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Welcome, residents, to the first edition of Our Redlands magazine - the latest example of how your Council is committed to serving you and delivering value for money.

This larger, informative 32-page magazine is an important tool for raising awareness of Council programs and activities in the community... yet it achieves savings of about \$60,000 a year, and is less than half the cost of sending a letter to households in the Redlands.

Redland City is entering an exciting new phase, and Council wants you to be part of it.

Inside this magazine you will find a lot more information than in its predecessor, the Residents' Report. You will also find this information presented in a crisper, cleaner and more contemporary format which, of course, is in line with Council's philosophy of delivering better value and customer service at every level of the organisation.

While we have achieved much in this regard - our organisational restructure alone saves just shy of \$2 million a year - it is still a journey as we set about ticking the boxes in terms of efficiency, reducing red tape, improving service delivery to you, our priority customers, and making it easier to do business with your Council.

The declaration of Toondah Harbour at Cleveland and Weinam Creek at Redland Bay as Priority Development Areas by the State Government paves the way for their development as key transport hubs and we will be consulting with all stakeholders during the next 12 months. Add to this the Cleveland CBD Incentive Scheme to revitalise the City's civic heart and master-planning for the shopping precinct at Capalaba, as well as the identified residential estates now in the preliminary planning stages.

I have said many times, and I know you will agree, that Redland City is the best place to live, play and do business. I urge all Redlanders to develop an even greater sense of pride in our great City and work together to sell the Redlands as a preferred destination for both business and pleasure.

While we may be small in comparison to our neighbouring local government areas, we should proudly be "little but loud".

We have a great deal of which we can be proud - our unique islands and enviable lifestyle, our proximity to Australia's third largest city and its key transport links, affordable housing, low unemployment, our commitment to sustainable development and, of course, our fantastic sense of community.

Let us all get out and help put our Redland City on the map.



North Stradbroke Island.



Beautiful Raby Bay.



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BUDGET



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Headline rates increase of 1.43 per cent - the lowest in SEQ and below the 2.5 per cent ABS Consumer Price Index
- The average residential owner-occupied mainland property with a value of \$282,000 and using the average amount of water (200kl), will see a rates increase of just 1.1 per cent, including all utilities and levies
- In dollar terms this equates to an increase of 66 cents per week or about equivalent to the cost of a postage stamp
- Predicts first operating surplus for many years - \$317,000
- Capital program \$56.9 million
- Average domestic waste water costs down \$96 a year to the average household
- Doubling road expenditure to \$20 million
- Environmental levy reduced by \$34.80 per year
- Rating categories reduced from 45 to 22
- Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) residents get access to TransLink network
- Maintains existing assets
- Maintains a manageable level of debt

RATES RELIEF FOR THE REDLANDS

Council’s 3Rs Budget is one for today... and for tomorrow. It is Responsive, Realistic and Responsible.

Redland City Council has delivered the lowest headline rates increase in South East Queensland... for the second year in a row.

The \$238 million budget for 2013-14 provides cost-of-living relief while delivering the high quality services people expect from their Council.

And it also delivers the first surplus for many years.

“I was proud of Council’s first budget last year, but I am even more proud of our second, which delivers the surplus I predicted a year ago and a headline rates increase of 1.43 per cent,” said Mayor Karen Williams.

“We have absorbed millions of dollars in external costs imposed on us by other levels of government, providing a cost-of-living reprieve for our ratepayers who otherwise would have been forced to foot the huge bill through significant rates increases.

“Without these external factors, we could have seen a rates freeze, or better.”

Cr Williams said that even with the extra costs, the budget placed Redland City in an “enviable” financial position, while still being able to cope with any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

“This is a budget for today – and for tomorrow. It is responsive, realistic and responsible” she said. “We are again delivering ratepayers great value for their money and the lowest rate rise in SEQ.

“Residents have been hit by massive increases in State Government bulk water prices (up 16 per cent) and electricity charges (up 22.6 per cent), as well as rising grocery and fuel costs.

“People are really hurting. Some South East Queensland councils have passed on their cost increases through rates rises as high as 5 per cent.

“Redland City has crunched the numbers to ensure we can deliver the lowest rates increase possible while delivering all the services people have come to expect.

“This will include a considerable increase in road spending to provide for the future growth of the city.”

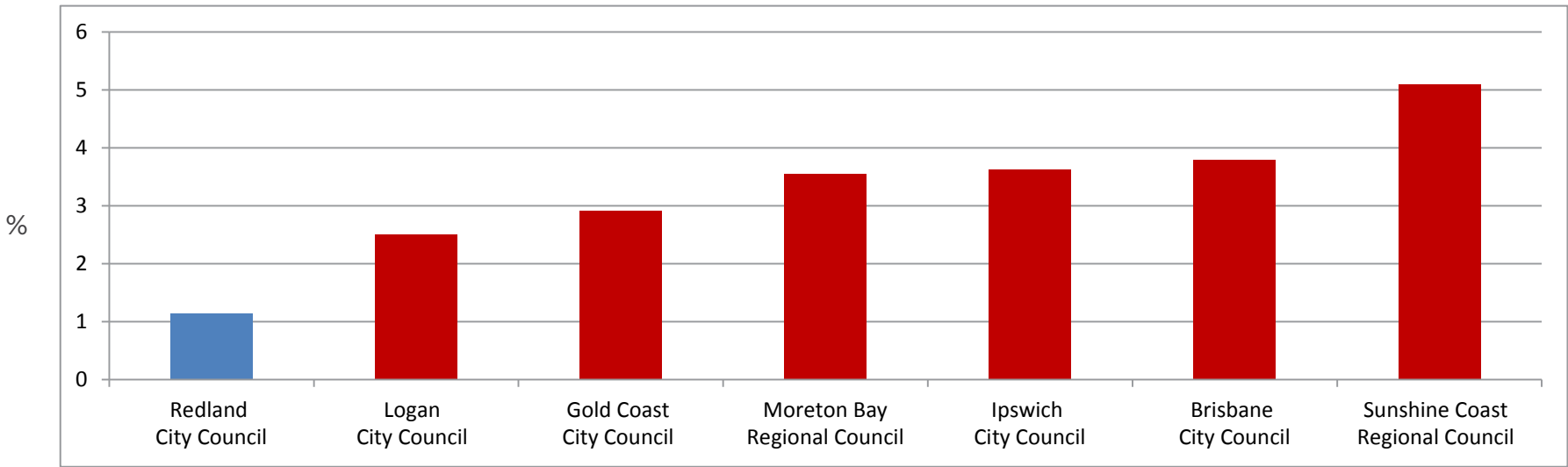
Cr Williams said the state-imposed bulk water increase had been offset by a \$96 reduction in the cost of Council-controlled waste water.

“This saving will mean the average Redland property will actually see a \$7.52 fall in utility charges,” she said.

“We are again delivering ratepayers great value for their money and the lowest rate rise in SEQ”

COMPARING SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND COUNCIL RATES RISES

Changes in rates are measured by increases in overall rates and utilities revenue from one financial year to the next. This “headline rate” is the measurement all Queensland local councils must report under Local Government regulations. See how Redland City Council compares.



Average residential owner-occupied rates increase in South East Queensland. Figures made public through the respective councils and media reports.

“The fact that we have been able to pass this saving on to residents, despite the massive external price increases of water and electricity that Council has opted to absorb, is fantastic news for the Redlands community.”

Council has also cut the number of rating categories this year from 45 to 22, providing a more consistent approach and reducing rates for the majority of residents.

Cr Williams said there was still some way to go to achieve reform in rating across the City but this change would ensure clear, transparent rationale behind the categories.

“The change to rating categories also reinstates separate canal levies for residents at Raby Bay, Sovereign Waters and Aquatic Paradise, splitting this cost from their general rates to ensure transparency,” she said.

“The reinstatement of separate canal levies was requested by the people who live in these areas and they now get greater transparency on how the funds are raised for the expenditure on the canals and lake.

“I am proud of the work done in framing this budget and believe it sets the foundations for the future of the City, especially given the impact of costs which are outside Council’s control. We’re certainly heading in the right direction – we have reformed the way we do business and we are putting our City in a position which will leave money in the bank and infrastructure on the ground for generations to come.”

Key areas of capital expenditure

- Transport: \$25 million
- Waste water: \$8.38 million
- Open space: \$4.79 million
- Marine: \$4.24 million
- Lakes and canals: \$3.19 million
- Water: \$1.84 million

Key capital projects

- Dunwich Sewerage upgrade: \$1.6 million
- Point Lookout waste water treatment plant: \$15 million over three years
- Capping and rehabilitation of exhausted landfill sites: \$3 million
- Macleay Island ramp car park: \$3.4 million over two years
- Moreton Bay bikeway
- Coochiemudlo Island Jetty: \$1.85 million
- Headland Park, North Stradbroke Island: \$500,000



Water charges offset

Council water consumption charges are increasing by 2 per cent and State Government costs have increased 16 per cent. Council has offset the 16 per cent State Government bulk water price rise by reducing Council waste waster costs by an average of \$96.

BUDGET

IT’S WIN:WIN FOR ISLANDS

Redland City Council has effectively neutralised the financial impact of the new TransLink services for most Southern Moreton Bay Island residents as part of its 2013-14 Budget.

Mayor Karen Williams said a reduction in the accelerated infrastructure component of general rates had offset the cost of extending the transport network to the islands.

“The extension of the TransLink network to the SMBI is the best thing that has happened to the islands, and islanders, for years,” she said.

“It will help boost property values and connectivity without an additional cost impact for the majority of islanders.

“To make this happen after years of lobbying without success, we had to make a contribution to the Government, via a special charge.

“This is a win:win for islanders – they get the enormous advantages of cheaper travel via TransLink and accessibility to and from the SMBI and we have found a way to absorb the cost.

“The budget offsets the levy cost of \$85.46 on island properties by reducing the accelerated infrastructure component of rates by a similar amount.”

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said SMBI residents would benefit from several key projects included in this year’s budget.

“This includes all-ability access to the Lamb Island public toilets, which will include a new pathway to and around the public toilets, as well as infrastructure upgrades and improved lighting,” he said.

“Temporary pedestrian access will be provided to the jetty terminal and temporary toilets will be provided for the duration of the project, which is expected to be complete by the end of July, weather permitting.

“Other budget items for SMBI include almost \$760,000 to upgrade the Macleay Island Ramp Park, car park and boat ramp.

“Pontoons on Macleay and Russell islands will also be upgraded and \$2 million has been set aside for future SMBI road projects.”

SMBI projects - 2013-14 Budget:

- Russell Island boat ramp upgrade: \$370,000
- Russell Island pontoon upgrade: \$40,000
- Russell Island Hall redevelopment: \$50,000
- Macleay Island boat ramp upgrade: \$412,500
- Macleay Island Bowls Club beach access ramp: \$7500
- Macleay Island Bowls Club seawall: \$20,000
- Macleay Island ramp park: \$500,000
- Macleay Island ramp car park: \$200,000
- Macleay Island boat ramp: \$60,000
- Macleay Island pontoon upgrade: \$50,000
- Macleay Island barge ramp (facility renewal): \$40,000
- Karragarra Island beach access ramp: \$7500
- Bay Islands capital infrastructure fund: \$67,900
- Future SMBI road projects: \$1 million
- SMBI road upgrade program: \$1 million



ROADS A KEY PRIORITY

Roads spending throughout the Redlands has more than doubled from last year – highlighting Council’s commitment to maintaining the City’s key assets.

Motorists are set for a smoother ride throughout the Redlands after more than \$20 million was set aside for improving local roads throughout 2013-14.

Infrastructure spokesperson Cr Murray Elliott (Division 7) said the roads program would lay the foundations for the future of the City.

“An extra 45,000 residents are expected to call the Redlands home over the next 20 years, so it is important our local road network is able to safely and effectively transport people throughout the City,” he said.

“The 2013-14 Budget significantly increases expenditure for roads resealing and surfacing as well as several safety upgrades to key local roads and intersections.

“Residents have told us roads and road safety are key concerns to them – we have listened and we have responded, as Council should.”

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Cr Elliott said many of the City’s roads had been built 30-40 years ago and were now nearing the end of their useful lives.

“Council has developed a 10-year program to upgrade roads across the City,” he said.

Cr Elliott said an 82 per cent increase in expenditure for resurfacing works, to \$7.5 million, and \$2 million for pavement rehabilitation were significant, particularly given the external economic challenges the Council faced in framing its Budget.

“Everyone hates potholes,” he said. “Our Budget looks after the assets we have and will keep them in good working order. It delivers a program that will ensure we have a safe, efficient and effective road network and that our City continues to develop.”

VOTE “YES” TO SECURE FUTURE

When the kids are kicking a footy in the park, you see that road blackspot has been fixed or you are taking in the breathtaking views from North Stradbroke Island’s Gorge Walk, spare a thought for how they came about.

They are among a plethora of vital community projects provided by Redland City Council thanks to direct funding from the Federal Government – an arrangement at risk unless the Constitution is updated by a national referendum.

A “yes” vote at the referendum will translate into greater certainty for much-needed, job-creating projects amid declining income from national taxation revenue and increasing demands on councils.

This includes programs such as the federal Roads to Recovery program, Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program and the Local Government Reform Fund.

Visit www.councilreferendum.com.au for more information.

RANGE OF RATES PAYMENT OPTIONS

There are a range of options to assist people to make their rates payments and manage their budgets.

Among them are direct debits, BPAY, IVR and online through the myServices portal.

The direct debit system is a simple, safe and effective way to avoid unnecessary penalties. It allows ratepayers to contribute throughout the quarter, making rates less of a burden come the due date.

Payment frequencies can be tailored to suit individual circumstances – in full, weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Payments can be made in advance.

Redland City Council’s direct debit option carries no additional fees for multiple payments, although if your bank account has insufficient funds at the time a payment is scheduled, you will need to cover the \$2.50 dishonour fee the banks charge Council.

Rates notices are issued quarterly, in July, October, January and April.

VIBRANT ECONOMY

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The first round of Redland City Council's Community Grants Program including the Regional Arts Development Fund opens on July 8 and closes on August 16, 2013. Last financial year, more than \$637,000 was distributed to grant recipients. Free 'Tools for a Successful Grant Application' workshops will run from July 10 to 18, 2013. Bookings essential – phone Council's grants team on 3829 8911. For more information or to obtain a community grants application form visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/CommunitySupport. Applications under Round 1 of the Sponsorship Program will open on July 29, 2013.

ORIGIN CHIEFS EYE STRADDIE

Queensland's State of Origin squad may set up camp on North Stradbroke Island (NSI) in the lead-up to next year's series. Maroons coach Mal Meninga is pushing for a change to the iconic Queensland getaway and talks began in 2011 about basing the team at Ron Stark Oval at Dunwich. Queensland Rugby League officials say they are certainly open to the move from Coolumb if all training equipment comes up to scratch, and will be talking again with NSI Councillor Craig Ogilvie and Council officers in the next few months.

BUY LOCAL POLICY

Local businesses have first preference for supplying Redland City Council under a purchasing policy aimed at strengthening the City's economy. Council already spends more than \$40 million a year with local businesses. Mayor Karen Williams said all contractors that operate outside the City would be given secondary status, although value for money needed to remain a key priority in tender evaluations to continue to improve Council's bottom line.



Toondah Harbour, Cleveland

REDLANDS ON A ROLL

Planning for dynamic seaside and transit precincts at both Toondah Harbour at Cleveland and Weinam Creek at Redland Bay has been fast-tracked, heralding a new era of business and economic growth in the Redlands.

“There’s a positive vibe rolling out across Redland City and it’s important that we all do our bit to maintain the momentum,” Mayor Karen Williams said.

“Right now we have some exciting opportunities to lay the foundations for the future of our City and the challenge for all Redlanders is to make the most of them.

“Hot on the heels of Council declaring the City ‘open for business’ and instituting special incentives to spark revitalisation in the business district of Cleveland came formal recognition of two key projects as Priority Development Areas by the Queensland Government.

“This means planning to create dynamic seaside and transit precincts at Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek will be fast-tracked, heralding a new era of business and economic growth.

“The fact the Redlands has two of the first three PDAs declared in the state is a huge vote of confidence in our City from the State Government.

“These precincts are a key component in our strategy to drive investment and create new jobs so this marks a coming of age for Redland City. The result will be new jobs for Redlanders,

exciting new facilities, and the chance to showcase all we have to offer as the gateway to iconic North Stradbroke and the Southern Moreton Bay islands.”

Cr Williams said there were unique opportunities at both sites.

“Toondah Harbour is little more than a basic ferry terminal and car park at the moment but could be a dynamic and thriving area with a range of exciting marine activities, a marina, attractive public spaces, boardwalks, cycling paths, apartments, office spaces, restaurants, shops and a boutique hotel with conference facilities,” she said.

“With a breath-taking view of the Bay and islands, Toondah Harbour is wasted as a car park.”

Opportunities also abound at the Weinam Creek transport hub at Redland Bay, which will be transformed into a waterfront recreation precinct to help it realise its potential as the gateway to the Bay islands.

“This development will deliver the residential, transport and entertainment precinct we have been awaiting for years,” Cr Williams said.

“It will be a massive boost for the mainland, and importantly, the development will also provide the opportunity to finally resolve the parking issue that has plagued Weinam Creek.”

Planning and Development spokesperson Cr Julie Talty (Division 6) said the potential of both precincts had already piqued the interest of developers and investors.

“We have had a number of approaches from interested parties who want to be part of these exciting projects,” Cr Talty said. “Council is here to work with investors – provided their projects are sustainable and compatible – to make things happen.

“The PDA declarations remove much red tape... it’s just what the doctor ordered to attract genuine interest because there is no doubt we can fast-track the projects, save investors time and money and deliver a lasting legacy for Redlanders.”

Cr Williams said Redland City had three distinct advantages over its neighbours: position, position, position.

“We are the jewel in the crown of South East Queensland and are expecting a population growth of more than 40,000 residents by 2031,” she said. “This is the best place to live, work and visit – it is also the perfect place to consider investing.”

TIMELINE OF DEVELOPMENT

Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek PDAs

Declaration as a Priority Development Area fast-tracks planning and approvals for identified sites. The public will be engaged on issues and opportunities as part of the process. The initial timeline to progress the Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek projects is:

Mid-late 2013: Phase 1 – Council and Economic Development Queensland complete technical and background studies to identify development options and issues. This will happen in consultation with developers, investors, Redland residents and other stakeholders.

Late 2013–early 2014: Phase 2 – community advised of draft plans and invited to have input.

Early-mid 2014: Phase 3 – final development schemes, infrastructure and implementation plans prepared for statutory approval by the State Government.

Mid 2014: Phase 4 - development schemes to be publicly released.

CUSTOMERS ARE NO.1

Customer service is at the forefront of a new way of thinking at Redland City Council, which is well down the path towards establishing its one-stop shop for residents. When fully operational, Council’s Integrated Customer Contact Centre will answer enquiries at the initial point of contact. Initially the centre will manage all high-volume calls related to rates, water, waste, animals, parks and conservation, roads, drainage, sports and community venues. Phase 2 will focus on an increase in delivery of services to include building and planning, health and environment, development control and environmental assessment enquiries. Further services will be integrated in Phase 3, including the development and management of e-services. From July 1, residents can call the Council on one phone number – 3829 8999.

APPLICATIONS MADE EASY

Developers may qualify for fee discounts if they lodge their applications through an online development assessment service designed to streamline approvals processes. A range of application types can be lodged through the eDA portal, including material changes of use, certain types of building works and applications for accelerated assessment. eDA also enables people to pay application fees online, identify State referral agencies and communicate electronically with all relevant stakeholders and authorities. More information is available at www.redland.qld.gov.au.

THE BEST OF LOCAL BUSINESS

One day has been set aside especially for family fun at the Redlands Business Expo, which will showcase the best of local businesses. While Friday July 12 is dedicated to business seminars, exhibitions and networking, the focus of Saturday July 13 is firmly on family entertainment and will include a prize giveaway of a North Stradbroke Island Escape. The Business Expo – at Redland Performing Arts Centre – has been organised by Council, in conjunction with the Redland City and Straddie chambers of commerce.

INSPIRATIONAL REDLANDERS



A MASTER IN THE HOUSE

The first thing you notice about Cleveland artist Brian Hatch's studio is how spotlessly neat and clean it is.

But then Brian is one of Australia's foremost printmakers, working in an artform where even a speck of unwanted paint or dust can ruin a print.

Brian, a lean and youthful 78-year-old, is represented in the National Gallery, Canberra, with 12 of his prints, spanning much of his life's work.

His latest exhibition, The Art of Printmaking, will run at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, from August 25 to September 22.

The exhibition of 48 of his limited-edition prints explores the gamut of printmaking from woodcuts and collagraphs to etchings and linoprints.

A pioneer of printmaking, Brian is generous with his knowledge and is keen to show the variety of prints and techniques available to the printmaker by including an instructional video in his exhibition.

"In printmaking every print in an edition has a slight variation so that every print is an original work of art," he says

"I love working with large paintings but it's the fine work in printmaking that keeps drawing me back."

NO BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH

Whether on the job or on holiday with his family, Merv Elliott has a passion for the Redlands.

The only time you'll find Merv Elliott beating about the bush is when he is tracking feral pigs through the northern NSW scrub.

"If you are fair to people, be honest with them, don't beat about the bush, be open, then – nine out of 10 times – you will achieve a good compromise," Redland City Council's knockabout Property Services Service Manager says.

Merv, the bloke who acquires land for conservation in the Redlands, thinks momentarily when asked of the highlights of more than half a century in local government, 22 in the Redlands. Then the larrikin in him takes over.

"Staying employed," he says.

"But seriously it would be the Southern Moreton Bay Islands land exchange project where we have satisfactorily acquired almost 300 conservation blocks from property owners by exchanging a Council residential block of equal value.

"It will be turned into a conservation zone and protected against development forever and a day."

Merv admits to a passion for a fair deal.

"When I left Brisbane Council we had a settlement rate on the purchase of properties required by Council of about 80 per cent. What that meant was two out of every 10 customers were not satisfied with the outcome," he recalls.

"I look at it this way: the Queen is still going at 87 managing England, maybe 87 is a good number"

– Merv Elliott, 71, on retirement

"In the Redlands we have a settlement rate of 99 per cent ... that's probably one of my best achievements: getting people to accept a fair value for their land."

Merv, 71, has been in the Redlands for 40 years and lives on 5 acres between Capalaba and Sheldon with wife Tanya and his family. Three of his seven kids are still at school but he still finds time to follow his interest in breeding dogs, "feral pest extermination" up around Inverell in northern NSW, and cycling around weekend garage sales.

But there are no thoughts of retiring any time soon.

"I look at it this way: the Queen is still going at 87 managing England, maybe 87 is a good number," he says as the larrikin takes over again.

He says he simply enjoys the "mateship, fellowship and challenge" of his working life.

Merv laughs again as he recalls how he started with Brisbane City Council as a parking meter officer when just 17.

"Well it was sort of an authoritative role for a 17-year-old – they must have thought I looked mean enough to do the job," he says, doing his best Chopper Read impersonation.



Merv and his best mate

MIRACLES DELIVERED ON A WING AND A PRAYER

The more Nick Clarke learns about the positive impact Angel Flight has on people's lives, the more committed he becomes to the cause.

The Queensland-based charity helps struggling families in rural and remote areas to overcome the tyranny of distance when they need specialist medical treatment.

The General Manager of Organisational Services at Redland City Council, Nick learned of Angel Flight when he served as president of Local Government Managers Australia (Qld), and was touched by the good deeds of pilots to make travel easier for sick

children, as well as to reunite families at important times such as Christmas.

Inspired to help, Nick is about to take to the skies on a 10,000km, 17-day flight journey which will take him to more than half of the state's 73 local government areas.

"Access to major hospitals and treatment centres is a huge challenge for 30 per cent of Australians who live outside metropolitan areas," Nick said.

"When these people need specialist treatment for conditions which could include cancer and leukaemia, they also have to endure

extraordinarily long and uncomfortable trips by road, often on a regular basis."

Enter Angel Flight, which co-ordinates non-emergency flights to help country people in need.

"Hopefully we can help to make a real difference to people," Nick said.

"The penultimate stop of this trip will be when we fly into Dunwich at 12.45pm on Wednesday, August 28."

Donate at www.angelflight.org.au or follow Nick's flight on Facebook at LgmaCharityFlight2013

BRA-VO FOR CARYN

The bra banter does not seem to get old on inspirational Redlander Caryn Gorrie... well not yet anyway!

But Caryn, who describes as "uplifting" her goal to break the world record for the longest bra chain, may soon have heard every undergarment joke known to man... and woman.

"It's gone pretty crazy," says the cancer fundraising queen. "I have a shed that is chockers... and you should see my lounge room!"

Caryn set about collecting 200,000 bras – and a gold coin donation for each one to help fund cancer vaccination research – after six family members were diagnosed with cancer.

Caryn says she has been overwhelmed by support from businesses and a dedicated band of friends.

"We have been busy linking all the bras together and we will do an official count in Brisbane's inner south on October 5, and this will be followed by a gala ball at The Stamford that evening," she said.

When the chain is complete, bras in good condition will be donated to the less fortunate in Vanuatu, Fiji, Kenya, PNG and at home.

"The point I most need to get across is the gold coin donation," she said.

You can support the World's Longest Bra Chain at www.mylifemystyle.com.au.



HISTORY



REDLANDS BORN AND BRED

After the best part of a century in the Redlands, the Holzapfels continue to show dedication to not only their community but also those less fortunate...

Dan and Una Holzapfel often reflect over the patch of bush at the back of their new place at Victoria Point.

“It can’t be built out,” Dan, 90, says proudly.

For Dan and his sister, 87, this tract of Redlands scrub is a vision from their youth.

They were born into this country: for most of their lives they have been surrounded by it, farming it, pioneering its communities back when the roads were gravel this side of the Capalaba bridge and Brisbane was a fair drive away.

As youngsters, the Holzapfels once walked an hour-and-a-half to and from school at the top of Mt Cotton. By their teens they were working on the family farm and as adults put Capalaba on the map.

Dan bought a block there in the 60s.

“The only cleared land was where the house and shed was, the rest was all timber so I had to clear it all, build the dam and sort of start from scratch,” he recalls.

Here, near the spot now known as the Clock Tower, he ran an Ampol garage and Ford dealership next to a general store which Una had evolved from her fruit and vegetable shop.

They went on to develop the area into what was Capalaba’s first shopping centre, with a bank, butcher, chemist and doctor’s surgery joining the garage and general store.

“When we built that they said it was ahead of its time but it soon grew,” he says.

The shopping precinct was sold in 1982 so Dan could devote his attention to the farm on Redland Bay Road he had acquired in the late 60s, first raising strawberries, then producing not only lettuces but the machines needed to harvest and pack a crop largely destined for the Sydney markets.

Despite the demands of his farming and business interests, Dan devoted himself to his community, racking up an impressive list of achievements. A Redland Shire councillor from 1964-1973, he also became president of Cleveland Rotary Club,

earning Rotary International’s highest distinction, and serving on the Redland Ambulance, Birkdale District National Seniors and Shoreline Probus Club committees, helping develop the Redlands Museum along the way.

But Dan’s influence has spread much further than the rich sandy loam and red soil of his birthplace.

equipment he hopes can make a difference in poorer parts of the world.

“We sort things - hospital beds and equipment, school desks, chairs, even a lot of school reading material that they can use. We send hundreds of hospital beds over to New Guinea and the Solomon Islands,” he says, adding that Rotary

“The only cleared land was where the house and shed was, the rest was all timber so I had to clear it all, build the dam and sort of start from scratch”
– Dan Holzapfel

He’s too modest to include it himself, but if he had a CV it should read: entrepreneur, innovator, humanitarian and philanthropist. And tough old bugger.

On a Thursday you will find him at Rotary’s warehouse at Durack, sorting through donated

then has to raise \$3500 just to get the containers to their destinations.

Then on a Saturday once a month, he’s among about 20 Rotarians who roll up their sleeves and literally get packing, stuffing containers with anything useful to far-flung communities.



He won’t put a figure on it but it is said he has donated well over \$1 million to charitable causes, particularly the eradication of polio, which he became involved with through Rotary and became passionate about after a trip to Africa.

“It was about 2003 when we went over to Nigeria to do a vaccination program. When we saw the hardship and what polio does to people, it became something that we really wanted to try to do something about,” he recalls.

“It’s terrible to see the way they can’t get around, they drag themselves along the ground, the way they live – we don’t know how well off we are.”

At the home they share in a lifestyle village at Victoria Point, Dan and Una – neither ever married – continue their charity and community work.

They were born into the Redlands, never left ... never wanted to.

Why? Well, there were the farms to look after – first their father Charlie’s patch at West Mt Cotton, then the Capalaba block. And ... because of the weather.

“Our climate is so good here in the Redlands,” Dan says as the southeaster blows from the bay though the bush at the back of the Holzapfel’s place.

Images from top left:

Una and Dan Holzapfel with their mother, Lydia, the night Dan became Cleveland Rotary Club president in 1981.

Dan and Una cutting and packing lettuce at the Holzapfel farm off Redland Bay Road, Capalaba, in 1981.

The shopping centre Dan Holzapfel developed “before its time” at Capalaba. It was sold in 1982, about the time this shot was taken.

Left:

Redlands pioneers Una, 87, and Dan Holzapfel, 90, at the back of their new place at Victoria Point.

COOCHIE RE-ENACTS FLINDERS LANDING

Ask local Paul Moynagh what he likes most about his role in commemorating Lt Matthew Flinders’ historic landing on Coochiemudlo Island and he’s straight to the point.

“I like the outfit and the white tights,” he laughs.

But for the star of the show at the Matthew Flinders Day community event on Sunday July 21, it’s a lot more than just an opportunity to dress up and joke about with his kids, Abbey (9) and Luca (5).

“It’s great to see the community come together,” he said. “Coochie has a great mix of people - doctors, policemen, IT experts, business owners, senior citizens – they all make Coochie a great place to live.” Even Paul’s partner Elly van Acker is an ambulance first-responder.

Matthew Flinders Day organisers expect up to 4000 people at the event, including almost the entire island population of around 700 people. The day includes entertainment, outrigger races, music, parade, landing re-enactment and the popular markets.

The Flinders re-enactment was first held in 1981, a few years after WWII navigator and island resident Ted Jones – acting on a hunch – backtracked through historical records. He discovered “6th Island”, where the 22-year-old Lieutenant came ashore from his sloop *Norfolk* on July 19, 1799 ... was, in fact, Coochiemudlo Island.

Paul is the fourth person to don the period British naval attire, complete with jacket, shiny buckled shoes, rigged hat, British flag, of course tights, sword and, this year, a 200-year-old sextant. He follows in the footsteps of Mr Jones, Damon Garcia and Mark Bowden.



“It amazes me how much Flinders had achieved by the time he captained the *Norfolk*,” said Paul. “He was only 22 when he set foot on the island.”

“I like the outfit and the white tights”
– Paul Moynagh

After the parade, Paul will land on Norfolk Beach in a dinghy rowed by descendants of Lt Flinders’ father (from his second marriage), Redlands residents Christopher and Timothy Flomersfeld.

The dinghy (trim) itself was purchased in 2006 by the Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society, with the help of a grant from Redland Council.

Paul – whose willingness to play the part of Flinders has impressed locals – says there have been plenty of interesting moments over the past few years, but the antics of Coochie Town Crier John Fletcher were the first to spring to mind.

“He gets very animated with his bell,” he says. “He’s been known to drown out the drummers in the parade and he might give the muskets a run when they fire off their salute.”

- Matthew Flinders Market Day
Coochiemudlo Island
July 21 – 8am-2pm

CULTURE

ARTS ON DECK FOR A REVIVAL

Meet Zane Trow. He’s about to take the Redlands on a fabulous arts adventure and he’s inviting everyone to the party.

Zane Trow is a man on a cultural mission. The quest for the Creative Arts Centre Manager at Redland City Council is to put the region firmly on the map as a vibrant destination for arts tourism.

And while he’s at it, he aims to remind Redland residents just how rich and diverse the City’s arts offerings are and that they’re right on their doorstep.

Zane took up the newly created position of overseeing the cultural scene in the Redlands last November and his generous-sized umbrella of responsibilities includes the Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) and Redland Art Gallery, along with arts festivals, events and projects throughout the region.

He is happy to juggle a cloakroom full of hats because he is keen to spread the word in and beyond the Redlands about the hidden treasures that make up the City’s arts environment.

“We want to expand a broad awareness across the City of what RPAC and the gallery do,” Zane says. “But we also want

to promote and extend audiences for other existing arts events in the city – festivals and events, arts projects, local artists – to try to expand Council’s promotion of its own City’s culture.”

Zane’s previous incarnations have included being Artistic Director of the South Bank Corporation and the Brisbane Powerhouse, so it is not surprising that he is thinking big for the Redlands.

“RPAC has one of the best concert halls in South East Queensland, without a doubt, so I’m on a bit of a mission here,” he says. “Not only must we encourage a wider and more diverse local community to access the Performing Arts Centre, we must also reach out to Brisbane and the surrounds to say we’ve got something quite special here and that comes back to developing a program that’s relevant to the widest possible audience.”

Zane is keen to tap into other festivals such as the Brisbane Writers Festival, the Queensland Music Festival and the Brisbane Festival, along with creating a series of

free events, outdoor music and theatre, a cinema program and cafe-bar style entertainment to revitalise the Redlands.

“We are only 40 minutes away from Brisbane and we’re eminently more affordable than the Queensland Performing Arts Centre and do you know what? We’re just as good,” he says with conviction.

According to Zane, the biggest threat to attracting audiences to arts events is not shows at other venues, a night by the television or a day at the beach.

“Queensland is a fantastic place to live and in the performing arts or the arts, what’s your greatest rival in Queensland? I say, the back deck is your greatest rival,” he says. “Once you get home from a hard week’s work what you want to do is just kind of sit on the back deck and watch the wildlife. We have to give people a really good reason to leave home and come and visit us.”

And Zane and his team in their programming for next year are preparing to pull out all stops to do just that. Watch this space.



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Redland City Council’s Creative Arts Centre Manager Zane Trow is thinking big for the city’s arts potential



KIDS CONNECT WITH CARTOONS... AND THAT’S NOT ALL FOLKS!

A cartoon-themed exhibition and workshop program has returned by popular demand to the Redland Art Gallery at Capalaba.

Cartoon connection: Art by Kids 4 Kids grew out of an earlier school holiday workshop in which children aged five to 12 years were inspired by a monster theme to create their own works.

Arts, Culture and Innovation spokesperson Cr Paul Bishop (Division 10) says the exhibition acknowledges the importance of families and children as visitors to art galleries.

“It encourages families to participate in drop-in activities at the gallery,” he says.

“It is important for galleries to have spaces and activities for younger artists.”

Brother and sister Blake and Sarah Armstrong, aged 6 and 9 (pictured left) were two Redlands participants who particularly enjoyed the workshops.

Both Sarah and Blake’s cartoons are included in the exhibition and Sarah’s felt pen on paper work, *The Crazy One*, is featured on postcards around the City promoting the event.

Cartoon Connection: Art by Kids 4 Kids continues at the Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street, Capalaba until August 14.

ACTION AND INNER STRENGTH



Redland City Council Libraries’ Michael Marks has ploughed through thousands of books available to Redlanders and suggests *Salt* for young adult reading.

Long before *The Hunger Games*, young adults have been gripped by tales of our world going bad, our governments becoming all-powerful and consuming, our rights and privileges stripped from us, forcing us to live in a dog-eat-dog world surviving the best way we can. Young adult novel *Salt* by Maurice Gee delivers these themes and then some.

Set in a world not entirely unlike our own, the population has been cleaved into two groups, the desperate people of “Blood Burrow” eking out a meagre existence and the privileged members of the ruling elite “Company”. Of course all such societies have their secrets and when a boy from Blood Burrow searching for his kidnapped father (taken away to the Salt mines from where no person has ever returned)

and a girl from Company escaping a suffocating and forced upon marriage pair up the reader knows these long hidden secrets must come to light.

Salt is a wonderfully written and darkly thoughtful dystopian novel full of action, adventure, fantasy and what it means to search inside oneself for strength, truth, loyalty and love.

If you are a fan of this style of novel some other suggested reads to find in Redland City Libraries are – *The Declaration* by Gemma Malley, *The Line* by Terrie Hall, *Bones of Faerie* by Janni Lee Simner, *The Carbon Diaries 2015* by Sacchi Lloyd, *The House of the Scorpion* by Nancy Farmer, *Exodus* by Julie Bertagna, *Gone* by Michael Grant, and *Nightpeople* by Anthony Eaton.

For further help on suggested reads check out the Young People Services “Best Reads” lists on the library catalogue or email youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au.



DISCOVER



GET TO STRADDIE FOR A WHALE OF A TIME

Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island offers the best land-based whale-watching in Australia - the ocean floor funnels thousands of humpbacks close to shore, providing a fantastic vantage point for onlookers to see these magnificent creatures.

Rising with his utmost velocity from the furthest depths, the Whale thus booms his entire bulk into the pure element of air, and piling up a mountain of dazzling foam, shows his place to the distance of seven miles and more. In those moments, the torn, enraged waves he shakes off seem his mane; in some cases, this breaching is his act of defiance.

There are few better descriptions of the ferocity and size of a migrating whale than these words from Herman Melville in his masterpiece *Moby Dick*. But standing on North Stradbroke Island's Point Lookout not even the eloquence of this timeless classic does these magnificent creatures justice.

Every year people line the popular Straddie vantage point to watch the migrating whales as they make their way from the cooler waters of Antarctica to their calving grounds near the Great Barrier Reef.

From May to November about 14,500 whales will parade past Point Lookout, which offers the best land-based whale-watching in Australia.

At times these magnificent creatures will saunter and tail-slap, giving observers a

wave as they roll; at other times they will launch their 45-tonne frames skyward, performing spectacular acrobatics that leave onlookers in awe.

Colin Battersby from Discover Stradbroke has watched the humpback migration since 1978 and never gets tired of the spectacle they provide.

“The geography of Straddie funnels the humpbacks past Point Lookout, providing a fantastic vantage point for onlookers to see these magnificent creatures.”

However, the annual whale migration is not merely a spectacular attraction, it also plays an important role in the longevity of these remarkable mammals as they migrate to the warmer waters to calve their young.

While humpbacks remain an endangered species, their numbers are increasing 13 per cent each year, which is good news for the Redlands’ growing whale-watching tourism industry.

One reason for the relatively recent turnaround in fortune for the humpbacks may have to do with the closure of a whaling station at Tangalooma on Moreton Bay Island in 1962.

WHALE FACTS

- The humpback whale takes its name from the habit of breaking the water surface with a large area of its back when diving.
- The humpback whale is also well known for its complex underwater vocalisations or whale songs, particularly during breeding.
- Humpbacks are the fifth largest animal on this planet, growing up to 16 metres in length with a weight of up to 45,000kg (99,000lbs) – equivalent to 11 elephants or 600 people. The blue whale, seen occasionally, is the largest animal to ever exist on earth.
- Humpbacks are the most acrobatic of all of the great whales, tail and flipper slapping and breaching regularly and are clearly visible from Point Lookout.
- Adult whales have been seen to breach 20-30 times within five minutes, displaying awesome grace and power.
- Humpbacks are still the third most endangered species of all the big whales, but now their numbers are increasing 13 per cent each year.
- About 14,500 humpback whales will migrate past Point Lookout this season.

As proof of how close we came to not being able to enjoy the majesty of these creatures, when the station began whaling, the population of eastern Australian humpbacks was estimated at 10,000; when it ended, the number of whales had dwindled to an estimated 500.

Dr Kathy Townsend from the University of Queensland Moreton Bay Research Station said Straddie was one of few places in South East Queensland where people could view humpbacks from the comfort of land.

“The most common behaviour that people will observe is the blow in which the whales return to the surface and quickly expel their lung full of air and quickly take their next breath,” she said.

“The water around the blowhole is thrown into the air, causing the distinctive spray up into the air. If you are lucky, you will also see the whales breaching, spy hopping, tail slapping and pectoral fin-slapping.

“The reason for this behaviour varies, everything from male/male competition for a female, through to playful behaviour exhibited by young whale calves.”

STACKED WITH LOCAL FLAVOUR

Asked for a recipe featuring local produce and renowned Sirromet chef Andrew Mirotsch shares his secrets for this tasty prawn stack.

Andrew, who has been in the game for more than 30 years, is a huge advocate of using local produce at the winery's Restaurant Lurleen's and also spruiks its qualities as he travels throughout the state to perform cooking demonstrations.

His memories of visiting his grandmother on North Stradbroke Island in the 1960s prompted him to buy back the family beach house in the 1990s, and he can often be found there getting ready to go fishing.



Mango, Prawn, Avocado and Watercress Stack

Serves: 4
Prep time: 20 mins

Ingredients

- 12 large local peeled king prawns tail on, de-veined
- 1 mango, skin and seed removed, diced
- 1 cup of baby watercress leaves
- ½ red onion, finely diced
- 2 avocados, dice one and mash the other. Gently mix the diced avocado and mashed mix together

Lime Dressing

- 30ml extra virgin olive oil
- 30ml lime juice
- 1 tsp white sugar
- 1 tsp grain mustard
- Zest of 1 lime
- Grind of black pepper
- Pinch of salt

Directions

1. For dressing, place all ingredients in a jar and shake well. Refrigerate.
2. Place four ring cutters, 10cm in diameter x 5cm high in the centre of the four plates and divide mango and avocado between them, pressing down lightly.
3. Remove cutters and top mango and avocado with onion, prawns and watercress.
4. Drizzle with lime dressing (shake well) and serve immediately.

Perfect with Sirromet's

Pinot Gris 2011

Nose: Pretty floral notes of white pear, honeysuckle, quince and citrus characters.

Palate: Rich textured mid-weight palate, exhibiting strong varietal characters of pear and orange blossom with a lovely oily creaminess providing nice depth and balance.

Fast fact: Sirromet has collected over 630 prestigious national and international wine awards since opening in 2000.



COMMUNITY

DID YOU KNOW?



The Redland City Council Animal Shelter will microchip cats and dogs at the shelter, by appointment, for \$25.



Barking dogs are the source of a third of all animal management complaints in the Redlands.



There is a wealth of information about containing your dogs and cats at www.redland.qld.gov.au



Senior Animal Management Officer Kelvin Crowther with a stray at the Redland City Council Animal Shelter

HOUDINI HOUND’S GREAT ESCAPE

In an average month, more than 100 dogs and 50 cats end up at Council’s animal shelter and most will be unregistered and without microchips.

It was the baffling case of the disappearing dog – a canine Houdini for which locks, bolts and towering fences were no match.

“We had a look at the owner’s fences and they were about five or six foot high – he had already put extensions on and everything was locked up,” recalled Redland City Council Senior Animal Management Officer, Kelvin Crowther.

“But a resident put in a complaint because the dog kept turning up at his house, running around on his lawn in the mornings.

“The dog owner would open his front door to go to work and the dog would be sitting there ... he couldn’t figure out how he’d got out of the yard.”

In a bid to unravel the mystery, a plan was hatched.

“One night he turned all the lights out and stood back from the door so the dog couldn’t see him,” Kelvin said.

“The dog has a look around and goes to the back fence where there was a tree not far away from the fence, he’s put his paws on the fence and his back against the tree and he’s wriggled up and over.

“They’ll think of any way.”

Council’s animal management officers devote much of their time to working with dog and cat owners to ensure their pets do not stray from their properties.

Animal Management spokesperson Cr Wendy Boglary (Division 1) said unfortunately, in an average month more

than 100 dogs and 50 cats ended up at the Council’s animal shelter. “It is likely half the dogs and all but a few of the cats will be unregistered and without microchips, making it difficult for officers to reunite them with their families,” she said.

“If we can locate the owner all the better, because we want to get that dog back home. But at the same time we have to ensure it is in a safe manner for the community, so we have to ensure the

enclosure is all sorted because we don’t want them getting out again.”

Kelvin said unfortunately some dogs and cats aren’t looked after as well as they should be, and many of these cases are referred to the RSPCA.

“To an extent we have to be there for the welfare of the dog as well as the welfare of the community,” he said.

“We hate to see animals taken from a property when it gets to the end result of an investigation ... but we just need the owners to know that if they do the right thing, no dramas.”

Animal Management Team Leader Clare Burgin says cats are a particular problem, and many residents had not got the message that state law ruled that all cats had to be registered with Council once they were 12 weeks old.

“We might get 50 cats in (a month) but only four will be registered, so most go to the RSPCA for re-homing,” she said. “Cats have to be confined to the property 24/7.”

“He’s put his paws on the fence and his back against the tree... and he’s wriggled up and over. They’ll think of any way”



LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Some strange sounds are about to echo across the Redland night sky but there’s no need for alarm – it’s most likely just our City mascot courting some company.

Indeed when love is in the air, the mating ritual of the cute koala is anything but a discreet liaison.

Be prepared as our furry ambassadors let loose with their distinctive repertoire of snarls and bellows. And this is on top of their normal growls, coughs and high-pitched cries.

“They sound like hippos in breeding season with their loud grunting noises,” says Craig Doolan, services manager of IndigiScapes which helps raise awareness of how residents can help support local koala populations.

“And they’re on the move more at this time of year, crossing more roads and moving through more properties.”

Koala breeding season is usually from August to December. Female koalas are sexually mature at about two years of age and can produce one joey per year. Males breed from the age of three to four years.

After conception, gestation lasts 35 days before the joey is born. Newborn koalas are only two centimetres long and hairless, without ears and are blind. After birth, the joey makes its way to the mother’s pouch and remains there for five to six months.

Craig says residents can help preserve our dwindling koala population by planting trees, using koala-friendly fencing and contacting Redlands 24hr Wildlife Rescue on 3833 4031 if they find a koala which is sick or injured.

Another tip is making swimming pools koala-safe by leaving a piece of timber or floating device attached to a rope so koalas can climb out.

FRUITS OF YOUR OWN FOREST

Gennaro De Rosa bandicoots around the base of an unassuming bean plant and wrestles out a huge tuber.

It’s three, maybe four kilos and Gennaro cleaves it into pieces, offering a slice of the moist white flesh. It’s crispy and sweet, like a cross between a Granny Smith apple and maybe a pear.

“These are the kinds of things all of us can grow very easily,” the Redlands Organic Growers Inc member says from the midst of his Birkdale vegie garden.

“All of these are legumes,” he says motioning towards trellises of lablab and madagascar beans and pigeon peas, “so I am getting food and enriching soil at the same time.”

There’s plenty of food in the jicama bean’s tuber and its leaves are something of a natural insecticide (just don’t eat the beans because they are toxic).

It is among a wonderful array of little-known food-bearing plants in this red clay backyard that Gennaro calls his “permaculture food forest”.

“I can’t think of a better way to describe it,” he says, pointing out various greens, gingers, cassava, stevia, elephant yams,

water chestnuts, yakon, artichokes, snake beans and herbs.

“I like to grow things that grow well without hardly any care and which also, especially, improve the soil.”

And for 20 years he has been doing it in the Redlands with minimal effort and no insecticides and chemical sprays.

Gennaro says organic growing is ideal for working folk who are “time poor” like himself to not only grow healthy produce for the table but do their bit for the environment.

He and wife Loretta’s garden is a productive space which largely looks after

itself, filled with plants which enrich the soil or draw beneficial insects and birds to ward off pests, diseases and the need for too much hard yakka.

“Everything I do here is super easy,” he explains.

“Like you build a house from the foundations up, you build a garden from the foundations up - you feed the soil and the soil will feed you without any extra work.”

Find out more by joining a group such as Redland Organic Growers Inc, which meets from 6.15pm on the first Tuesday of the month at IndigiScapes, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba - check it out at www.rogi.com.au



Gennaro De Rosa with a hefty but sweet and crispy jicama bean tuber. His garden is a ‘food forest’ with a wonderful array of produce.



SENIOR SERVICE: NINE DAYS OF FUN

So did Humphrey Bogart really say
“Play it again, Sam”?

Those who have pencilled in an afternoon of movie magic during Redlands’ Seniors Week no doubt already know the answer to that and will revel in a theatre screening of the enduring love classic *Casablanca* just the same.

For the record, it was Ingrid Bergman not Bogey and she actually said: “Play it, Sam. Play as Time Goes By”. But what has become one of the most widely misquoted lines in movie history has only ever added to the charm of this centrepiece of Seniors Week’s Young at Heart film festival.

This Redland City Council event at RPAC on Sunday, August 18, is being brought from Sydney, where it was the flagship of their Seniors Week in March.

Casablanca will be shown alongside other classics and thrillers, as well as the engaging documentary *Pretty Old*, a look at the world of a senior glamour pageant in the US.

The festival is among a range of events specifically designed for seniors and which celebrate their energy, interests and contributions.

Also at the heart of the week is the council-sponsored Seniors Walk on Sunday, August 18, which is expected to be joined by more than 250 seniors, plus family and pets.

The event, which includes 3km, 5km, 7.5km and 10km circuits and kicks off at 6.30am, aims to draw folk together for fun and fitness.

“Some people are hell-bent on walking 10km ... but they can walk 3km or 5km or just cross the road and come back if they want to,” said Redland District Committee on the Ageing’s Tony Christinson.

For information on activities go to the Redland District Committee on the Ageing’s website at www.rdcota.org.au or call 3488 0680.

CALENDAR

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

JULY

14

Rally

The 5.6ha of historic grounds at Ormiston House will be daubed with plenty of red as Ferrari owners show off their glamour machines. Open 10.30am-4pm. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Motor on to www.ormistonhouse.org.au.

19

Celebrate

Head to Dunwich State Primary School on North Stradbroke Island for a day of Indigenous celebrations. This NAIDOC event will include dance performances, stalls, arts, crafts and a traditional mullet barbecue lunch.

21

Coochie colour

Join the bayside fun of Matthew Flinders Day on Coochiemudlo Island. You will find plenty of entertainment, with music, a parade and the colourful re-enactment of Matthew Flinders’ landing, along with the popular markets from 8am-2pm.

25

In a spin

Catch the 360 Allstars at RPAC - a phenomenal theatrical performance exploring all forms of rotation. The show’s organisers say this production “connects the street with the elite to deliver a radical urban circus”. Find more at www.rpac.com.au.

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Full voice

Don Giovanni from Opera Australia’s Oz Opera will be breaking hearts at the RPAC Concert Hall in an exciting new production of Mozart’s classic masterpiece directed by Michael Gow. Get the details at www.rpac.com.au.

28

Dig in

Join in the National Tree Day celebrations at Birkdale’s Robinson Park from 9am-11am. You can help extend the habitat along this wildlife corridor with the planting of 3000 native plants. There will be a free sausage sizzle and giveaways.

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Grand auto

Check out some of the world’s grandest motors at Ormiston House’s Rolls Royce Concours d’Elegance. It will boast Rollers from the modern to classics. Open 10.30am-4pm. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. More at www.ormistonhouse.org.au.

AUGUST

3

Awards

The Commonwealth Bank Redlands Retail Awards Gala Night will showcase local retailers, rewarding excellence in customer service and encouraging business development and jobs growth. Find out more at www.redlandretailawards.com.au.

9

Yarning time

Join the World Indigenous Day celebrations from 12.30pm – 2.30pm at Cleveland Library Square. The Nunukal Yuggera Aboriginal dancers will be there, along with a Sandra Delaney Yarning Time talk, arts and crafts.

9-11

Sounds great

Stomp your feet to the sounds of Coolgrass and Mustered Courage among many others at the Redlands Bluegrass Festival at the Kindilan Convention Centre on the corner of German Church and Days roads, Redland Bay. Run by the Redlands Modern Country Music Club over three days, there’s also the opportunity for budding musicians to join workshops and jam sessions. Check it out at www.redlandscountry.asn.au.

11

Glamour

There will be plenty of teuton-ic glamour at Ormiston House with the Mercedes Benz Concours d’Elegance. Open 10.30am-4pm. Entry is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Details at www.ormistonhouse.org.au.

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Ekka Day

It’s the City of Redlands’ annual show holiday. The Ekka is on from August 8-17.

18

Great strides

The annual Redland City Council Seniors Walk heads out from Cleveland’s Donald Simpson Park at 6.30am. This is one of the highlights of Seniors Week, with a free breakfast at the end. Registration is \$5 and includes a t-shirt, map, refreshments and entry in the prize draw. For details of Seniors Week activities go to www.rdcota.org.au or call 3488 0680.

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Family fun

Take the kids to Possum Magic – The Musical. This is your last chance to catch what is rated as Australia’s most successful children’s musical ever. The Final Farewell Tour is at the RPAC Concert Hall. Check it out at www.rpac.com.au.

25

Song and dance

Head to the Redlands Eisteddfod finals concert at the Redland Performing Arts Centre for an exceptional afternoon of entertainment. There will be dance, music and speech and drama events running throughout July and August, so go to www.redlandseisteddfod.com for details.

Pedal power

If something more active is your go, join the Redlands Classic Ride. This family oriented event centred on Raby Bay Harbour Park raises money and awareness for the Rotary Foundation and other local beneficiaries. Find out more at www.redlandsclassicride.com.au.

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Star power

Showstoppers of London’s West End, at RPAC’s Concert Hall, features Australia’s own London West End star Philip Gould along with Tenterfield Saddler star Michelle Fitzmaurice in a tribute to some of the great musicals. More at www.rpac.com.au.

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Helping hand

The Redland City Mayoral Prayer Breakfast is a very special annual event where you can make a positive contribution to school chaplaincy programs in the Redlands. Keep an eye on www.redland.qld.gov.au for more details of how you can be involved.

SEPTEMBER

6-8

RedFest

Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds, at Cleveland, will rock to the sounds of Daryl Braithwaite, John Morrison and Jacki Cooper, Toni Childs and Pete Denahy at RedFest. Expect an awesome program of food, music and fun over three days. Details at www.redfest.com.au or call 3286 4858.

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Bardfest

Take in the The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) at the RPAC Concert Hall, a show which has become a global phenomenon with seasons in more than 20 countries. Go to www.rpac.com.au.

7 & 14

Come and try

Bayside Outrigger Canoe Club is hosting Come and Try days at Masthead Drive, Raby Bay, thanks to a Redland City Council community grant. Call 0434 962 351 for details.

7-8

Island time

It’s Straddie Salute time, when the fit and focused descend on the nation’s most picturesque sports precinct - North Stradbroke Island. This multisport festival has a challenge for all comers. Find out at www.weekendwarriorevents.com.au.

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Take care

Part of Landcare Week, the Bushcare Major Day Out is an opportunity to find out what is being done in our bushland and what can be done in our own neighbourhood. There’s more at www.bushcaresmajordayout.org

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For your diary

This is the new day for the Labour Day public holiday.

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Island Vibe

Held on North Stradbroke Island over three packed days, Island Vibe is a multi-faceted celebration of island culture that includes art exhibitions, interactive workshops, stalls, a circus, eco-food and craft markets. Check it out at www.islandvibe.com.au.

CHECKLIST FOR EVENTS

A new checklist is set to make life a lot easier for Redlands event organisers.

Redland City Council’s Event Information Kit – to be launched in August – provides information on Council’s requirements when organising an event within the city boundaries.

The kit – which will be available both electronically and in printed form – is a one-stop shop for those planning events such as concerts, festivals, markets and annual community and sporting events.

FEST IS A FEAST FOR ALL

RedFest, formerly known as the Redland Spring Festival, turns 55 this year and plans to grow old disgracefully with a jam-packed program of food, music and fun.

The annual festival will be held at Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds from September 6-8 and organisers expect it to draw a crowd of more than 20,000 people.

Administrator Sandy Nelson says many residents from Redlands and surrounds choose to kick up their heels at RedFest as an alternative to Brisbane’s annual show.

“It’s a bit like a mini Ekka,” she says for the benefit of those who have not yet sampled the delights of RedFest. “A lot of people would rather just go to RedFest. It’s easier than fighting the Ekka crowds and it’s a community-based festival.”

RedFest is a not-for-profit community organisation with Redland City Council and Energex major sponsors.

A huge range of entertainment will be provided for every age group, particularly that most discerning of groups, children.

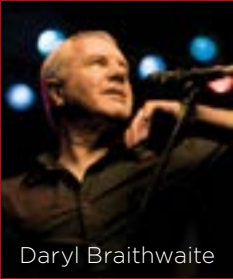
Kids will be able to pot their own strawberry plants, pat baby animals at an animal nursery supplied by Cleveland District State High School, make their own koala and join in a koala’s picnic.

Along with sideshows, they can be entertained with puppets, music and dance, arts and crafts workshops, a lantern parade and fireworks. There will also be a disco for under 10s.

Strawberries, the traditional emblem of the festival, will again take centre stage in the strawberry-eating competition.

Headliners this year will include American singer-songwriter Toni Childs, Australian rock legend Daryl Braithwaite, jazz virtuosos John Morrison and Jacki Cooper and musician-comic Pete Denahy.

For the latest information, check www.redfest.com.au or phone 3286 4858.



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LET'S GET THINGS RIGHT

The Redlands Planning Scheme review has started and its importance should not be understated, as it will act as the blueprint for development for the next seven years. Among other things, the scheme will facilitate housing projects and job creation, manage the City's islands, protect core koala habitat and populations as well as conserve the unique attributes that distinguish the Redlands. Residents who, like me, value our lifestyle, people and environment need to be aware and informed of the impending changes. I encourage residents to start thinking about how you would like to see our neighbourhood develop and make a submission when public consultation is formally called. Of course there will be some things we will not be able to change but this is our chance to be involved in mapping out the future of our neighbourhoods and to ensure we get the right balance between development and the environment. Let's make sure we get it right.

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VOLUNTEERS THE BACKBONE OF OUR COMMUNITY

Redlands has a "caring culture"

What have you been doing? This is the most frequent question I am asked when I am out and about in the community so I will try to condense it on to this one page.

I have had the pleasure of working with and supporting many local groups, ranging from our newly extended Redland Museum to Wellington Point Bowls Club, Redlands Bocce Club, Redlands United Football Club, Redlands Centre for Women, University of the Third Age, Wellington Point Traders Association, Wellington Point Rotary, Cleveland Gardens, Probus, Allstars Netball and the Allstars Swim Club.

There are so many tireless volunteers working for charities throughout the Redlands, assisting others to provide services or put on an event. These people really are the backbone of our community – they strengthen the Redlands, both socially and economically, and make it such a great place to live.

One group, the Friends of Ormiston House, does an amazing job, with busloads of tourists attracted to their events, boosting the tourism economy while also preserving a valuable national heritage site.

I am establishing the Friends of King Island (FOKI) group which aims to assist with rehabilitation. Besides being a special feature for locals, the

sandbar walk is a real tourism selling point for Wellington Point. Please contact me if you can help.

On to infrastructure projects where pedestrian and traffic safety continue to be a goal. The recently widened causeway at Starkey Street has greatly improved safety for walkers in this much-used area, while drainage works in Burnett Street have also improved traffic safety.

The Local Traffic Area Management Plan has also been completed for the Wellington Point Village and I am using this information to keep at the State Government to assist us with safety issues on its roads approaching the Village on Main Road and Birkdale Road.

Exciting projects starting this year include a playground and shelter shed in the Village Green. Making this area a community hub has been a four-year plan and now with all the events being held there, the community has a wonderful area to meet and connect.

Other projects include pathway lighting at Fellmonger Park at Ormiston, kerb and channelling at Wellington/McCartney streets at Ormiston, the Nelson and Main roads roundabout, as well as reseals and resurfacing on Main Road, Peterson Street, Owen Street, Wharton Street and Waterloo Street.



Community chat:

2nd and 4th Saturday of each month,
9am-12pm, Wellington Point Village

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month,
5-6pm, Ormiston Shopping Village

Cr Wendy Boglary with Ormiston House administrator Meg O'Driscoll. The Heritage-listed homestead is a hub of community and tourism activity.

OUT AND ABOUT



Cr Wendy Boglary with Cancer Council fundraiser June Craven at Community Chats.



With organisers Jenny Clapman and Wendy Parkes at Redlands Easter Family Festival.



Working with WP Rotary at the Wellington Point State School fete.

PLEASE VOTE "YES"

I am proud and passionate to be your local representative. There is more to the job than people see and one role is ensuring the policies and direction of council represent what the community wants. I have written submissions to the State Government when I felt the changes weren't for our benefit. I speak up in council meetings to be a strong voice for you but this time I am asking **YOU** to speak up. At the election in September, vote "yes" to local councils gaining financial recognition in the Australian Constitution to protect much-needed funding. More details can be found on my website, Facebook or simply email me.



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MARKETS GREAT FOR FAMILIES

The Twilight Makers Market has gone from strength to strength since it began in March. Established by Deanne Caruso, the markets are an outlet for local creative people to display and sell their wares.

There are about 50 regular stallholders with many different forms of art and craft on offer, as well as gourmet food stalls and live music – it's a great night out for the family.

Markets will be held July 27, August 24 and September 28, so mark those dates in your diary and, after the successful Ignite Redlands, they no doubt represent a new interest in Cleveland town.

HELPING OUR COMMUNITY



CONGRATULATIONS: Cleveland Bowls Club chairman Barry Davis with Cr Craig Ogilvie after receiving \$2090 for an ice-making machine and \$28,582 for solar panels to help keep the club's electricity costs down.

TOONDAH'S RECOGNITION WELCOMED

Cleveland on a roll

The recent decision by the State Government to take control of planning a future for Toondah Harbour may lead to some significant changes for the area.

Its naming as a PDA, or Priority Development Area, is recognition of the area's significant potential and should be welcomed.

The planners start with a "blank canvas" and through various consultations (including with the community) shape a vision that both private and public investors can embrace.

Needless to say it is hoped that the vision is one that meets with community expectations.

The area is primarily a departure point for North Stradbroke Island and this should not be undermined but it could also deliver lifestyle benefits for the mainland community.

Every community member with an interest in the future of Cleveland should take a keen interest and get involved.

Feel free to contact me by phone or email with your thoughts.

HARNESSING THE CREATIVE ENERGY



Mandy White and Lauren Towers from Willow and Fox boutique size up Cr Craig Ogilvie for a fitting of pre-loved clothes. Mandy is a member of the Cleveland Village Traders Association, which is rallying the troops to cement the CBD as a thriving shopping precinct.

A lot is happening in the Cleveland Town centre. Indeed, Council has been working on a range of initiatives designed to "activate" the CBD and surrounding areas.

Council has re-jigged the regulations and charges regime to encourage investment. We have been looking at our own landholdings. We have been investigating the provision of Wi-Fi in the library square area.

There's much more that is impossible to detail here.

But the most exciting development is the interest that people are showing in getting together and claiming the town spaces for the community.

A recent meeting with the Chamber of Commerce and the Cleveland Village Traders Association led to a meeting with retailers to talk about how they can band

together to help themselves, and how Council might assist them.

The meeting was addressed by James Brockhurst from the Capalaba Business Improvement District on the things that they have done.

There was lots of creative energy in the room and I have no doubt that those people will take that energy to the streets.

Ultimately, a re-energised town is good for us all.

The town is at the centre of our daily community life and to have a space that we are proud of and enthusiastic about is so important.

Apart from anything else, liveability and lifestyle are keys to our economic future, and any time and money spent by Council on Cleveland is a "no-brainer".

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Council wants to hear residents’ concerns

The playground and picnic area of William Stewart Park at Thornlands is about to undergo an upgrade to create a more family-friendly environment.

The project at the Vintage Road side of the park will be designed in the next few months and completed in the 2014-15 financial year.

The project will enhance the liveability of Division 3 and came about after a petition from a group of teenaged girls.

This is a great example of how residents can have an impact in their local neighbourhood and, as a fellow resident, I look forward to working with the community to achieve a great outcome.

No matter whether it comes down to reporting potholes, graffiti, barking dogs or traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, the community does

get a say in how Division 3 will evolve into the future.

An example of this is the traffic-calming medians in Zeigenfusz Road, which have successfully managed to slow cars as they travel past Carmel College.

Pedestrian refuges on Vintage Road also seem to be working well, ensuring the safety of those who attend Bayview State School.

While we may be a mainly residential division, many of the projects about to be rolled out across the Redlands will benefit those who live here for many years to come.

It is pleasing to note we have doubled the spend on roads, and the Budget funding for the Moreton Bay Cycleway, which will fill the missing links in this much-used and much-loved network.



Division 3 Councillor Kim-Maree Hardman with her children Ebony-Rose, Dallin and Mason, husband Nathan and their beloved staffy, Stitch.

FROM FARMS TO FAMILIES

Thornlands is one of the fastest-growing suburbs in the Redlands.

It was named after one of the original landholders in the area, George Thorn, when Thornlands was a farming community.

He acquired 631 acres in the 1850s.

Early farms grew bananas, mangoes and citrus but over time the land was subdivided and became more residential.

Thornlands State School opened in 1910, the first post and telephone service in 1920 and Thornlands Hall, a focal point for community activity, in 1938.



Strawberry farming in Pinklands, 1960. Courtesy: Jess Hawkins

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Clean, safe and secure the aim

With my first year as your councillor now behind me, I can honestly say it has been one of the most rewarding times in my career.

It has presented many and varied challenges but more importantly it has presented so many opportunities to improve where and how we live in this wonderful community.

With government on all levels talking about austerity and cost-cutting measures, now is the time to be more involved and active within our community to achieve positive and tangible outcomes.

Volunteer groups across Australia contribute more than \$15 billion in unpaid man-hours to our economy and we have some fantastic volunteers right here in Division 4, working within groups including local churches, Meals on Wheels, Lions, Rotary, sporting clubs, Neighbourhood Watch,

Crime Stoppers, school P&Cs, Coochie Coastcare, Bushcare, Coochie Lifesavers, scouts, girl guides, cadets, Volunteer Marine Rescue, Keep Queensland Beautiful (KQB) and many more.

A key focus for me is making Division 4 cleaner, safer and more secure. I will continue to maintain close working relationships with local police, schools, business owners, community and sporting groups and other stakeholders, including State Government, to facilitate initiatives that will deliver better ongoing outcomes in Division 4 and across the City.

I have worked with KQB to organise litter clean-up days with willing volunteers and have registered teams in the KQB Adopt-a-Road and Adopt-a-Spot program. I have also implemented my own Tag-a-Shopping-Trolley program to ensure retailers promptly collect trolleys.



At the launch of the Bayside Runners and Walkers 48 hour Red Cross Charity Relay at Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club in June are (from left) Gary Prickett and Nigel Hyland, of Bayside Runners, Member for Redlands Peter Dowling, Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC, Member for Capalaba Steve Davies, Redland City Mayor Karen Williams and Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett.

LENDING A HELPING HAND

With a high demographic of elderly residents in Division 4, I have recognised a need to provide them with greater support. I would love to establish a network/organisation of volunteers to provide free assistance to elderly and often frail members of our community.

The devastation caused in the wake of ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald early this year highlighted the plight of many elderly residents who, while not needing emergency assistance, did need a hand to clear driveways, remove debris from paths or with minor home repairs.

Even the most simple task can be difficult for some. It's not unusual for me to be asked to change a light bulb on my Meals on Wheels run or to take calls from elderly residents looking for help with services not provided by Home Assist.

They are little things that can mean so much to those who can least afford it. The simple tasks in life that are no problem to most of us can be a physical and financial burden to many others.

I would love to hear from anyone who is eager to lend a hand and am open to ideas on how to make this initiative a reality.



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READY, WILLING AND ABLE

This past year has seen an improved response by Council to residents’ needs and requests. We are ensuring that our parklands and open spaces are well maintained, with Council assets and infrastructure maintenance performed quickly and efficiently.

As your representative, I continue to be accessible, through shopping centre information booths, home visits and involvement in community groups and events. I look forward to continually improving how Council interacts with and serves the community of Division 4.



At the unveiling of the new war memorial on Coochiemudlo Island (from left), Coochiemudlo RSL president Douglas Cope, Member for Redlands Peter Dowling and Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett



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CAMPING TRIAL

The 12-month trial of campsites at Lions Boulevard Park at Sandy Beach will encourage more visitors to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and enable them to take more time exploring our piece of paradise.

The two campsites, to host up to four campers each for up to three nights, will appeal to kayakers, canoeists, cyclists and hikers.

The trial will allow thorough assessment of the campsites, the length of stay and the time and frequency of campsite bookings, with opportunities for community consultation.

Also on the islands, work is ongoing to open walking trails and, on Macleay, to open up the land known as McDonald’s Farm for the community. My initial focus is to make this land available sooner rather than later.

SKATE PARK WIN

Council has approved the Macleay Island skate park project and work should begin by the end of the year.

The community has been calling for this facility for some time and, in a tight budget year, it’s a major win to get a green light. The brief for the design and construction tender should go out late July, with building of the \$500,000 project to begin early next year.

GATEWAY TO THE ISLANDS

Priority declaration a vote of confidence

The formal declaration of Weinam Creek’s transport hub as a Priority Development Area is a massive vote of confidence in the southern Redlands.

It will provide opportunities for a transport hub and waterfront recreation precinct, cementing it as a regional gateway to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Rest assured there is a phased engagement process which includes full community consultation, and it is important residents have an input to help guide future development and parking solutions.

Phase 1 involves complete technical and background studies to identify options and will progress in consultation with developers, investors, residents and other stakeholders.



Cr Mark Edwards at Weinam Creek, set to become a dynamic waterfront recreation precinct and regional gateway to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands

NEW HOME FOR MEN’S SHED GROUP

I’m pleased to report we are now formalising the community space on German Church Road, 2000sqm of which has been earmarked for a Men’s Shed.

With proper planning, this 6000sqm parcel will eventually be occupied by community groups which need space and facilities in the Redlands.

The modern Men’s Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part

Phase 2 early next year involves public notification of the outcomes of initial studies and the community will again be invited to have its say.

Phase 3, mid-next year, will see preparation of the final development scheme, infrastructure plan and implementation plan for Weinam Creek – and this will include statutory approval by the State Government.

The final phase is the public release of the Weinam Creek Development Scheme.

The precinct will deliver the residential, transport and entertainment precinct we have been awaiting for years and paves the way for the vast potential of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands to be realised.

Importantly, it also will provide the opportunity to finally resolve the parking issue that has plagued Weinam Creek for years.



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OUT AND ABOUT

Through the Council’s grant funding program, I have been able to support local groups such as CPec (Riding for the Disabled), Equine Learning for Futures Inc (which runs programs for traumatised children) and the distribution of safety handbooks in schools as well as support budding young sports stars of the future to compete at higher levels. The Councillors’ Small Grants Program continues in 2013-14 and community groups can contact me if they have programs or initiatives that qualify for support.

Mt Cotton Neighbourhood Watch is now welcoming new members and making plans. Contact and membership details can be found on the Neighbourhood Watch website at www.nhwq.org.

There’s also a lot to look forward to with plans currently underway for several Christmas events. Stay tuned.

NATIONAL FOCUS

Car racers from throughout Australia will be heading to Mt Cotton for the national hillclimb championships, with the main event on November 2-3.

Hosted by the MG Car Club of Queensland it promises to be an action-packed weekend of racing at the track off Gramzow Rd, off Mt Cotton Rd.

Visit: www.mgccq.org.au.

OUR ROAD AHEAD

Residents’ feedback crucial

It has been a significant first year in office as your councillor and we have a lot happening across the City.

Council has prioritised roads in our budget for this year and we have increased funding significantly for asset projects and maintenance works.

We have listened to the people and we are responding, as a good Council should.

The City has a lack of completed footpaths, with many areas having gaps, and we are doing what we can to accelerate their completion.

We continue to refine and assess the capital works budget to ensure that we are getting work done in order of priority and for the best possible value.

Division 6 is a beautiful part of a wonderful City that I want to help make even better. We have plans in place for improvements to parks and road reserves.

I invite residents to provide feedback to me on other projects they think will improve our local amenity and strengthen the local community. As your elected representative I commit to supporting worthy projects and programs through the Council approval processes.

As the Portfolio Chair for Planning and Development I am involved in strategic consideration of our next town plan and the ways in which the moving paradigm of State legislation and the Regional Plan will feed into our Town Plan 2015-16.

SEALING BENEFITS FOR THE COMMUNITY



Cr Julie Talty with Brent Hailey of Silkwood Estate at Mt Cotton’s resurfaced Heinemann Road.

Local residents and motorists will have noticed the benefits flowing from the \$1.4 million upgrade of Heinemann Road at Mt Cotton.

The road has been sealed and widened to provide an all-weather surface for those who regularly use it.

This upgrade, which includes street lighting, will provide a safer and more reliable road for residents, as well as reducing ongoing maintenance costs.

The road’s sealing, in conjunction with the Yarram

Some of the policies that Council is working to incorporate into our planning are the Rural Futures Strategy, Tourism and the Seven Cs Trails and Paths Policy. These strategies will support economic growth through jobs and encourage entrepreneurship in ecotourism and rural enterprise.

We are working to reduce the complexity of Council processes and ensure we are user-friendly.

As part of this process we have reviewed the way we communicate our vegetation management regulation. An easy-to-use information sheet is now available to help people understand their rights and responsibilities. We also have removed the fees associated with vegetation assessment on private property so, if you are unsure, you can ask without fear of it costing thousands of dollars in assessment.

This first year in Division 6 has not been without its challenges with a number of controversial development applications coming before Council. I am always available to answer your questions in regard to any issue that arises and to seek and provide information in answer to your questions within Council.

You may have seen some information in the local papers about the southern Shoreline development proposal. Please let me know your thoughts on this or any other matter of concern to you.



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WARM THOUGHTS

With the nights staying cooler for the next few months, there's still time to drop off warm clothes to help those in need.

Charity bins can be found opposite the main entrance of Alexandra Hills State High School in Windemere Road.

NO MOTORBIKES IN PARKS

Motorbikes and quad bikes are still a problem in Council parks and reserves, where it is illegal to ride them.

Although these bikes, in particular junior trail bikes, are popular they are of concern to nearby residents and those who walk on the trails.

Council officers and police can fine riders in illegal areas. Residents who see such activity should contact me or Capalaba Police on 3433 3333.

A BOOST FOR BUSINESS

Redland City Business Grow (RCBG) offers free and confidential mentoring for new and existing small to medium-sized businesses in the area.

People I have recommended to the service have been full of praise for the help offered.

RCBG consultant Melanie Lavelle-Maloney can be contacted on 1800 282208 or at rcbusinessgrow@contactfirst.com.au

HEALTH BOOST FOR CREEK

Wildlife the winner in catchment clean-up

The health of the Coolnwynpin Creek catchment is being improved through an ongoing Redland City Council initiative.

The Coolnwynpin Creek catchment project involves the removal of weeds and revegetation from the banks of the creek.

This project is vital to sustaining the environmental health of this important Redlands catchment.

Coolnwynpin was identified as a highly degraded catchment and as such Council has been working for a number of years to enhance the conservation values so it can be enjoyed by the community.

The project has involved the planting of tens of thousands of trees to help local wildlife.

Since 2006-07 this project has resulted in 43,244 trees being planted across the catchment. Of those, 23,463 were planted in Division 7 alone, including more than 2000 koala food trees.

This work increases and enhances habitat, and facilitates wildlife movement within our bushland reserves.

It also contributed to the Council's Waterways Recovery Program which saw the Council win an award in the sustainable development category of the Healthy Waterways Awards in June.

COME AND SAY HELLO



Head down to Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday morning and have a chat.

My "meet the people" booth has been going for 16 years now. I'm there from 9am-noon so you can

meet your representative and I can listen to your concerns and what's happening in your area.

It's all about getting feedback from you and ensuring you can talk with me face-to-face.



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WORKING ON PLAY AT BAILEY ROAD

A facelift at Bailey Road Park at Birkdale will provide new play equipment for kids and kids at heart.

The project is great news for residents and includes removing old play equipment and installing new facilities.

The new equipment to be installed in the upgrade will include a double swing with a toddler and strap seat, a net-climbing structure, rock-wall climbing, monkey bars, balance discs and a play fort with a double slide.

The project, which is due to be completed in July, is part of Council's \$400,000 2012-13 Parks Asset Renewal and Upgrade Program, which provides renewed public spaces for residents.

HAVE YOUR SAY

I would like to invite Division 8 residents to take part in a reference group as a sounding board to assist me in gauging community opinion on a range of issues.

If you would be prepared to receive emails from time to time from me and to offer your advice as part of this community consultation process, please email me at divisioneight@outlook.com. The more residents involved the better, so please sign up today.

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Everything old is new again at Judy Holt Park

Next time you walk through Judy Holt Park at Birkdale, chances are you may actually be walking past old trees and vegetation from across the Redlands without even knowing it.

About 2000 tonnes of mulched Redlands vegetation has been used as part of a project to remediate the old landfill site at the Judy Holt Sportsfields on Old Cleveland Road East and Randall Road.

The use of mulch in remediating the landfill site will provide increased green space for residents while at the same time supporting sustainability in the Redlands.

This project saw mulch from across Redland City used to dress part of the site as a lead-up to planting 110,000 plants, creating additional green space for the community to use.

Finding uses for recycled green waste is an important part of creating new markets and closing the loop on recycling. This is a fantastic initiative which strengthens Redland City's environmental credentials.

As Division 8 Councillor, I am happy to see this project delivered not only for residents within the division but across the whole of the Redlands. So far this year Council has supplied about 35,000 tonnes of green waste to a composting facility for reuse.

Other environmental benefits include improving the waterway health of Tarradarrapin Creek and surrounding wetlands.

Keep up-to-date with what is happening in Division 8 by visiting me on Facebook at Division Eight News.



Cr Alan Beard, Deputy Mayor and Division 8 Councillor, at Birkdale's Judy Holt Park, which has been given a new lease of life with the addition of 2000 tonnes of Redlands mulch.

WALK THIS WAY, INTO JUDY HOLT PARK

I am pleased to have secured funding to construct a walking path into Judy Holt Park and the Redlands Multi Sports Club.

This will be the only formal pedestrian entrance into the park and will provide much-needed safe access

for residents currently sharing the road entrance off Randall Road.

The entrance to the new walkway will be at the end of Bayford Street, Birkdale, and the path will be lit for night-time access.



Capalaba

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MASSIVE BOOST FOR ROADS

There is welcome news on the roads front for Division 9 residents.

While it is a well-established area, much of our infrastructure is old. Road problems have been a major issue and it's time to start the renewal program.

A recent road audit has led the Council to budget a record amount for road maintenance in the next 12 months, so you will see more road upgrades and resurfacing than I understand there has ever been in our history.



BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA

Revitalising the heart of Capalaba

The first steps are being taken towards the revitalisation and rejuvenation of the heart of Capalaba.

I have been successful in getting funding for the redesign of the Holland Crescent (north) precinct, off Mt Cotton Road, to improve quality of life for residents there while tackling social issues such as hooning.

Council has allocated \$25,000 to come up with a new model for the precinct, so we can improve its aesthetics and ensure it is family-friendly.

It is part of a vision to beautify Capalaba, which remains the heartbeat of the Redlands, boasting almost 35 per cent of all businesses in the City and a very strong sporting culture with, I believe, the highest participation rate of any division.



Cr Paul Gleeson at the Moreton Bay Road entrance to the Redlands. He is pushing for it to become a prominent statement that you have arrived in the city.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The rejuvenation of Capalaba is starting from the ground up.

Getting rid of graffiti and ensuring the prompt collection of abandoned shopping trolleys has been a priority as we strive to improve our community.

Residents can do their bit by reporting problems to the designated hotlines - 1300 472 334 for graffiti and 1800 010 335 for shopping trolleys.

Council is responsible for removing graffiti on Council property (such as bus stops). On private property, removal is the responsibility of the owner but Council will help when the graffiti is on publicly accessible surfaces that face high-traffic roads or adjoin regional or district parks.

Looking to what will hopefully be the near future, the City's masterplan is for a vibrant and modern Capalaba hub synonymous with the Redlands lifestyle and boasting a mall precinct and people-friendly areas such as village greens.

A mall between the major shopping centres of Capalaba Park and Capalaba Central would be a welcome and rewarding addition for the area.

One thing that is missing in Capalaba is a restaurant precinct. It is something I believe is much-needed and would be well received, with interest already emerging from developers.

Traffic woes, of course, will be a concern and the Council will be working with the State Government to look at existing and potential issues for those commuting to and from the Redlands through the Capalaba gateway.



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LET THERE BE LIGHT

In my role as Redland City Council's Ambassador for Arts, Culture and Innovation, I congratulate the RedArts committee, which worked tirelessly with local artists, entrepreneurs, ArtsLink and volunteers for the three-day community-run Ignite Redlands Light Art Festival in June.

Redlands was chosen to be a part of ArtsLink's inaugural Animating Spaces program and Ignite Redlands exceeded all expectations, attracting more than 7000 visitors to Cleveland CBD.

See the videos at www.paulbishop.com.au



Redland Art Gallery lights up for the Ignite Redlands Light Art Festival.

PRIDE OF PLACE

Communities work for common goals

Hello Division 10. What a year 2013 has been so far! After a dry 2012, the summer rains had me mowing footpaths after State Government funding was withdrawn from our roadside maintenance schedule and residents complained about the overgrown state of Birkdale Road.

Fortunately this has been addressed and our streetscapes are again being managed to the satisfaction of Council officers.

Then Australia Day havoc brought down trees and power lines all over the City and Council's mass green-waste clean-up kept us all busy.

Many local roads have been resurfaced or patched, with Queens Esplanade at Thorneside on the schedule for next year. For those who enjoy walking from Beth Boyd Park to Aquatic Paradise West at Birkdale, you will see a new shelter donated by resident John McSwann. Thanks go to his family and all residents involved in consultation for site selection.

Community pride was on show during our many school and public ANZAC Day celebrations. It was an honour to have support from St Mary MacKillop Primary School students, scouts, sea cadets and many others who came together for the event we organised.

Traffic and pedestrian issues are assuming a major focus, with plans proceeding for safer ways to cross both Collingwood and Thorneside roads (near the shops). Thank you to those who signed petitions.

St James Neighbourhood Watch has convened a local traffic group to review safety issues around Quarry Road and I acknowledge the need to focus attention on safety at Byng Road, Birkdale.

I extend ongoing thanks to our many volunteers who enliven P&C committees, sporting groups, church, scouts, bushcare, arts networks and other organisations. You improve life for our youth, elders, families and community.

I rely on your feedback and welcome your suggestions as we work toward the future together.

GARDEN GROWS INTO REALITY



Cr Paul Bishop, of Division 10, previews what is in store for supporters of the new community garden at Victor Street, Birkdale.

Residents and representatives from scout, church, school and organic farming groups in Birkdale and Thorneside are rallying in support of the Victor Street community garden at Birkdale.

If you would like to be involved in designing and cultivating a living/working/meeting place in the heart of Division 10, come to the first open day at 3pm on Saturday, July 13, or contact me directly.



**If you could see the danger of
powerlines, you'd stop yourself.**

Look up and live.



positive energy