival

There's a wave of energy sweeping across the Redlands this winter as a three-month calendar of events and activities celebrates the culture, country and people of Moreton Bay and surrounds during the inaugural Quandamooka Festival.

"The festival is a life-long dream for the Elders of Quandamooka, especially the kunjiel (corroboree)," says Cameron Costello, chief executive officer of the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC), the organisation tasked with managing Native Title over Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

"Quandamooka people have played a small part in other festivals for many years and the community felt it was time for our own festival, both to engage the broader community in Aboriginal culture and ensure our language and culture is engrained in future generations," he says.

Encompassing art, traditional dance, entertainment, conversation, environmental discovery, sport and recreation, the festival celebrates the

culture, country and people of Quandamooka, which embarces much of what we today call the Redlands.

"It's an opportunity for everyone living on Quandamooka country, regardless of their heritage, to come together and appreciate the beauty of Quandamooka. We want to connect cultures in the Redlands and demystify Aboriginal culture for all Australians," he continues.

"We want to provide everyone with an insight into the Quandamooka journey, for local residents to learn the significance of living on sacred ground and for tourists to follow our dreaming stories across the islands of Moreton Bay and along the coast from the mouth of the Brisbane River, through Cleveland and south to the Logan River.

"I believe Quandamooka is in its own renaissance period and it's time to celebrate our cultural heritage, revitalise our traditional language, think about who we are as First Nation and where we want to be."

A Quandamooka man, Cameron was raised in Wynnum until he moved to Mackay at the age of five. He returned to Brisbane to attend university, firstly gaining a degree in leisure management

followed by another in law.

While instrumental in bringing the festival to fruition, Cameron says he is merely a facilitator for the community to stage the event, a role largely influenced by his time as the indigenous program manager at Arts Queensland.

"I was involved in the evolution of the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (now Australia's premier indigenous art fair) and I saw how to create and stage events. The key lesson I learned was the importance of partnerships to the success of an event."

By creating a signature cultural event during the low season for tourism, the festival is expected to deliver economic outcomes in addition to the social and cultural benefits.

"Indigenous communities worldwide are harnessing cultural tourism and the Quandamooka Festival has potential to create a new economy for Minjerribah. We're keen to take advantage of the growing global interest in cultural tourism. We planned it from July to September to create

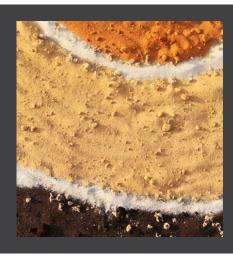


Time to talk

Let's Listen, Let's Yarn - Speakers Forums: 22 August, 12 September (forums start at 11am, 1pm and 3pm), The Learning Centre, corner of Mitchell Crescent and Welsby Street, Goompi (Dunwich).

Join six different panels across two days as more than 20 speakers discuss contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal people. Free event.

Presented by Redland City Council.



Fun times

Quandamooka Quiz Show & Comedy Night: 25 September from 6pm, Little Ship Club, Goompi (Dunwich).

With Australia's deadliest Indigenous comic Sean Choolburra as your host, this massive quiz night will see teams competing for seriously silly prizes and will send you home full of knowledge of the Quandamooka region and its people, culture, history and language.





new economic opportunities during low season," Cameron says.

"In recent years, we've watched the rise and rise of China both globally and as a key partner for the Redlands. Quandamooka people are keen to capitalise on the Chinese market and showcase our culture among native wildlife, picturesque landscape, beautiful beaches and clean air."

While this year's festival features an impressive line-up of more than 60 events and activities, Cameron is using the inaugural event as a framework for future years. "The goal is to grow the cultural experience for Quandamooka people and develop cultural tourism for the broader population," he says.

"Our vision is to get more local businesses involved, to have Quandamooka banners flying in the streets and to have our traditional dishes on the menus of local restaurants.

"I'd love to see our language integrated into the local lingo as a point of difference for our region, for everyone to be using 'yura' for hello and 'yuwayi' for goodbye, just as 'aloha' is the national

greeting in Hawaii and 'bula' in Fiji. These welcomes are unique and create a friendly experience for our visitors, especially when everyone uses it."

Cameron believes the festival is poised to be a premier event on the Australian cultural calendar.

"I see it as becoming one of Australia's major festivals and a must-do during the 2018 Commonwealth Games," he says.

Visit www.quandamookafestival. com.au for more information and events details.

Redland City Council is proud to be a major sponsor.

Big finale

Kunjiel (Corroboree) & Closing Ceremony: 26-27 September, Dunwich Secondary School, 100 East Coast Road, Goompi (Dunwich).

Kunjiel (Corroboree) is the culminating event of the Quandamooka Festival, celebrating traditional and contemporary dance, music, and arts. It will showcase some of Australia's finest Indigenous contemporary performers, including Quandamooka country star Adam James.



Land of the giants

Quadamooka Whale Watch Tours: August 24, 29, 30, September 8, 10, 11, 12, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, Mooloomba (Point Lookout), Minjerribah.

Join Quandamooka tour guide Matt Burns for a tour like no other as he provides an insight into the local history and science of whales passing through Quandamooka (Moreton Bay) during a guided gorge walk.

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DISCOVER REDLANDS

Benefits flow as events take centre stage

There is a wave of optimism about the Redlands' growth as a fun and friendly destination

When the best young surfers in the country descend on North Stradbroke Island this year, they will be riding a building wave of economic optimism in the Redlands.

Over the nine days of the high-profile Australian Junior Surfing Titles, the surfers and their entourages - all up, around 1750 people - will pour an estimated \$1.8 million into the local economy.

It is among a dozen new major events lured by Redland City Council this year which are expected to attract about 52,000 visitors who potentially will spend more than \$6.5 million.

The recent Bikes and Bulls event, for example, drew more than 3000 people, mostly from Brisbane, Logan and the likes. They spent an estimated \$315,000.

Brisbane Marketing general manager of leisure tourism and major events Anne-Marie Moon is enthusiastic about the Redlands' potential as an events destination and the value it offers to the community.

"Events are not only positive from an economic perspective, bringing visitor spend into the City from out of the region, but they also have very strong community and social benefits," Anne-Marie says.

"These events engender community pride and collaboration, generate employment, offer opportunities for volunteers and importantly give residents a vehicle to promote their wares - be that produce, their artistic endeavours or sporting endeavours among others.

"The benefits of these events flow to local businesses and, importantly, to school and community groups who become involved with events through supply of services, including carparking or running a sausage sizzle."

Redland City Council principal adviser community events Scott McDuff says the Redlands is especially well-placed to boost its events profile on the back of substantial international and domestic promotion from its success in luring high-profile shoots for Angelina Jolie's Unbroken and Johnny Depp's Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales to the City.

"Bringing Hollywood to the Redlands has been of enormous value," he says.

It has helped to grow the City's profile, making it more attractive to events organisers.

"Our new events are designed to bring people into the Redlands. They are destination-driven events which draw outside money into the City while also bringing significant social and cultural benefits," Scott says, adding that Council is plotting the direct benefits of events.

"We are now surveying attendees, organisers and everyone involved in events to get an accurate



The Redlands boasts some top spots for festivals, with a stage soon to be built at Capalaba Regional Park.

Cr Paul Gleeson Division 9 (Capalaba)

Infrastructure spokesman

snapshot of what they do and what they spend here," Scott says.

"But based on the multiplier devised by Tourism and Events Queensland from data collection throughout the state, visitors to our events aged 15 years and over spend up."

Scott says the City's events potential is substantial.

"We have the best opportunity I have ever seen in 20 years in the events industry," he says. "We

are trying to ensure our doors are open for those opportunities to become reality.

"We want to capitalise on our regional flavour in the Redlands – our natural, cultural and community positives. We are looking for iconic annual festivals as well as niche community events that have a lasting legacy and inspire people to come together in our City."

Council also has a comprehensive Event Management Kit available to prospective organisers which includes all relevant forms.

"We can take people through the whole process, from promoting the event and ensuring they have all the necessary permits and approvals, right down to safety issues, traffic management on the day and the importance of partnerships in making it a success," Scott says.

What's new on the Redlands' ever-growing event calendar

28 August - Wellington Point Retro Markets: A new market with collectibles, retro craft and fashion, memorabilia, entertainment and gourmet food at the Village. 25-27 September - Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo: You will find everying you need for enjoying the outdoors at this major new event at Cleveland Showgrounds. 8 November: Redlands Rockabilly Revival: Revel in the sights, sounds and amazing machines in a rocking blast from the past in the heart of Cleveland. And it's free.

28 November to 6 December - Australian Junior Surfing Titles:

The country's best up-and-coming surfers will descend on North Stradbroke Island to compete for the national championship.

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Collaboration the key to our tourism destiny

Redlands tourism operators have given a thumbs up to the City's new tourism strategy.

"It is absolutely fantastic," says Bay Islands Chamber of Commerce president Col McInnes.

"Most importantly, I think it sets out the importance of economic development and sustainability it goes beyond tourism."

Redland City Council in June unanimously adopted the Redland City Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2015–2020 – a blueprint that can be "owned" by local industry, setting out how it and Council can work together to seize opportunities in tourism investment and development, destination marketing and events as well as supporting infrastructure and coordination.

"People may not always realise the positive effects of tourism beyond tourists staying at a B&B," Col says of an industry expected to account for more than 3 percent of the City's Gross Regional Product by 2041. "Tourism brings people in to eat at our cafes, they



buy fuel at petrol stations and shop at clothing stores."

Katrina Beutel, owner/manager of Redlands Kayak Tours says it is clear that operators need to work together and see themselves as "part of the bigger picture".

"As an operator, how can I promote my vision if I don't know what the vision is for our region? We need to help each other and work collaboratively," Katrina says.

"I think that the Tourism Strategy and Action Plan is really comprehensive. Overall, it covers off on a lot of areas, with great ideas on how we can move forward and very practical actions that can be implemented, such as a new tourism website."

Coochiemudlo Island's Russell Jackson says the topics discussed in the strategy are relevant to everyday tourism in the greater Redlands.

"The digital impact on tourism is now the tried and proven way of the present and the future," Russell says. "We look forward to helping implement actions from the tourism strategy."

The Strategy and Action Plan gives industry ownership of its future by creating a tourism subcommittee that is representative of all areas of the City. In the mediumterm, this subcommittee could become the Redlands local tourism organisation.

The focus on getting industry to provide leadership is a good thing, according to Straddie Chamber of Commerce president David Thomson.

"Collaboration is the way to go. We are made up of a lot of small businesses so it is important for these businesses, industry and Council to work in a collaborative way. The Tourism Strategy and Action Plan looks to synergise how we can work together.

"Seasonality is a villain of the tourism business, so if the action plan helps increase visitation and address seasonality that would be a great outcome," David says.

The action plan includes more valuable tourism trend data than can be found in most other tourism reports in Queensland.

Read the Redland City Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2020 at www.redland.gld.gov.au.

COMMUNITY





Redlanders have a responsibility to keep it clean when it comes to their yards.

All residents are encouraged to keep their land tidy and free from overgrown grass and unwanted items such as car bodies, dilapidated boats and other unsightly material.

If you cannot do the work yourself, engage a contractor to appropriately dispose of unwanted items rather than let them build up and become a problem. Think about how your neighbours might feel living next to a property that is overgrown or unsightly, particularly as it can be a fire risk.

Redland City Council can help you with advice on how to best dispose of unwanted items and provides a free tip service for domestic waste.

Under the Redland City's Local Laws, penalties apply for land found to be overgrown or unsightly.

You can find out more at **www.redland.qld.gov.au.** Go to "Forms and Permits" and then "Local Laws" - you will find details under Local Law 3, section 13.



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Wonderful days of whines and Roses

It was love at first sight - and the continuation of a family tradition - when Nichola Fowler and her family met Rose from the Redlands Animal Shelter

It's easy to see the connection between 20-year-old uni student Nichola and three-year-old golden retriever labrador-cross Rose.

"We went to the animal shelter to see a puppy that had been posted on their Facebook page. I was disappointed to learn that it had already been adopted, but not for long. Sue showed me around the shelter and there was Rose. She was a bit skinny and forlorn, not at all what I was expecting, but that's how love is, isn't it?"

Nichola's mum Kerry was concerned when she received Nichola's excited text.

"I was worried she was making a rash decision," Kerry recalls.

"Rose was already three years old. While I was happy to miss the adorable cheweverything-in-sight stage, I knew Nichola had her heart set on a puppy after her cousin had recently purchased one.

"But things couldn't have worked out better. We brought our ageing family dog Peanut into the shelter to meet Rose and they hit it off immediately," Kerry says.

Six weeks later and Peanut is a changed dog. Much to the Fowler family's consternation, Peanut has never been a ball chaser.

"Now we throw the ball to Rose, and Peanut chases after Rose, who chases the ball. In the end, it's Rose who wants a rest. Peanut's still rearing to go," Kerry laughs.

Rose is the fourth dog the Fowler family has rescued.

"We're a real fan of pound puppies," says Kerry.

"They're a bit more robust than pure breeds, and it's a good feeling to rescue an unclaimed or abandoned animal. We've been lucky that our dogs have had beautiful natures."

Kerry and Geoff adopted their first dog, a rhodesian ridgeback called Roxanne, from Redland City Council's animal shelter as newlyweds 28 years ago.

"Roxanne was our first baby," says Kerry.

"But our girls were still little when she passed away. By the time Emily, our second daughter, turned six she was desperate for a puppy of her own.

"By that stage our local Redlands shelter had stopped rehoming animals, so we visited the Gold Coast shelter. We were there for one puppy, but came home with Peanut and his brother Cadbury, one for each sister.

"Nichola's puppy Cadbury met with an unfortunate accident so wasn't with us for long." Our animal adoption program is giving some wonderful pets a second chance at finding a new, loving family.

FAMILY TIES: Kerry and Geoff

Fowler with Emily and Peanut, left,

and Nichola and Rose. Left is a

young Nichola with Roxanne and

Emily with Cadbury and Peanut.

Cr Wendy Boglary Division 1 (Wellington Point, Ormiston)

Fast forward 12 years, and Redlands Animal Shelter has started rehoming animals again. Nichola and Emily have been following the new Facebook page and, with all the cuties posted there, the inevitable has happened.

Nichola has continued the family tradition and brought her own pound puppy home, albeit a slightly older one. And Kerry couldn't be happier.

"Nichola always felt she missed out on having that special relationship as a kid but now she has Rose. And as a young adult, she's doing all the walking, cleaning up and feeding herself this time."



Your own furry BFF

Find your own best friend forever at the Redlands Animal Shelter. Contact details are on the back page of this publication.

All animals are desexed, vaccinated, microchipped, heartworm tested (dogs), FIV tested (cats) and have had a full health assessment along with flea and worm prevention (unless there is a medical reason not to). Prices are set to contribute to these costs.

If you love animals but are not in a position to responsibly adopt one, why not volunteer at the animal shelter. We are looking for people to help us with dog walking, cat cuddling, enrichment activities and, of course, the not so glamorous cleaning up.

Fill out our online volunteer application form at redInd.cc/RedIandAnimalShelter and we'll get in contact with you.



Hearing message comes through loud and clear

The installation of hearing loops in Council buildings is helping hearing-impaired Redlanders to better connect with their communities

The bank teller raises her voice at you when you say you're having trouble hearing and you end up just agreeing to the charge you came in to dispute because it's easier and less embarrassing.

The café barista exchanges pleasantries with you from behind the loud espresso machine and you think he's joking, so you laugh along until he gives you an odd look and you realise you've misunderstood something.

You decide to cross over to other side of the street instead of saying hello to a group of old friends because you know that the group conversation will be jumbled and your hearing aid will just amplify all the things you don't want to hear.

These difficult every day encounters are very real for local Redland residents Peter and Jill Lindley, who both live with hearing loss.

"Hearing loss is very complex and devastating - it excludes

Our Donald Simpson
Centre is showing
the way by offering a
state-of-the-art service
for hearing-impaired
Redlanders.

Cr Kim-Maree Hardman, Division 3 (Cleveland South, Thornlands)

and isolates," Peter says. "I have been unable to participate in and belong to groups, which has seen me withdraw as much as possible from contact with people or become adept at bluffing, where I would give the impression of hearing and understanding, even though much of the time I had no idea what was transpiring."

As in Peter's case, social isolation can become the norm. For some, it can lead to cognitive decline and mental health issues.

More than four million people in Australia experienced some

degree of hearing loss and this is especially relevant in the Redlands, where by 2016 a third of the population will be aged 55 years and over, pointing to a larger than average number of people with hearing issues.

"There is a misconception that technology overcomes the problems but that's not always the case - Cochlear implants help an enormous number of people but they don't help everybody and hearing aids are not a magic wand either," Peter says.

Proving to be quite successful are the hearing loop amplification systems that Redland City Council now has available at all of its main community facilities.

Group Manager Community and Cultural Services Greg Jensen says the hearing loops make it easier for hearing-impaired people to pick up voices and other important audio. There are staff at all libraries and customer service centres trained in the use of the systems and Council is currently upgrading signs alerting people to the service.

Peter and Jill, who have long been advocates for services for the hearing impaired, say the loops have given them the ability to participate.

"The Donald Simpson Centre brings in speakers about a particular topic that helps to keep you up-to-date with what's going on in society, for example important changes happening in government or at Centrelink, and if you can't effectively communicate you won't go," Jill explains.

"The more people are isolated the more likely they are to experience cognitive decline and dementia – that's a very important reason to get people to be able to communicate on a regular and social basis. The loops have enabled us to socialise and be part of the community," Peter says.

Did you know?

Redland City Council facilities with an amplification system for the hearing impaired include the Council Chambers, Customer Service Centres, mainland libraries, Redland Performing Arts Centre, the Donald Simpson Centre and community halls at Capalaba, Thorneside, Redland Bay, Point Lookout (North

Stradbroke Island), Macleay Island and Russell Island.

Each of these facilities has one of two systems fitted. One requires a neck loop or headphone, while the other, a T-switch, requires the mere flick of a switch to enable hearing aids to become wireless receivers.

Community centre leads the way

Cleveland's Donald Simpson Centre has a state-of-theart hearing loop system, with two of the loops provided by Redland City Council.

It has FM hearing loops in the auditorium, the smaller meeting rooms off the central hallway and at reception. They enable people with hearing impairment to listen to anything presented over a microphone within range of the system.

Local residents Peter and Jill Lindley were instrumental in advocating for the systems to be implemented at the Donald Simpson Centre.

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Tony and Tom sow the seeds of community spirit

Most Sunday afternoons you will find Tony Chapman and Tom Black pottering around Alexandra Hills' community garden.

The "brains and brawn" of the plot at the end of Oaklands Street, Tony and Tom have helped nurture it from a bare patch where kids got up to mischief into a thriving garden popular with old folk, youngsters and people with disabilities. They have been its heart and soul since they volunteered at a community meeting a decade ago.

"It certainly means everything to the people who come here," says Tony, 82, who can be found among the veggie and flower beds most days."

"People come here and find a little job ... there's always weeding," adds Tom, a spray painter and the self-described brawn of the outfit who devotes much of his weekends to the plot. "It gives them a lot of satisfaction. You do what you can do, do what you want. We don't have an agenda."

During the week, Tony can regularly be found working with children or groups of people with disabilities, talking about seedlings and flowers and letting them get their hands dirty.

"They love it. They plant seeds and pull up things," Tony laughs as Tom adds: "Sometimes things that don't need pulling up!"



Tony and Tom, whose efforts have earned them a bunch of local awards, confess they are simply "tragics" when it comes to the garden.

"My wife calls this my playgroup," Tom laughs. "When I go around to pick up Tony, I ask his wife if he can come out to play."

Today the gardens cover 1.74ha, a long way from what was once barely the size of a house block, and there are plans for a new pizza oven and barbecue area and maybe a stage for the musicians who regularly drop in

for a session. But it has also had its heartbreaks.

"It used to get vandalised ... every day almost until we put a fence around it," Tony recalls. "But Council has been very proactive,

Tom and Tony are real credits to our community ... the heart and soul of Alexandra Hills' community garden.

Cr Murray Elliott, Division 7 (Alexandra Hills South, Capalaba) it has been very good to us and it has been much appreciated."

Tony and Tom say the rewards have been plentiful, with about 60 regular members of the community gardens.

"When we are ready to harvest, the produce just goes on the table and it is shared ... here everything is shared," Tom says.

The Oaklands Street Community Gardens annual open day, complete with celebrity gardener, is on 13 September. If you want to get involved with the gardens, you can call Tony on 3390 1461.

Tugs can't budge Peters clan from the Redlands

Victoria Point has a long history with tug boats that many Redlanders may not be aware.

It has been home to the Peters family for 67 years, whose company, Pacific Tug, this year celebrates 50 years in the marine industry.

The company started in 1965, when brothers Con and George Peters built a trawler and began operating as commercial fishermen off North Stradbroke and Moreton islands.

Their expansion into towage later that year happened quite by accident after the brothers helped tow a barge up the Brisbane River while returning from a fishing trip. Nowadays, with Con's son Chris Peters at the helm, along with

his brothers Sam and Robert, the

company boasts 150 employees

and runs a fleet of 18 marine craft, including 12 tugs and four barges.

Headquartered at Victoria Point, Pacific Tug now specialises in dredging, marine construction and towing, with vessels currently based at Bundaberg, Port Kembla, Melbourne, Geelong and Moreton Bay, where they carry 1800 tonne of mineral sand from North Stradbroke Island to Brisbane every day.

The family business' international reputation continues to grow, with their tug Fortitude recently setting a new record for the longest non-stop tow by an Australian tug boat, towing two new barges (and navigating around two typhoons) 4147 nautical miles from Shanghai to Brisbane.

The Peters' family have lived at Victoria Point since 1948 and



speak with genuine affection for their local area.

"I have lived here all my life and have no intention of moving," Chris explains.

"Who wouldn't want to work and live in the Redlands. Being in the Redlands enables people to live an idyllic beachside lifestyle. Boating, fishing and clean sea air provides wonderful opportunities to be enjoyed by all.

"The community, relaxed atmosphere and educational and employment opportunities also make it a great place for families."

REJUVENATION

Adding colour to the City landscape

A quiet art-led renaissance is gathering momentum in the heart of Cleveland

In a Middle Street shop unoccupied for almost three years, the work of celebrated local artist Leo Herreygers is now delighting shoppers and visitors, helping to bring renewed vibrancy to the CBD.

Leo and his wife Jo are at the forefront of Renew Cleveland, an exciting Council-led initiative aimed at re-energising vacant shops with creative and innovative enterprises.

"It's the best idea ... it's just wonderful that you can breathe new life into vacant shops by putting artists in there," Jo enthuses. "I think it is bringing culture into the area ... and it's such as beautiful place."

More vacant buildings are soon to become exciting art spaces as

commercial property companies such as Stocklands embrace the concept and artists catch on to its potential.

"There is so much talent in this area," Jo says. "As more artists join it will help Cleveland develop a reputation for culture. It will bring in daytrippers and visitors."

Jo says locals are embracing the concept, with a steady stream of visitors arriving at the gallery

The innovative
Renew concept has the potential to add a new vibrancy to the heart of the City.

Cr Craig Ogilvie, Division 5 (Cleveland, North Stradbroke Is) to see Leo's internationally renowned works.

"The reaction has been very positive," Jo says.

"Because we don't have a huge amount of outgoings we are able to keep our prices down and make it more affordable for everybody.

"It offers an opportunity for artists to get out into the community to show and sell their works."

Through the program, property owners and managers are making otherwise empty spaces available at minimal cost for short-term use by artists, artisans, creative ventures and other community projects.

The Renew Cleveland vision is for an attractive, vibrant and lively city centre showcasing the city's greatest asset - its people. The idea is that those who come to see the art on display as part of the Renew Cleveland program will visit cafes, restaurants and shops, bringing a new wave of commercial potential for local businesses. It follows the success of Renew programs in areas such as Newcastle and recognises the artistic talent that exists in the Redlands.

Leo, whose unique style captures moments in history, says it is an honour to be at the forefront of Renew Cleveland. "Council should be congratulated for thinking outside the box and encouraging the local art community, which will no doubt benefit from the interest this program will help generate," he says.

REDLAND ART GALLERY

23 AUGUST – 4 OCTOBER 2015

STRADDIE STYLE: REDESIGNING THE BEACH SHACK

An evocative exhibition integrating models, photographs, drawings and plans. *Straddie Style* surveys the unique and distinctive design of the North Stradbroke Island beach house. Curated by Dr Robert Riddel and Stephanie Lindquist, *Straddie Style* includes houses and resort-style accommodation by some of Australia's most noted and awarded contemporary architects today.

OPENING EVENT

6pm Friday 21 August 2015

FLOOR TALK AND MORNING TEA

From 11.30am Sunday 23 August 2015 Join us for morning tea and hear from *Straddie Style* curators Dr Robert Riddel and Stephanie Linquist.

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WABI SABI: THE BEAUTY OF IMPERMANENCE

Wabi Sabi profiles Australian and Japanese-Australian artists that explore traditional Japanese techniques. The works are designed to push the boundaries of Japanese tradition, with each artist creating a unique style inspired by crosscultural influences, the Australian landscape and way of life. The exhibition includes works by Mabina Alaka, Carolyn Barker, Hiroaki Eba, Ken Kikkawa, Cathy Moon and Kay Watanabe. Wabi Sabi is curated by Dominique Macedo.

This exhibition is held in conjunction with the Australian Shakuhachi Festival held at Redland Performing Arts Centre from Friday 2 October to Monday 5 October 2015

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FLOOR TALK AND MORNING TEA

From 11.30am Sunday 23 August 2015 Join us for morning tea and hear from *Wabi Sabi* exhibiting artists.

Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland

Cnr Middle and Bloomfield Streets Cleveland Q 4163 Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm Sunday 9am – 2pm Admission free

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TRIPLE TREAT

Community space

Until 5 August

Redland Performing Arts Centre

Check out the community art wall displays in the Concert Hall foyer. *Jarhum Dreaming* and *Silence has a voice* are sure to have you thinking. You can see them from noon-4pm Monday-Friday and on Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

Merging cultures

Until 16 August Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland

Brisbane artists Joe Furlonger, Jun Chen and Pamela See's new work about suburban and regional Queensland explores the theme "transience". *Transience:* A confluence of Australian and Chinese Cultures was inspired by artist Ian Fairweather, who produced his most acclaimed paintings, influenced by China's artistic traditions, while living on Bribie Island from the mid-1950s.

Recalling the shack

23 August-4 October Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland

Curated by Dr Robert Riddel and Stephanie Lindquist, this exhibition looks at the work of some of Australia's most noted and awarded contemporary architects. *Straddie Style* surveys the unique and distinctive design of the North Stradbroke Island beach house through models, photographs, drawings and plans.

Colourful play sculpture proving a hit with kids

Judging by the squeals of delight from excited kids, the new play sculpture in Bloomfield Park is proving quite a hit.

The rejuvenated park, which reopened recently, was heavily influenced by community feedback and is already proving as popular with families as the old version, which had become unsafe.

The park now has a performance area, plenty of shade, improved lighting and is also wi-fi enabled, making it a great spot to enjoy lunch or a break in the heart of Cleveland.

The old play sculpture had literally been loved to bits and had to be replaced, while one of the park's old trees was found to be dangerously riddled with fungal disease, rot and decay.

The work was jointly funded by Council and the State Government.

Stay tuned for further developments at the popular CBD park.





For rolling updates on Redlands events go to www.redland.qld.gov.au and click on 'What's On' in the Fast Find panel



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Boots and all

Head to the Lutheran Car Boot Market from 6am-noon at the corner of Russell and Waterloo streets, Cleveland and pick up a bargain. You will find quality new and preloved items along with jewellery, art and craft, bricabrac, vintage and collectables items, woodworking gear, books, tools, toys and clothing. There will also be a sausage sizzle. Treat yourself to coffee and a home-made cake

Trees for Weeds

Get a free native plant for every shopping bag of weeds you bring to IndigiScapes (up to five plants per person) during the Redlands' mainland Trees for Weeds Day from 9am-2pm. Council's weed experts will be available for advice on managing your weeds. The native plant nursery will also be open. This year's focus will be on wild tobacco, chinese burr, morning glory and green cestrum. IndigiScapes is at 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba. The Southern Moreton Bay Islands event will be on Saturday 15 August.

1-2

Island time

Head over to Macleay Island for the start of the 4 Islands Festival, celebrating sail, sculpture, music, markets and pirates. There will be live music from 9am and a market at the Macleay Island Community Centre, with the opening ceremony at 6pm at Tingira Boat Club where you will get to see the fabulous Quandamooka Dancers. On the Sunday, a sailing regatta will kick off at 9am with plenty of food and entertainments. Country music star James Blundell will feature at the Macleay Island Community Centre from 6pm The fun on the islands continues the next weekend.

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That's art!

Art by the Boardwalk is run by RedArts on the first Sunday of each month at Raby Bay. You will find a variety of visual artists and crafts folk displaying their creations in the gardens from 10am-2pm. Check out the artworks, sculpture, crafts, jewellery and photography then head over to the restaurants for lunch.

Kids' stuff

Youngsters aged 8-12 years who love getting outdoors will have a great time at IndigiKids at the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, Runnymede Road, Capalaba, from 10am-11.30am. Members get to participate in all kinds of fun activities and workshop based around the local environment – some will even involve getting your hands dirty! RSVP: 3824 8611 or indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au.

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Dance night

Head down to the Cleveland Assembly Hall from 7pm-11pm where Redland City Bands will present its second Back to the Ballroom dance for 2015. Featuring the Redland City Big Band, you will get to groove to timeless dance classics. It's fun for all ages. Tickets: \$15 single, \$25 couple, available at the door or contact George McDonald on 0412609846. Supper is included and there will be a licenced bar.



Check out the hotrods and hotter music at the inaugural Redlands Rockabilly Revival on Sunday 8 November.

This ultra-cool one-day street celebration of the fun elements of the classic era of rock 'n' roll include live music and DJs, fabulous hotrods, dancing, displays of local artists' works, market stalls and a host of other activities. Best of all, it's a free event.

The action will be in Bloomfield Street in the heart of Cleveland throughout the day.

Keep an eye on Council's what's on and events page at **www.redland. qld.gov.au** for updates

Cultural celebration

The Pacific Tides Festival will fill the Redland Performing Arts Centre with traditonal and contemporary Indigenous and Pacific Islander song and dance from 10am-10pm. Besides the free festival, you also can get tickets to the Pacific Sound concert, boasting an international line-up of performers, for \$40-\$55. Info: www.rpac.com.au.

8-9

Shiver me timbers

There will be markets and live music at the Lamb Island kiosk from 9am on Saturday as part of the 4 Islands Festival, ahead of the markets, music and closing ceremony at Russell Island's Jock Kennedy Park on the Sunday. Make sure you are dressed like a pirate for the big finale from 3pm.

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Benz bonanza

Historic Ormiston House on Wellington Street is the backdrop for a sensational display of fine motors at the Mercedes Benz Concours d'Elegance. Enjoy Devonshire tea on the verandah or take your own picnic. It's on from 10.30am-4pm. Entry: \$5 adults, \$1 children.

Sounds country

Break out the boots and head to the Redland Bay Hotel for a big day of country music from noon. There will be a playground and free jumping castle for the kids, with free mechanical bull rides for the adults and juniors. There also will be cash prizes for the best dressed cowboy and cowgirl. The Round Mountain Girls are headlining the event.

14

Old times

If you would like to learn more about our intriguing Bay island heritage, head along to Victoria Point Library from 10am-11.30am to listen to local historian Joanna Hackett, a Macleay Island resident and author of a series of six local history books.

That's entertainment

Broadway and Dance, featuring the Redland City Wind Ensemble and the Redland City Beginner Band, will kick off from 7pm at Edgar Harley Hall in Smith Street, Cleveland. This will be a great night of social atmosphere with a diverse range of music, along with some raffle prizes and supper. Entry: gold coin.

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Island weeds

The Straddie and Bay Islands Trees for Weeds event will run from 8.30am-10.30am at a variety of locations. Take a shopping bag of weeds and claim your free trees at Coochiemudlo Island jetty, Macleay Island Progress Hall, Point Lookout Bushcare nursery, Karragarra Island Foreshore Park and Russell Island Public Pool carpark. You can claim up to five plants per person. This year's focus weeds are "mile a minute" and "mother of millions". For more information contact IndigiScapes on 3824 8611

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Elegance

The lawns of historic Ormiston House on Wellington Street, Ormiston, will be graced with stunning dream machines at the Porsche Club's Concours d'Elegance. Stay for Devonshire tea on the verandah and take a stroll around the grounds. It's on from 10.30am-4pm. Entry: \$5 adults, \$1 children.

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Fallen heroes

As part of the World War I centenary commemorations, Redland Libraries staff have been researching our local heroes and their stories. In particular, they have sought to honour the fallen whose names are listed on cenotaphs throughout the Redlands. Redlanders and the Great War - Honouring our Fallen at Cleveland Library, on the corner of Bloomfield and Middle streets, will introduce you to our Redland heroes, paying special tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Bookings: 3829 8770.

22-23

Salutations

Join in the action of the Straddie Salute
Triathlon Festival on North Stradbroke Island.
This is the ultimate triathlon challenge for
weekend warriors and finely tuned athletes
alike over a course that combines surf, sand,
road and dirt. The presentations and after
party kick off at 3pm on the Saturday at the
Stradbroke Island Beach Hotel. Information:
iconevents.com.au/straddie-salute-triathlon

22

Adventure

Celebrate nature and participate in adventure activities with your family at Kindilan's Family Adventure Fun Day from 9am-3pm. Abseiling, kayaking, a giant swing, archery, a flying fox and rock climbing are all part of the fun here. There also will be face painting and a jumping castle for the little ones. There will be plenty of food stalls but feel free to take a picnic. Cost: \$15 a person (0-3 years free), \$50 for a family of four. It's on the corner of Days and German Church roads, Redland Bay. Register at www.kindilan.net.au or on the day.

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Enduro

Karingal Scout Camp off Karingal Road at Mt Cotton is the venue for the Chicks in the Sticks mountain bike enduro event from 8am-1pm. Find out more at www.facebook.com/bsmcchicksinthesticks.

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Chappies fundraiser

The Redland City Mayoral Prayer Breakfast will be held at Redlands Sporting Club, Wellington Point, from 6.45am. Guest speaker will be business educator Wez Hone. Tickets: \$55 each or \$500 for a table of 10 through the Redland Performing Arts Centre, 3829 8131, in person or online at www.rpac.com.au.

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Bargains galore

The St James's Park and Heights Neighbourhood Watch annual Monster Garage Sale is on from 7am to noon. Expect more than 30 homes to be part of this huge co-ordinated garage sale which has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Birkdale Scout Group will be manning a sausage sizzle and drink stall. Participants contribute to their local Neighbourhood Watch. Expect to spend a few hours browsing the bargains here.

SEPTEMBER

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Train vour dragons

Kodo Dragons aims to teach children aged 3-4 years self-control, manners and confidence, at its toddler karate classes. Youngsters get to learn valuable life lessons, as well as have fun, keep active, and develop motor skills. These regular sessions are on from 9.30am-10.30am at Alexandra Hills Community Hall on the corner of Windemere and Finucane roads. Information: www.kodomon.com.au.

12-13

That's tough

This Tough Mudder is a team-oriented 18-20 km obstacle course designed to test physical strength and mental grit. It's also a team challenge that allows participants to experience exhilarating, yet safe, world-class obstacles they won't find anywhere else. Based at Sirromet Winery at Mt Cotton, it is run from 7am-5pm on both days. Find out more at toughmudder.com.au.

13

Hot pursuit

Fasten your seat belts and get ready for an adrenaline-filled day as you take to the track in a series of Top Gear-style stunts at the Mt Cotton Training Centre. Skid, break, swerve and accelerate your way around a world class circuit, and test your skills and nerve behind the wheel as you challenge for the top of the Hot Pursuit leader board. The event raises funds in support of people living with diabetes. Information: Charlottec@diabetesqld.org.au.

Garden concert

The second in Ormiston House's The Garden Concert Series promises to be an afternoon of great music presented by award-winning vocalists and musicians in the wonderful setting of the grounds of this historic Wellington Street house overlooking Moreton Bay. You are welcome to take a picnic and refreshments to enjoy in the grounds from noon. The concert is on from 1.30pm-3pm. Devonshire teas will be available from 3pm for \$5. Bookings essential at ormiston.house@bigpond.com. Tickets: adult \$25, child \$10.

Big day in the bush

Head over to the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre for plenty of free family fun at Bushcare's Major Day Out. This celebration of 20 years of Bushcare and National Bilby Day is on from 10am-2pm. You can get hands-on with practical workshops and activities, meet a koala and bilby and take a short mystery bus trip. There will also be kids' activities and entertainment, as well as prizes. There's free parking at the centre off Runnymede Road.

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Wonderful wildlife

Enjoy a fun family day out to learn about our wonderful wildlife. From 10am-2pm, you will find displays about koalas and other wild locals, as well as craft activities, storytelling and a barbecue. Entry is free, with onsite parking available at the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre at Runnymede Road, Capalaba

25-27

Outdoors expo

The new Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo will showcase some of Australia's best caravan, camper trailer, motorhome, boating, 4×4 and vehicle dealers, all in the one location. The event at Cleveland Showgrounds will also offer stacks of daily



The blues is back - and it's free!

Get ready to be blown away by the blues at Capalaba Regional Park from 1pm-9pm on 12 September.

This year's free Bayside Blues Festival will feature driving rhythms and heartfelt vocals and solos of Mojo Webb, along with the amazing 11-piece Blues Brothers tribute band The Soul Men, complete with horn section and a replica of Jake and Elwood's cop car from the movie.

Keep an eye on the Bayside Blues Festival Redlands page at www. facebook.com for artist updates and other festival news.



entertainment, prizes and competitions. It is open Friday and Saturday 9am-5pm, Sunday 9am-4pm. Entry: adults \$10, seniors \$8, children free with an adult. Information: clevelandexpo.com.au.

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Classic cars

It is the Alfa Romeos' turn at Ormiston House with a concours d'elegance gracing the lawns of the historic house on Wellington Street, Ormiston, from 10.30am-4pm. Devonshire teas will be available for purchase and visitors are welcome to take their own picnics to enjoy on the lawn overlooking Moreton Bay. Entry: \$5 adults. \$1 children.

OCTOBER

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Star cars

The Ferrari Concours d'Elegance arrives at Ormiston House, with the cars on show on the lawns of the historic house on Wellington Street, Ormiston, from 10.30am-4pm.

Devonshire teas will be available for purchase and visitors are welcome to take their own picnics to enjoy on the lawn overlooking Moreton Bay. Entry: \$5 adults, \$1 children.

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Movie night

At the Movies is a concert featuring the Redland City Wind Ensemble and Redland City Beginner Band at the Edgar Harley Hall, Smith Street, Cleveland, from 7pm. This promises to be a great night with a diverse range of music, raffle prizes and supper. Entry: gold coin.

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Get the Vibe

Island Vibe is a three-day celebration of island art, music and eco and cultural workshops. For its 10th anniversary, expect plenty of reggae, roots, soul and electronic acts, including indigenous and Pacific Islander dance and cultural groups centred on Home Beach Park at Point Lookout. Tickets: www.rudekatrecords.com, Noreen's Seaside Shop and Dunwich News. Get the details at www.islandvibe.com.au.

Date claimer

Diner en Rouge - 14 November

Planning is underway for the second Dîner en Rouge Mayor's fundraiser for Redlanders affected by domestic and family violence. The event will again be held in a secret location. Check www.redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge for updates.

Redland Libraries

Mainland libraries

Capalaba Library 3843 8012

Noeleen Street, Capalaba

Cleveland Library 3829 8576

Cnr Bloomfield and Middle Streets, Cleveland

Victoria Point Library 3884 4000

7 - 15 Bunker Road, Victoria Point

Opening Hours

Monday: 9am - 5pm Tuesday: 9am - 5pm Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

(7.30pm for Cleveland)

Thursday: 9am - 7.30pm
Friday: 9am - 5pm
Saturday: 9am - 4pm
Sunday: Closed

Island libraries

Amity Point Library 3409 7029

Ballow Street, Amity Point Wednesday: 9am - 12pm Thursday: 1.30pm - 4.30pm Saturday: 8.30am - 11.30am

Dunwich Library 3409 9529

Ballow Road, Dunwich
Tuesday: 9am - 12pm
Thursday: 1pm - 5pm
Saturday: 8.30am - 11.30am

Point Lookout Library 3409 8036

East Coast Road, Point Lookout

Tuesday: 10am - 12.30pm & 1.30 - 5.30pm Wednesday: 9am - 1pm

Friday: 1pm - 5pm Closed weekends

Russell Island Library 3409 1684

22 High Street, Russell Island
Wednesday: 2pm - 6pm
Thursday: 9.30am -12.30pm &
1.30pm - 4.30pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm Saturday: 9am - 1pm

Mobile Library

Timetable available online: www.redland.qld.gov.au 0427 115 202

Young Peoples Services

Email: youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au

All libraries are closed on public holidays.

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