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On the cover: Superstar Angelina Jolie will direct the filming of *Unbroken* at Redland locations.

## Your guide to... A quick and safe trip to the tip



Gone are the days when a trip to the tip meant whole loads going straight to landfill.

As well as general waste disposal, Redland City Council's waste transfer stations are home to several recycling collection services, saving precious resources for re-use.



You can make your trip to the tip quick and easy by following some simple steps.

#### Before you go:

- Get sorted – separate general waste and recycling. Different recycling collection points on site include:
  - ♦ Greenwaste
  - ♦ E-waste (TVs and computers only)
  - ♦ Scrap metal
  - ♦ Fridges
  - ♦ Batteries
  - ♦ Gas bottles
  - ♦ Clothing
  - ♦ Engine oil
  - ♦ Vegetable oil
  - ♦ Cardboard
  - ♦ Clean timber
  - ♦ Pre-loved goods (Recycleworld drop-offs)

- Remember proof of residency – have it ready to show when you pull up to the gatehouse. Examples include your current driver's licence, vehicle rego papers, rates notice or utilities bill.

#### Be safe on site:

- **Listen to instructions** – our staff ensure the site runs efficiently and safely for you and others
- **No smoking** – flammable substances are on site
- **Drop loads in the right spot** – dropping mixed loads can contaminate stockpiles, create hazards and is costly to rectify
- **Park in designated locations** – our parking spots are chosen with your safety in mind
- **Keep children and animals in cars** – waste transfer stations are neither children nor pet-friendly places.

**For more information on waste and recycling in the Redlands, visit Council's website or call 3829 8999.**

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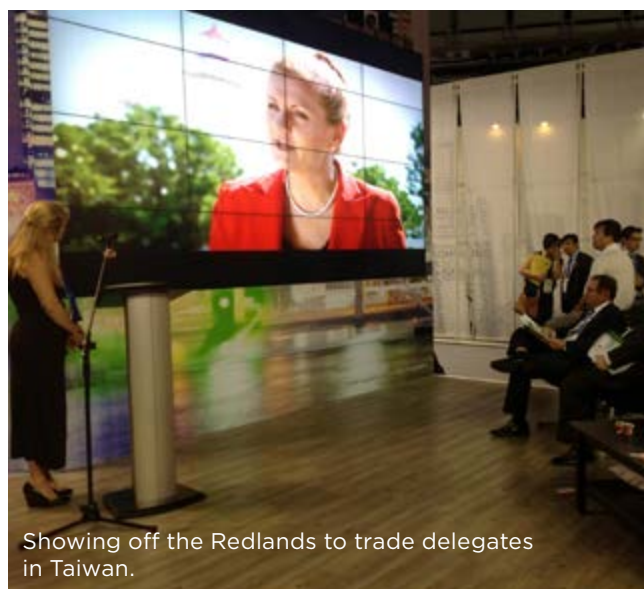
**There's a wave of positive energy sweeping across the Redlands ... and its ripple effects are cementing our claim as "the best place to live, work and do business".**

Our proactive efforts to tell the world of what our great City has to offer are really starting to pay dividends, and it is with great excitement that we can announce that Redlands will be one of the key sites for the filming of Angelina Jolie's much-heralded film, *Unbroken*.

It is indeed a feather in our City's cap to have won the hearts and minds of both one of the world's biggest international superstars and her equally as famous partner Brad Pitt and, further, it tops a list of achievements which are laying the foundations for bigger and better times ahead.



Meeting with Qinhuangdao Mayor Shang Liguang.



Showing off the Redlands to trade delegates in Taiwan.

Hosting the 500-strong cast and crew of *Unbroken* will pump more than \$1 million into our local economy, and there will be significant flow-on effects as the Redlands is highlighted on the maps of every movie buff, and our uniqueness is shared even further across the globe.

Added to this, there was strong interest in our "open for business and investment" strategy on my recent trade mission to China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Japan. In addition to visiting five cities in five days with around 40 south-east Queensland business delegates, ties were strengthened with sister city Qinhuangdao offering greater opportunities for economic development in the areas of education, tourism and marine industry.

The positive feedback we received shows that our City has a great deal to offer ... in terms of investment, tourism, education and, of course, lifestyle.

I look forward to the follow-up visits planned by trade delegations to visit our City and potential local and international investors who have offered to share their expertise to have the Redlands reinforce its reputation as the "jewel in the crown" of south-east Queensland.

I was also buoyed by the remarkably strong response to our invitation to countries competing at the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast — six nations have expressed an interest in visiting the Redlands and will consider basing their athletes here in the lead-up to this huge event.

These efforts, instigated by Cr Mark Edwards, will also have significant flow-on benefits to business and tourism and, even though the Games are still more than four years away, we will continue to plan to capitalise on the inevitable boost to international visitor numbers.

It was pleasing to note Tourism Minister Jann Stuckey, on a recent trip to our City, encouraged businesses to promote the area's "best kept secret", North Stradbroke Island, and reap the rewards of telling the world what a great asset it is to our City.

We can do this by making the most of the Priority Development Area status granted to both Toondah Harbour and Weinam Creek transit hubs, which link the mainland to our City's beautiful islands. We have received strong interest from potential investors and we will be reporting back to residents on the progress of these projects shortly.

In the meantime, thank you to every Redlander for your efforts in highlighting our City as "the best place to live, play and do business".

Please, keep spreading the word...

# VIBRANT ECONOMY

## CITY ROLLS OUT 'REDLANDS' CARPET FOR ANGELINA

Some hard work behind the scenes — combined with our City's natural beauty — has secured the Redlands as a key filming location for Angelina Jolie's new movie, *Unbroken*.

Redland City Council has delivered on its slogan "open for business and investment" by securing key Redlands sites for the filming of Angelina Jolie's new movie, *Unbroken*.

Mayor Karen Williams said *Unbroken* was the biggest international project attracted to Queensland since *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* in 2009, which was filmed in the Redlands at Cleveland Point.

"Attracting *Unbroken* to the Redlands as one of the lead filming locations is a coup for the City and is expected to inject more than \$1 million into the Redlands' economy," Cr Williams said.

"Redland City was selected for filming key scenes — we've got an enviable location and Council ran a determined campaign to sell the benefits of the Redlands for major feature films.

"The Redlands will also become the base for up to 500 film crew who will live and work on location for several weeks."

Cr Williams said she wrote to Screen Queensland earlier this year promoting the Redlands as an ideal location for movie shoots and indicating Council's willingness to be involved.

"Council has been unabashed in highlighting our unique locations to key filmmaking representatives, letting them know we are 'open for business' and outlining other assistance available to make filming in the Redlands more attractive than anywhere else," she said.

**We want to build our reputation as a film-friendly location**

Mayor Karen Williams

"This includes being a film-friendly City, cutting red tape, use of local facilities and providing assistance from Council staff, including one key contact point.

"I also met with the private location manager for *Unbroken* and showed him key locations that could be used for the film.

"Our letters, phone calls, meetings and tours of the City and its islands to Screen Queensland earlier this year have paid off.

"I'd like to thank Screen Queensland for recognising Redland City as an ideal location for international films of the calibre of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* and *Unbroken*."

Cr Williams said Council wanted to make Redland City the capital of coastal filming for Australia.

"We have the perfect locations across the City from countryside to coast and have shown we are ready to make their jobs as easy as possible," Cr Williams said.

"As a City we are serious about being open for business and investment. There is a lot on offer in the Redlands — whether you are

creating a film, setting up a business or investing in one of the planned waterfront redevelopments at Cleveland and Redland Bay."

Cr Williams said there were immediate economic benefits through cast and crews spending locally on a range of services, from accommodation and restaurants to entertainment and transport.

"With its high-profile director Angelina Jolie, *Unbroken* will also bring visitors to the City.

"One of the great things about living in and visiting the Redlands is the welcoming and relaxed nature of our community members.

"I am sure that Redlanders will embrace our newest temporary residents with the warmth and respect that we are known for," she said.

Cr Williams said the movie would showcase the Redlands throughout the world as a tourist destination, attracting visitors for many years.

"We want the world to know that the Redlands truly is the best place to live, play and do business and *Unbroken* is the perfect platform to show what we have to offer.

"It will help build Redland City's reputation as a film-friendly location and attract more films not only to our City but to Queensland as well."

## TALE OF SURVIVAL, RESILIENCE AND REDEMPTION

On a May afternoon in 1943, a U.S. Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood.

Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was clinging to a life raft and struggling to pull himself aboard.

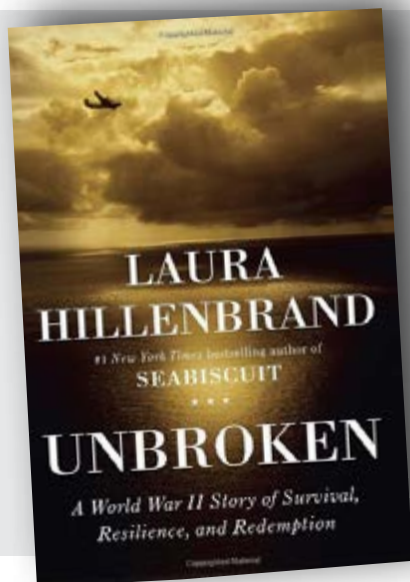
So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. In boyhood, he'd been a cunning and incorrigible delinquent, breaking into houses, brawling, and

fleeing his home to ride the railways. As a teenager, he had channelled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics and within sight of the four-minute mile.

But when war had come, the athlete became an airman, embarking on a journey that led to his doomed flight, a tiny raft, and adrift with two crewmen into the unknown.

For 47 days Zamperini and his two crewmates endured thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft and, beyond, a trial even greater.







## Tips to help make visitors feel at home

- Extend a warm welcome to visitors — be polite to everyone.
- Respect each other's wishes for privacy and valuable family time.
- Allow the director, cast and crew to do their jobs uninterrupted.
- Share your local knowledge.
- Relax — you're in the Redlands!

Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humour; brutality with rebellion. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will.

*Unbroken* is Angelina Jolie's second directorial effort and is based on the non-fiction book by Laura Hillenbrand.

Jack O'Connell (*300: Rise of an Empire*) has landed the lead role of Zamperini, and recently it was announced that Garrett Hedlund — who has long been interested in the true story — has signed on to play fellow PoW, Commander John Fitzgerald.

The film is slated to be released in December 2014.



## FREE ANGELINA MOVIE IN THE PARK

Get into the Angelina spirit by attending Redland City Council's Family Movie in the Park.

This free screening of the computer-animated comedy *Shark Tale* (rated G) features Angelina Jolie as the character voice of Lola, a slinky and seductive dragon fish who lures the fast-talking Oscar (Will Smith) away from his regular date Angie (Renee Zellweger).

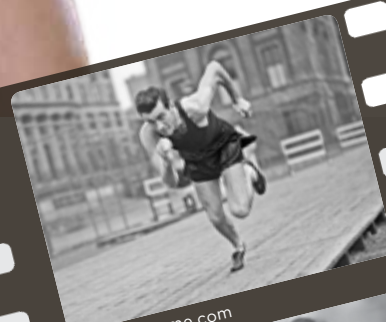
Bring a picnic, blanket and chair and enjoy a night of big screen entertainment close to home.

When: 6.30pm, Saturday, October 19

Where: Raby Bay Harbour Park, cnr Harbour View Court and Shore Street West, Cleveland (near Cleveland train station).

Cost: Free

Consider taking the train



gracefullhome.com



butterflybooks.com

*Unbroken* tells the story of iconic American, Louis Zamperini.



# NEWS AND EVENTS

## WHAT A WASTE!

Small changes to the way you recycle could make a big difference to both your rates and the impact of rubbish on the environment.

Some 950 truckloads of waste that could be recycled is being sent to landfill each year in the Redlands ... but some small changes would make a big difference.

Commercial Enterprises spokesperson Cr Kim-Maree Hardman says education is a key part of Redland City Council's efforts to reduce the cost of rubbish management and also to minimise the impact on the environment.

"The average household recycling bin contains up to 10 per cent contamination," she says. "Last financial year there were 1340 tonnes of contaminants presented in the kerbside recycling bins due to either incorrect items being placed in the bin or incorrect presentation of recyclables.

"Almost 15 per cent of the recycling collected during kerbside collection is either not recyclable or has been presented for recycling encased in plastic bags, and in turn, is sent to landfill.

"This contamination originates from a number of sources including soft plastics, greenwaste and non-recyclable glass items, which people may not be aware are unable to be recycled in the yellow top recycling bin.

"However other sources are from items such as soiled nappies, garden waste, food and bagged domestic waste; which is an obvious case of laziness and is frustrating for others who are doing the right thing.

"The other side of the equation is that up to 20 per cent of rubbish sent to landfill is

actually recyclable, that's equivalent to 7600 tonnes or 950 truckloads of recycling every year going to landfill."

Cr Hardman says some residents may not be aware of the impact of not recycling correctly.

"There may be some residents who don't realise that recycling and general waste actually get taken to two completely separate places," she says. "The general waste gets transported to a landfill in Brisbane, while the recycling is taken to a separate recycling facility - this means contamination cannot be easily removed from recycling and put in the landfill and vice versa."

"Council has worked hard to implement a number of efficiency improvements to ensure as much waste is recovered as possible.

"The removal of transfer station gate fees is one way Council has worked to provide residents with a cost-effective means of disposing of waste. We are now calling on residents to do their part by looking at their household recycling habits."



### NOT FOR THIS BIN

**The most common contamination items/materials found in recycling bins are:**

- Bagged waste (not recyclable)
- Bagged recyclables
- Non-recyclable plastics (i.e. plastic wrap, packaging and polystyrene)
- Green waste (i.e. lawn and garden clippings)
- Food/kitchen scraps
- Nappies
- Textiles and wood

## IN-CAR LITTER CAMERAS

People littering in the Redlands may be captured on video thanks to new in-car cameras being rolled out.

Council's Environment spokesperson Cr Paul Gleeson said the in-car cameras would enable Council officers to regulate against littering while they are driving around the community.

"People should be aware that some Council vehicles are fitted with these dash-cams, which film while they are driven around the community," he said.

"This footage can then be used as evidence to fine people who were observed littering."

Cr Gleeson said the technology was designed to not only capture isolated incidents of littering but also the larger problem of illegal dumping.

"The Redlands is known for its environmental character and is lucky to have vibrant wildlife, so we are keen to ensure this is maintained," he said.

"Council will also be installing fixed cameras in key illegal dumping locations to catch out

people who think it is alright to dump large items or loads of rubbish.

Cr Gleeson said the new technology would support the existing work undertaken by Council officers.

"This technology does not change the work of Council officers who are still out there undertaking proactive patrols and educating people about issues such as illegal dumping and littering; this technology is an extension of the great work our officers do."



# What can and can't be recycled

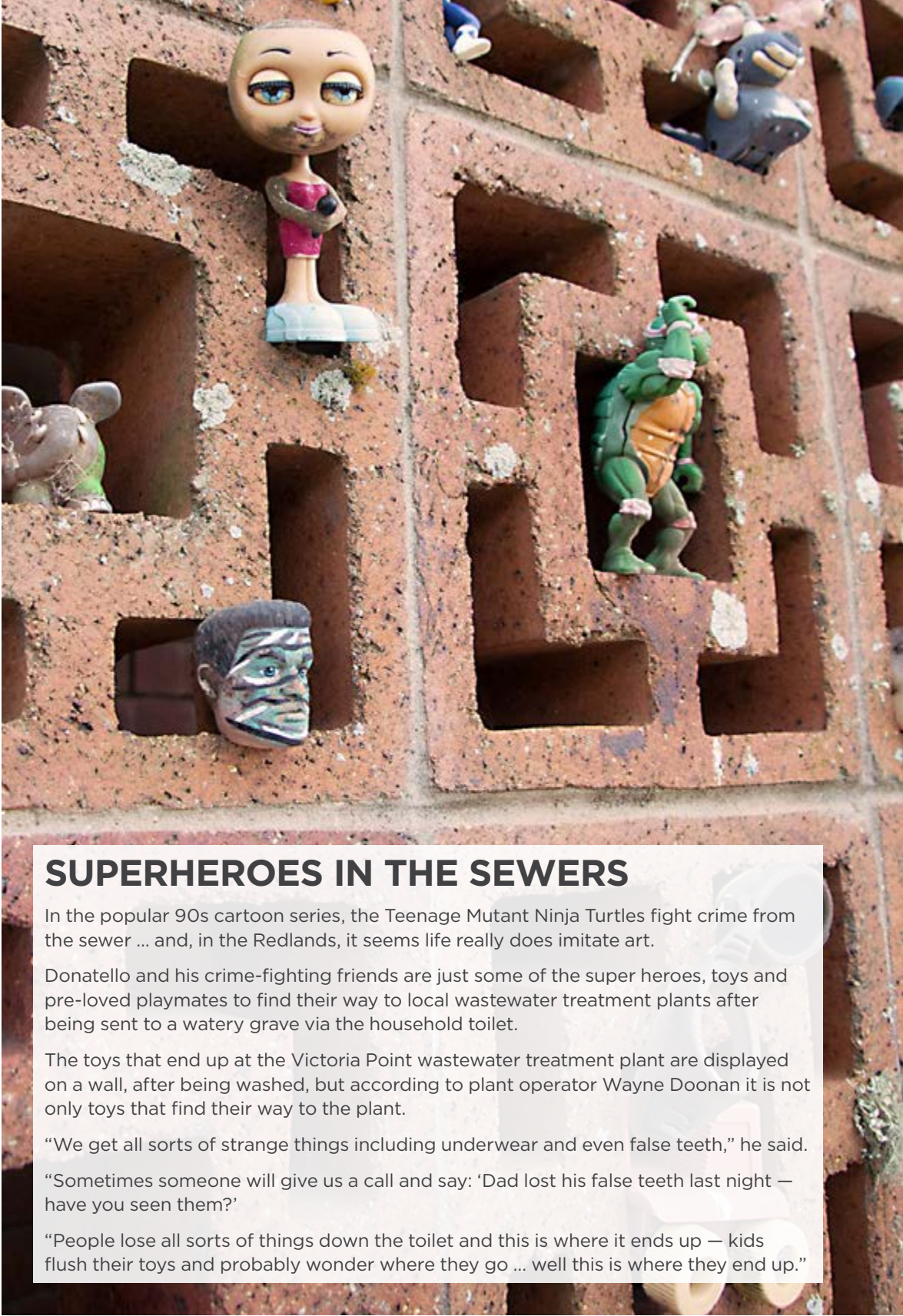
Waste item – not an inclusive list	Waste bin	Yellow topped recycle bin
Aluminium cans and clean foil		✓
Broken ceramics	✓	
Cardboard		✓
Electrical appliances	✓	
Food scraps	✓	
Glass bottles and jars		✓
Grass clippings and vegetation	✓ (bagged)	
Lids from jars and containers		✓
Newspapers and magazines		✓
Nappies	✓	
Phone books		✓
Pizza boxes		✓
Plastic bags or wrap	✓	
Plastic containers (# 1 - 7)		✓
Plastic items e.g. hosing	✓	
Sawdust	✓ (bagged)	
Steel and aluminium aerosol cans		✓

## Recycling tips

- Remove items from plastic bags before placing into recycling bin
- Do not place any non-recyclable items into recycling bins as even small items can contaminate the whole load.

Greenwaste represents almost 61 per cent of material received at mainland transfer stations and has increased proportionally from 2011-12.

The increase in greenwaste tonnage for 2012-13 can be attributed to the success of the third greenwaste wheelie bin service, wet weather, exceptional growing conditions and the Australia Day storm event. Greenwaste is sent to a composting facility and is turned into a range of soil products and mulch.



## SUPERHEROES IN THE SEWERS

In the popular 90s cartoon series, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles fight crime from the sewer ... and, in the Redlands, it seems life really does imitate art.

Donatello and his crime-fighting friends are just some of the super heroes, toys and pre-loved playmates to find their way to local wastewater treatment plants after being sent to a watery grave via the household toilet.

The toys that end up at the Victoria Point wastewater treatment plant are displayed on a wall, after being washed, but according to plant operator Wayne Doonan it is not only toys that find their way to the plant.

"We get all sorts of strange things including underwear and even false teeth," he said.

"Sometimes someone will give us a call and say: 'Dad lost his false teeth last night — have you seen them?'"

"People lose all sorts of things down the toilet and this is where it ends up — kids flush their toys and probably wonder where they go ... well this is where they end up."

# FREE for Redland residents Hazardous Waste Surrender Day

Redland Performing Arts Centre car park, 2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland

Bring your household hazardous waste to our collection day for safe, free disposal.

Commercial waste not accepted. For details of accepted waste, volume limits and other conditions: [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) 3829 8999

**Next Date: Sunday 3 November 2013, 9am – 1pm**

**First date in 2014: Sunday 4 May**





# NEWS AND EVENTS

## WINDS OF CHANGE

Severe storms and bushfires are rated as “almost certain” across the Redlands this year – which means it is time for residents to Get Ready and learn from this year’s lashing by ex-tropical cyclone Oswald.

It was the feeling of isolation that Sharon Ward recalls most about the pounding Macleay Island copped at the height of ex-tropical cyclone Oswald in January.

“We had trees down which took out the power but my thought was that we haven’t lost our home, we haven’t lost our family, we’ll be fine,” Sharon, who runs the island’s SPAR supermarket, says.

“The problem was that when it carried on for so long we were running out of gas and diesel for the generator — but it was the isolation mostly.”

As Oswald’s last gasps raged across Quandamooka country for four days, the Southern Moreton Bay Islands bore the brunt.

Reports had the winds clipping 100km/h at their peak. Power was cut, residents were stranded without food or fuel and there were fears for those with medical issues.

As Macleay plunged into darkness, there was a shining light — the SPAR supermarket, where Sharon’s partner Chris Sichter had the generator up and running, maintaining a lifeline for residents.

“But once the generator diesel ran out we were basically stuck,” Sharon recalls.

“We went into darkness again.”

By this stage SPAR had become a community hub.

“The staff did a terrific job. They would go with a torch and notebook with each customer and get what they wanted and add it up,” Sharon says.

“We couldn’t have stayed open without them doing what they did. We served a lot of people that way.”

With island diesel supplies unable to be pumped and the ferries stranded, the situation was looking grim.

“I put out a call for diesel on the bay islands discussion page on Facebook and Kerry Zlaatis from the Lemon Farm came to the rescue,” Sharon says.

“Then I rang (Division 5 Councillor) Mark Edwards and said ‘I’m not sure who else to call’, then he rang (Mayor) Karen Williams and she rang me.

“Karen organised for the ambulance boat to assist with bringing fuel back for us, then late that same day the barges started operating again and Chris brought over more diesel in our truck.”

By now locals were relying on the SPAR supermarket and its generator. Then ice supplies ran out.

Redland City Council and Stradbroke Ferries again responded, with Council crews, emergency workers and other agencies such as Energex working tirelessly to restore island operations.

“People heard we were getting ice in and on the day it was like the Queen Street sales outside,” Sharon recalls.

She says there was good community spirit throughout the ordeal “and a lot of humour”.

“But it was with the help of Stradbroke Ferries, the Mayor, Mark Edwards, my staff and Kerry from

“People have to take responsibility for their own safety and well-being now and have their disaster kits at the ready”

*Sharon Ward, Macleay Island  
SPAR supermarket*

the Lemon Farm and Macleay Island Rural Fire Service, who provided us with fuel before ours arrived, that we kept going,” Sharon says.

Sharon says every Redland resident should learn from Oswald and islanders, in particular, should be better prepared for future emergencies.

“We will be stocking up with extra diesel supplies this year,” she says.

“But it is up to every resident to be prepared.

## Be Bushfire & Storm Safe

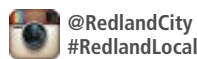
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### Prepare a family emergency plan

- Identify a safe place to shelter in a storm or evacuate to in a bushfire.
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations.
- Compile a list of emergency phone numbers for ready access.
- Decide how you will look after your pets.
- Prepare an emergency kit.

### Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes so storm water can drain quickly.
- Secure loose items around your property and garden, such as garden furniture.
- Trim trees and remove any overhanging branches from around the house before the start of storm and fire season (vegetation protection laws may apply so you should check with Council first).



**Win** one of  
**25 Emergency Kits**  
valued at **\$250 each**

To enter: Email [ourcomp@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:ourcomp@redland.qld.gov.au) with your name, address and daytime telephone number. Make sure “Emergency Kit Competition” is in the subject line; or write your name, address and contact phone number on the back of an envelope addressed to “Emergency Kit Competition”, Redland City Council, P.O. Box 21, Cleveland 4163.

One entry per household. Entries close 5pm, Friday, November 8, 2013. Winners will be contacted by telephone Friday November 15, 2013.





## A SAFER REDLANDS

When ex-tropical cyclone Oswald hit the Redlands in January, it also blew in change in the way the City will respond to future potential disasters.

Redland City Council now leads the way in disaster management with an innovative and user-friendly plan for dealing with potential major crises.

For the first time, Redlanders will get access to information specific to their local community on what to do in the event of a disaster.

Local Disaster Management Group chair, Mayor Karen Williams, says it offers practical information on how residents can prepare for a disaster, with details specific to their areas on where to find evacuation centres and how to respond.

"It recognises that the Redlands is a community of communities, with each needing a specific easy-to-understand plan of how they should prepare and respond," Cr Williams said.

"Whether they live on a bay island, on the coastline, at Mt Cotton or in a mainland suburb, residents will be provided with all the vital local information they need to keep themselves, their families and neighbours safe."

In addition, the plan that is specific to the Moreton Bay islands is due for release shortly, with the next phase — for mainland coastal areas and the mainland hinterland — due next year.

Council's 'Disaster Hub', which can be accessed at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au), contains relevant information on "Prevention, Preparation, Response and Recovery", together with the new plan.

Printed copies of the plan are available free at Council Customer Service Centres and libraries.



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## ARE YOU READY?

Can you tick all the boxes for this typical disaster kit?

- ☐ Torch with spare batteries
- ☐ Battery-powered radio with spare batteries
- ☐ Mobile phone charger and battery
- ☐ Food, snacks, bottled water and cooking ingredients
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Valuables and important documents and keepsakes
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Clothing, sunscreen, hats and blankets
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Cards, colouring books, pens and pencils.



It is important to keep the kit somewhere easily accessible and close to an escape route in your home or in a shed.

**During an emergency, residents also should:**

- Keep informed by tuning into 612 ABC AM on the radio.
- Check updates on Council's Facebook and Twitter feeds and the news site and the Disaster Hub on Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au). This information is updated regularly during an emergency.

Red Cross REDiPlans outlining the four steps to dealing with a disaster — be informed, make a plan, get an emergency kit and know your neighbours — are now available from Redland libraries and Council Customer Service Centres or can be viewed at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)

"Don't wait until you hear the warning. People have to take responsibility for their own safety and well-being now and have their own disaster kits at the ready."

Sharon says that besides a disaster kit, residents should ensure they have refilled their barbecue gas bottles or have a portable stove with gas canisters, a decent ice box and — particularly for those in more isolated areas — a portable generator and fuel.

## Gutter cleaning

To help their clients get ready for storm season, Redland Home Assist Secure is offering subsidised gutter cleaning for a limited time.

To take advantage of this offer, you must meet program eligibility requirements and book your gutter cleaning in October, November or December 2013.

Redland Home Assist Secure supports eligible residents who are aged 60 years or over or have a disability to live safely at home.

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Home maintenance advice and support for independent living



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# INSPIRATIONAL REDLANDERS

## SHANE SHARES HIS SECRETS OF SUCCESS

Shane Falconer is a Redlander who simply refuses to quit. A client of the Council-sponsored Redland City Business Grow program, his philosophy for personal and professional success revolves around identifying goals and then working out how to achieve them.

Cleveland entrepreneur Shane Falconer may have no sight, but he certainly has a lot of vision.

Ten years ago, the self-confessed fitness fanatic fell asleep at the wheel of his car on his way to work.

He woke up in hospital — minus sight in both eyes ... and with a hole cut into in his throat so he could breathe.

“Every bone in my face was smashed to smithereens,” he said. “My Mum had to sign a release form at the PA Hospital so they could remove the best part of my eyes to try to avoid brain injury.”

He died in that wreck — rescue crews were not authorised to go near because powerlines had come down in the crash. It was a passing Army doctor who ignored protocol and risked his own life to perform an emergency tracheotomy — swelling had cut Shane’s airway and he had suffocated.

“That’s what happened,” Shane says, matter-of-factly. “The doctor resuscitated me ... and here I am.”

And now comes an inspirational story of a guy who just refuses to quit.

“I was in business mowing lawns and doing odd jobs when I was seven,” Shane says. “At high school I was an athletics age champion ... and six years later I was in hospital, blind.”

In rehabilitation, Shane imagined his future answering phones in a call centre. He learned Braille and spent four years becoming computer literate — and then endured 80 to 100 unsuccessful job interviews and applications.

Fitness gave him focus, and he decided he would become a personal trainer. Shane got his big chance with Broncos trainer Chris Haseman, who helped him gain his certification. He then became Australia’s first blind certified personal trainer.

Shane has not looked back since.

He now operates Fast Action Fitness and Personal Training from his home in Cleveland and funded his purchase of gym equipment by importing and selling health supplements ...

“Business and life are as tough as you make it. If you perceive it’s tough, then it will be.”

Shane Falconer

at a tidy profit. The proud Queenslander also invested in shares ... Queensland shares.

“Most people say you have to diversify but I put all my eggs in one basket,” he says. “I did a lot of research and backed the Queensland gas industry, which went ballistic in four months. My \$1.50 shares reached \$6.

“But it wasn’t luck, I did a lot of research.”

Research and planning form the foundation of Shane’s formula for success: “Identify your goals and then work out how to achieve them.”

And this, in turn, steered him towards the Redland City Business Grow (RCBG) program, which is designed to assist local firms to research, plan ahead and succeed.

Recently Shane created a new business, Your Own Home Now Developments,



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which provides interest-free deposit assistance to Queensland's first homebuyers.

"We are not a rent-to-own business," he says. "We supply them with a deposit, we arrange their finance and we align them with a builder able to meet their borrowing capacity. This helps people get their foot in the door of their own home instead of renting for five years while they try to save."

Shane says some special people in his life have helped mould his philosophy, both personally and professionally, including his parents, Michael and Monika, girlfriend Rebecca and best mate Jimmy Hanron, who stuck with him through thick and thin.

He also pays tribute to Melanie Lavelle-Maloney from RCBG, who helped with research,

identifying target customers and strategic marketing using tried and tested business principles.

"Business and life are as tough as you make it," he said. "If you perceive it's tough, then it will be ... and that is a massive point: thinking positively is all about the way you perceive things."

Redland City Business Grow — an initiative of Council — is a free and confidential on-site business advisory and mentoring program. Expert business advice is offered to Redland businesses seeking to expand, and residents wishing to develop a business concept.

For more information phone 1800 282 208.

## REDLANDERS URGED TO LEND A HAND

A central register of volunteers is now connecting Redlanders with organisations in need of a hand.

Council's Community, Environmental Health and Wellbeing spokesperson Cr Wendy Boglary has urged volunteers and organisations to

take advantage of the service, which includes orientation and initial training.

"Volunteering Redlands is an arm of STAR Community Transport and it aims to match volunteers to suitable positions," she said.

"It will help people get the most out of volunteering, and will help organisations get the right people for the right roles."

The Redlands has long had a volunteering culture — Census research shows almost a quarter of the population gives time to the community in some capacity.

Volunteering Redlands chairperson Patsy Wilshire said statistics showed 72 per cent of volunteers were female, most were aged 25-44 years and half wanted to either give back to the community or gain work experience.

"Putting your hand up to volunteer is a simple process," she said. "People can either contact us directly for someone to help, or log on to our website and register online by completing a profile and then checking out the available positions."

Organisations ranging from sporting and welfare groups to schools have positions available for people of all ages.

Volunteering Redlands can be contacted via email [info@volunteeringredlands.org.au](mailto:info@volunteeringredlands.org.au), calling 3086 0000 or visiting [www.volunteeringredlands.org.au](http://www.volunteeringredlands.org.au).



## COUNCIL CREW TO THE RESCUE

When Lance Manukau and his road crew turned up for work one recent crisp, clear morning at Amity Point, they had no inkling they'd be going home heroes.

The Redland City Council team leader (pictured) was just setting up for the day with his fellow worker Dino Cittolin and traffic controllers Evon Jensen and Ken Porter when they were approached by a group of people who were obviously distressed.

"They were yelling that their friend had had a heart attack and was not breathing," Lance says.

"Fortunately when we got to him on the foreshore we found he was breathing. We put him in the recovery position and got him a blanket, then we called the ambulance and gave them the exact details of where we were and tried to reassure him until help arrived."

Lance says he and his team had completed a Council-run staff first-aid course last year and what

they had learned "just kicked in" when needed.

"It's not something that happens every day but we all kept calm and worked as a unit," he says. "His friends drove back later to say thank you and to let us know he had been taken to the mainland and had recovered."

While he would be forgiven for dining out on his heroics, humble Lance chose to take it all in his stride.

"I didn't really tell anyone about it, actually," he says. "It just felt good to be able to help."





# DISCOVER REDLANDS

## OUR FABULOUS FIVE

In a ringing endorsement of Redlands tourism, five local attractions scored six of 12 accolades at this year's Moreton Bay & Islands Tourism Awards. *Our Redlands* takes a look at our award winners, each commended for their innovation and strong commitment to excellence. Each also enhances the Redlands' reputation as a top destination to visit and "the best place to live, play and do business".

### 1: Paddle power

**Who:** Redlands Kayak Tours, southern Moreton Bay

**What:** A big winner, taking out both the Tourist Attraction and Adventure Tourism categories at the awards. Redlands Kayak Tours is a family-owned operation that enables people of all fitness levels to enjoy the beautiful waterways of the Redlands under paddle power.

**On offer:** A variety of tours and experiences for beginners through to experienced kayakers. Regular special events, such as circumnavigation of Coochiemudlo Island. All tours include expert guidance, safety instructions, light refreshments and photographs.

**Our charter:** "Being surrounded by water, it makes sense for the Redlands to have an award-winning tourism business like Redlands Kayak Tours to be able to showcase the scenic creeks, beaches, harbours and islands that make up the Redlands. Every time we head out on the water we see amazing flora and fauna and are grateful we live in a place that so many people are surprised to see, right next door to Brisbane."  
— Tony and Katrina Beutel

**Bookings and info:** [www.redlandskayaktours.com.au](http://www.redlandskayaktours.com.au) or on Facebook at Redlands Kayak Tours or call 1300 KAYAKTOUR.



### 2: Natural attraction

**Who:** IndigiScapes, Capalaba

**What:** Bush Tucker Experience. Council's own Redlands IndigiScapes Centre backed up its win last year in the Eco Tourism category to score the Excellence in Food Tourism award for its bush-themed cuisine in the Tea Garden Cafe.

**On offer:** Morning and afternoon teas and lunches in wonderful natural bushland. Sample locally sourced foods to see what the Redlands has to offer. While there, you can stroll along walking trails through native botanic gardens, home to a 400-year-old tallowwood tree and many local animals, birds and reptiles. Take a guided bush foods tour and learn the wisdom of the local Indigenous people while tasting bush tucker. There are free barbecues and a great play area for kids.

**Our charter:** "IndigiScapes has always been the 'one-stop shop' for all things environmental in the Redlands. These days we are a meeting place, an information space and an exploration base. We are all about what Redlands has to offer."  
— centre co-ordinator Jeanette Adams

**Bookings and info:** IndigiScapes is open every day - centre and gardens 10am–4pm, cafe 10am–3pm (it pays to book early), tracks open dawn to dusk. Book at 3824 8611 or email [indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au).

### 3: Culture club

**Who:** Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland (cnr Middle and Bloomfield streets) and Capalaba (Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street).

**What:** Winner of the Heritage, Cultural and Indigenous Tourism Award for its contribution to culture and the arts. This is the third time Redland Art Gallery has won the Cultural Tourism category of the awards since 2009.

**On offer:** Vibrant award-winning regional galleries and cultural events which have helped define the Redlands as an arts haven.

**Our charter:** "Redland Art Gallery sets itself apart from other regional galleries by offering an experience specific to the Redlands. A meeting place for ideas and creativity, the gallery supports the local cultural and arts scene by presenting visual interpretations of the Redlands' unique lifestyle, place and culture, and working with local artists and art organisations to profile their work to tourists to the region."  
— gallery director Stephanie Lindquist

**Bookings and info:** Check out the latest exhibitions, events and coming attractions at [www.more2redlands.com.au/ARTGALLERY](http://www.more2redlands.com.au/ARTGALLERY) or call 3829 8899.



### 4: Sustained success

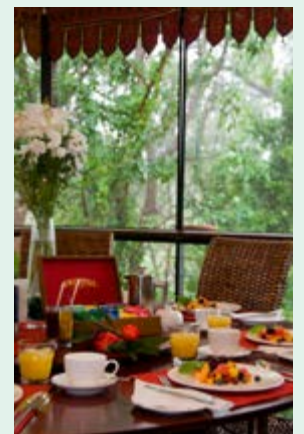
**Who:** Mt Cotton Retreat, West Mt Cotton Road.

**What:** A winner for Deluxe Accommodation last year, this year Mt Cotton Retreat scored for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism, with Sue Panuccio and Trevor Penson recently launching their new eco cabins.

**On offer:** The luxurious bed and breakfast and eco pavilions amid the treetops of untouched natural bushland have spacious design, abundant artwork and a peaceful setting. Feel a million miles away while you relax on a private deck and watch the wildlife on this protected site or celebrate with family and friends.

**Our charter:** "Mt Cotton Retreat is a great opportunity to showcase the beautiful natural bushland of the Redlands. We see our role as protecting this beautiful endangered habitat and this led to the creation of a private nature refuge being established on our property – to protect it forever."  
— Sue Panuccio and Trevor Penson

**Bookings and info:** Call 0418 745 167 or book online at [www.mtcottonguesthouse.com.au](http://www.mtcottonguesthouse.com.au). Check out the photographs on the Facebook page at MtCottonGuesthouseRetreat.







## A TASTE OF THE BUSH

The IndigiScapes Tea Garden Cafe uses local produce and businesses wherever possible for its Bush Tucker Experience menu.

Its tomato soup is specially made by The Artist Tree Cafe, with gelato from Jeppo Gelato — both located in the Cleveland CBD.

Some of its baked treats come from the award-winning Mount Cotton Guesthouse and its coffee is from Chiasso Coffee of Capalaba.

The Tea Garden Cafe's relishes and chutneys have been particularly popular and are made locally by Murray and Shelley Thompson of Dish & Spoon.

Like IndigiScapes, the Thompsons try to source their ingredients locally wherever possible. You will find more information at [www.dishandspoonfinefoods.com.au](http://www.dishandspoonfinefoods.com.au).

### Herby onion relish

Here's a delicious relish recipe from Murray and Shelley Thompson that you can make quickly. It's great with the IndigiScapes savoury muffins as well as with cheese, crackers and dried fruit.

#### Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon oil — plain olive, rice bran, macadamia, avocado and any of the flavour-infused ones give an extra dimension (try wasabi, lemon myrtle, native basil, mountain pepper)
- 800g onions — use mixed for colour variation
- 1 cup (250ml) red wine vinegar — for variety try balsamic or any other flavour-infused vinegar
- 1.5 cups (300g) firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 fresh thyme sprigs
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon mixed dried herbs or mixed dried native herbs, or dried herb of your choice — optional and adjust to your tastebuds



#### Method:

Slice the onions (rings always look impressive). Heat the oil in a saucepan over a low heat; add sliced onion and cook while stirring for about 10 minutes or until the onion softens. To speed up the process, you can always put the sliced onion into the microwave for a minute or two depending on your microwave and then put into the heated oil in the pan.

Add sugar, vinegar, thyme, bay leaves and mixed dried herbs and stir until the sugar has dissolved; increase heat and bring to the boil. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally for 25-30 minutes or until the mixture is thick and syrupy.

Remove thyme springs and bay leaves and put into a small serving dish (this makes just a bit over 1 cup).

Cover and chill for an hour or two before serving.

### IndigiScapes savoury muffins

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups self-raising flour
- 2 teaspoons bush spice (these can be any combination of savoury spices — IndigiScapes often uses Coolamon Herbs)
- 1 cup grated cheese
- ½ cup cream
- ½ cup milk
- 1 egg.



#### Method:

Mix the wet ingredients together and add to the dry ingredients using minimal mixing; spoon into muffin pan. Sprinkle top with extra grated cheese and spices.

Bake at 180°C for about 20 minutes.

Makes 9 muffins, serve with Dish & Spoon date and apple chutney, and bush tomato relish.

## 5: Event-ful life

**Who:** Stradbroke Island Events

**What:** Donna Shannon was successful for a second successive year, with Stradbroke Island Events winning the Specialist Tourism/Businesses Services category for its stylish and custom events services on North Stradbroke Island.

**On offer:** Stradbroke Island Events was born in response to a growing demand for products and services in the events industry on North Stradbroke Island. It has since organised hundreds of weddings and events for clients, taking care of all the detail. Weddings are a specialty.

**Our charter:** "The great thing about holding events on Stradbroke Island is that all who attend get to visit a tropical paradise just 20 minutes from a thriving and bustling CBD. It is truly like stepping into another world." — Donna Shannon

**Bookings and info:** Check out [www.stradbrokeislandevents.com.au](http://www.stradbrokeislandevents.com.au), email [info@stradbrokeislandevents.com.au](mailto:info@stradbrokeislandevents.com.au) or phone 0418 301 000.





# CULTURE

## TEXTILE TRIBUTE TO ISLAND LEGEND

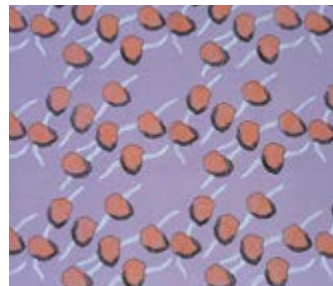
Redland Art Gallery is set to unveil a collection of rare designs by Straddie's much-loved daughter, Oodgeroo Noonuccal. Outside the National Gallery in Canberra, it is likely there is no set of similar textiles on display in Australia.

The late Oodgeroo Noonuccal is best known as a poet. When her first collection, *When We Are Going*, was published in 1964, the writer then known as Kath Walker became Australia's best-selling poet since C.J. Dennis.



*Oodgeroo Noonuccal at work on a piece now in the Ivana and Robert Perkins collection*

Oodgeroo, who was born on North Stradbroke Island in 1920, and whose father belonged to the Noonuccal clan, became the most celebrated daughter of the Quandamooka people, who have inhabited the island for tens of thousands of years.



*Oyster beds 1980, by Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Ivana Perkins and Robert Perkins*

She is acknowledged as an educator, an ambassador for Aboriginal Australians and a talented painter.

But it is her little known work as a textile artist that is highlighted in the exhibition *My Island* at

Redland Art Gallery from December 15 to February 2.

Drawing on her rich cultural heritage and her love of North Stradbroke Island, Oodgeroo, who died in 1993, worked with Melbourne designers Robert and Ivana Perkins in the late 1970s.

The result was a series of textile designs for furnishing and bedding fabrics that were inspired by the natural beauty of the island.

Redland Art Gallery director Stephanie Lindquist says Robert and Ivana donated the rare collection to the gallery last year.

"I was aware that Oodgeroo Noonuccal had done some painting but not that she'd ventured into textiles with such beautiful designs," Stephanie says.

"Outside the National Gallery, we are probably the only gallery in Australia to have a set of similar textiles.

"We have been in discussions with her family and the North Stradbroke Island Museum and we will also be exhibiting another textile piece and some of her poetry and prose."

Arts, Culture and Innovation spokesperson Paul Bishop says the Perkins's worked with Oodgeroo on Stradbroke to create the fabrics which have a "funky 1950s Australian design flavour".

"Robert and Ivana also donated a large collection of fabric samples, pattern swatches, photographs and correspondence to the gallery," he says.



## LIBRARIES A HUB FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Libraries have undergone a transformation over the past decade, pulling out all stops to nurture a literary culture among children, teenagers and young adults.

Redlands Library Services Manager Jann Webb says libraries have a responsibility to meet the ever-increasing demands of 21st-century patrons, particularly younger customers.

The days of shushing children in libraries are long gone, with kids

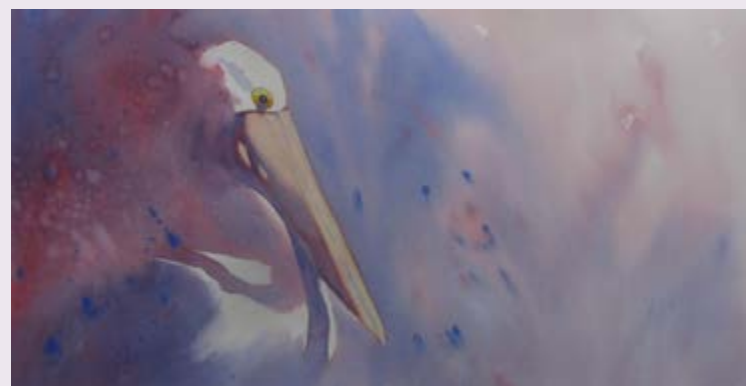
## PAST POINTS TO ARTISTS' FUTURE

The works of past and present artists and tutors are celebrated in an exhibition marking the 40th anniversary of the Coochie Art Group.

At the group's inaugural exhibition in 1973 artists pegged up their work among the trees of Cochiemudlo Island.

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett says the current exhibition, showing at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, until October 27, is a far cry from those early days, with the 100 featured paintings testament to the professionalism and enthusiasm of this enduring cluster of artists.

The exhibition is divided into three sections, with the first a tribute to the talented tutors who have worked with the artists over the years. The second section features a cross-section of major prizewinners in Coochie group exhibitions. The final section salutes the current crop of artists, with the quality of work heralding a bright future ahead for this dedicated band of artists.



*Morning Light*, 2013, a watercolour by Coochie Art Group president Hilary Wakeling.





Read

Enjoying a reading session at Cleveland Library are from left Sienna Crowther, Aidan Backinsale, Michael Marks from the library's Young People Services, Tayla Hartley and Rahyne-Lee Wright.

invited to make libraries a home away from home through storytelling, arts and crafts and programs designed to boost literacy.

Redland libraries run *Ready to Read* programs to help develop oral language skills and prepare children for kindergarten and prep.

"We link in with school prep programs and the partnership enables teachers to also run sessions for parents in the library," Jann says. "It's a way we can fulfil our role in the community in literacy development."

In school holidays Redland libraries are abuzz with activities, offering children an ever-changing range of entertainment from fun CSIRO workshops to programming robots and author talks by popular writers such as Andy Griffiths and Morris Gleitzmann.

Jann says libraries have had to quickly embrace the changing world of virtual services, e-books and music downloads to meet the needs of its technology-savvy patrons, most of whom are young or young at heart.

For information on what's on at Redland Libraries go to [www.redland.qld.gov.au/library](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/library).

## ARTS CENTRE OPEN DOORS

Redland Performing Arts Centre will soon have a friendlier, more accessible box office.

Arts, Culture and Innovation spokesperson Paul Bishop says planning has started for the current hole-in-the-wall box office to be relocated inside the Concert Hall foyer, offering patrons a more comfortable customer-service experience and better disability access.

In its place will be a cafe nook, with tables and chairs in the plaza and foyer, and an outdoor demountable stage for free entertainment.

The renovations should be completed by February.

Redland City Council Creative Arts Centre manager Zane Trow says the change is part of a longer term strategy to open up the whole building to larger more sustainable arts events and small festivals.

## LETTING OFF STEAM

Writers Ged Maybury and Lynne Lumsden Green like nothing better than a good dress-up session.

The Brisbane-based friends have immersed themselves in the lifestyle that merges Victorian-era technology with futuristic sci-fi adventures and hope to pick up a few converts on their way with their quirky author sessions at libraries.

Both are unashamed geeks — Lynne a scientist and Ged a dux of maths and science at his New Zealand high school — who have added creative writing to the mix. It's the perfect blend for the burgeoning cult of Steampunk.

"Steampunk appeals to the mad scientist in me," says Lynne. "I love history and the Victorian era. And where else can you use the words 'rollicking', 'dashing' and 'debonair'?"

Ged and Lynne will host an authors' session at Capalaba Library on October 19. For bookings phone 3843 8010.



Writers Ged Maybury and Lynne Lumsden Green looking resplendent in their Steampunk attire.

## FEEL THE VIBE

Island Vibe Festival is already billed as the finest reggae, soul and dub event in Australia but this year's event on North Stradbroke Island will add an electronic element into the mix.

The festival — to be held over three days at Point Lookout from October 25-27 — is a celebration of music, dance, art and culture and will feature more than 50 bands, DJs, dance and circus acts on four stages.

Now in its 8th year, the multi-faceted Island Vibe will pull an average of 2500 people through its gates each day to witness a mixture of international and Australian acts, art exhibitions, interactive workshops, stalls, eco-food and craft markets.

Island Vibe Festival is a drug and alcohol-free event for people of all ages and is supported by Redland City Council through its sponsorship program. The next round of sponsorship applications opens on February 17 and closes on March 28, 2014.

Visit [www.islandvibe.com.au](http://www.islandvibe.com.au) for more information on the festival or [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for more information on the Council sponsorship program.



## SOUND INVESTMENT

Facilities to assist hearing-impaired patrons at Redland Performing Arts Centre have been upgraded with more improvements set to come.

As well as the traditional hearing loops already operating in the Concert Hall, the centre installed \$20,000 worth of new infra-red technology in the gallery and auditorium in September.

Technical manager Cameron Ricketts says the centre would like to extend the new infra-red technology into the Concert Hall next year so patrons have uniform hearing assistance throughout the centre.

"My goal is for a hearing-impaired person to be able to do a workshop in the gallery, then listen to someone speak in the auditorium and then go to a performance in the Concert Hall and be able to enjoy all those experiences wearing the one piece of equipment provided by the centre," he says.



# COMMUNITY

## MIRACLE PONY HELPS TURN LIVES AROUND

Superstar Shetland Elf is a pony of many talents — he is now painting to help raise funds for the charity which adopted him and nursed him back to health after a shocking case of animal cruelty.

The “miracle” pony helping to turn around the lives of disadvantaged kids from his Redland City base has discovered a new talent: painting.

Elf the superstar Shetland is producing special works of art to help raise funds for a not-for-profit charity at Thornlands.

The story of little Elf’s remarkable recovery has been told many times since he was tethered to a ute and dragged along a road near Toowoomba in an horrific act of animal cruelty on Christmas Day, 2010, suffering sickening injuries to his legs and hooves.

He is now the official mascot of Redlands-based Equine Learning for Futures — also known as ELF — and has joined a group of retired thoroughbreds to educate and build self-esteem in troubled young people.

Since he began his “clicker training”, Elf has learned to count to five, and also weave some magic with a paintbrush.

His first piece was keenly sought when auctioned at the Queensland Dressage Festival.

ELF president Jill Strachan said the little Shetland was a popular part of the Equine Assisted Learning program which has touched the lives of thousands of children since it began in 2009, and was this year the recipient of a \$3000 Councillors’ Small Grant from Redland City Council.

“We needed a transportable round yard so we could take Elf to schools where students

are involved in the program,” Jill said. “It’s also used as a safe area where clients can begin their journey of working with all our horses.”

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said horses were naturally intimidating to many because they were so large and powerful ... yet their ability to influence people in incredibly powerful ways had been well documented.

“They provide a natural opportunity for people to overcome fear and develop confidence,” said Cr Talty, herself a horse owner.

“Working alongside a horse, in spite of those fears, creates confidence and provides wonderful insight when dealing with other intimidating and challenging situations in life.”

Equine Assisted Learning participants can also benefit by learning work ethic, responsibility, assertiveness, communication, and healthy relationships.

A qualified teacher of 20 years, Jill delivers the program at Mt Cotton with two aides. She established ELF when she realised there was no similar program on offer locally. There are now “hubs” in the Lockyer Valley and at Pimpama, employing eight facilitators.

Jill said there had been many rewarding moments throughout the ELF journey, including adopting Elf as the organisation’s mascot and seeing remarkable results in a number of individuals.



“One of our first clients had been exposed to abuse and had a history of self-harm,” she said. “She developed the confidence to move out of home, get a job, earn her own money and has made herself a new life — she says the only reason she is still alive is because she was able to break the cycle.”

So what’s Elf’s next “trick”?

“He’s not a trick pony, and he’s certainly not a patting pony,” Jill said.

“I’d like to think Elf can do something meaningful and, with the clicker training, who knows where it will go next?”

Visit [www.equinelearningforfutures.com.au](http://www.equinelearningforfutures.com.au)

## SNAP HAPPY HARRY

Harry Eglinton might only be 13 but he’s already established a firm understanding of wildlife photography.

“Be patient ... and be prepared,” the Alexandra Hills High School student says.

It is a winning philosophy — Harry has claimed first prize in the IndigiScapes’ Redlands Digital Photographic Competition’s junior division for the past two years after being runner-up in 2010.

This year he is trying to capture a special bird shot, maybe of kookaburras ... although a scrub turkey has taken up residence near the family’s Capalaba home.

“You have got to be patient,” he says.

The nature-loving youngster’s interest was spurred by the diversity of local wildlife and his passion for photography was fuelled by classes with local photographer Ron Letheren at the Cleveland Library.

“I really love the Redlands ... it’s a special place,” Harry says.

Entries for this year’s photo competition, which offers cash prizes for a range of fauna and flora categories, open on November 1.

For more information visit [www.indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au), phone 3824 8611, or email [indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au).



Harry’s winning picture of a curlew from last year’s competition.





“ Working alongside a horse ... creates confidence and provides wonderful insight when dealing with other intimidating and challenging situations in life ”

## HELP ON HAND IN THE HOME

Home sweet home — it's easily taken for granted, but many Redland residents need a hand to stay safely and independently at home.

That's where Redland Home Assist Secure can help.

The Redland Home Assist Secure programs are open to eligible home owners and renters who have a disability or are aged 60 years or over.

Administered by Redland City Council and funded by the Queensland and Australian governments, the programs already have more than 15,000 registered clients across the Redlands.

Clients receive information and referrals on home security, home safety, minor modifications and repairs by pre-qualified contractors.

As a 'storm season' special, the service is also offering a limited subsidy to eligible clients who book gutter cleaning with them from October-December 2013.

Redland Home Assist Secure is located 1st floor, Cleveland Library building, Middle Street. Cleveland.  
For more information, contact 3383 3030.

## GRANTS ENRICH THE REDLANDS

Funding is available through the Councillors' Small Grants program to organisations and individuals for amounts of up to \$3000 to provide assistance for unexpected costs or small amounts of assistance.

Assistance is also provided for Individual Excellence in all fields across international and national arenas.

Councillors' Small Grants can be submitted at any time throughout the year. Separate sponsorship and grants exist for larger amounts.

Visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for more details.



ELF principal Jill Strachan with student Jacob Ireland and Cr Julie Talty and "Wally" the horse, in front of the round yard.

## NOMINATE OUTSTANDING REDLANDERS

There are some incredible people doing some very special things within our Redlands community.

If you know of a person, group or community organisation who has made an outstanding contribution to our City this year and is worthy of recognition then nominate them for a Redland City Australia Day Award.

The award categories include:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award (under 30)
- Senior Citizen of the Year Award (over 60)
- Local Hero Award

- Community Organisation Award
- Cultural Award
- Environment Award
- Sports Award.

Nominations can be made online through Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/awards](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/awards) until Friday, November 8, 2013.

The awards are held nationally each year, with all local councils and state governments honouring their citizens for their achievements throughout the year. The Redland City awards ceremony will be held in January 2014.

## CHECK FOR WATER LEAKS

Homes with higher than normal water use are being sent courtesy letters asking residents to check for leaks.

All internal plumbing from the water meter is the responsibility of owners to maintain and repair but licensed tradesmen can quickly identify and fix leaks to ensure householders are not forking out more than they need to pay for water.

Council reminds residents to check meter readings by turning off all household taps, recording both black and red numbers on water meters, and remembering to take into account if a toilet is flushed (9 litres). Read first thing in the morning – if the numbers have moved, there may be a leak.

Plumbers may confirm the leak was concealed and householders may be eligible for reimbursement for part of the estimated water loss.

Visit Council's website [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) for more information.







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## SPEAK UP OR PAY THE PRICE FOR COST-SHIFTING

Lobby for more consultation

**My passion as a councillor is to achieve positive outcomes for our City, which also encompasses researching changes made by the State Government that will impact negatively on you.**

Of particular concern for me, at present, is the blatant cost-shifting from developers to communities in the State Government's proposed changes to infrastructure charges. They are suggesting developers pay less for essential service infrastructure such as water, sewerage and roads ... with local councils picking up the tab. The Government says councils can use "other revenue sources" to fund this greater percentage. They say councils can:

- increase rates
- increase debt
- reduce services.

This is not acceptable to me, as the State Government must accept its responsibility and provide some assurance that local communities will not be sacrificed due to the extra millions councils will have to pay. The Local Government Association of Queensland has said the change would have "catastrophic financial effects" on local communities.

I will be raising this issue with Ministers at the Local Government Association Conference and strongly urge the community to make a stand and question the State Government's obvious attempt to undermine the financial stability of local councils and downgrade the liveability of our communities. Please approach our State MPs and say "enough is enough"!

As a matter of interest, developers are also lobbying the Government as they don't believe these changes are the solution.



## INSPIRING SENIORS

Inspirational Seniors Thomas and Hana Jay have been recognised for their work with children with learning disorders which helps them reach their full potential. Now in their eighties, the couple provides an individual program for each child through Jays Education, for only a small tutorial fee. They also support the parents and encourage them, as they believe in never giving up on a child. Their motto: "Nothing changes if nothing changes." It's great to have people like this as part of our community.



## Community engagement

Recently at the Women's Expo I held a booth to seek community input into the revision of the Redlands Planning Scheme. Congratulations to the Redlands Centre for Women team for an excellent community day.



## Erosion addressed

After discussions with residents, a new foreshore rockwall has been completed on Sleath Street at Ormiston, addressing erosion issues. The adjoining boat ramp is popular with kayakers and small boat users.

## COMMUNITY CHAT:

Every 2nd Saturday: 9am-midday,  
Wellington Point Village

Every 2nd Tuesday: 5pm-6pm,  
Ormiston Shopping Village

### For regular updates

Facebook: Wendy Boglary

Web: [www.wendyboglary.com.au](http://www.wendyboglary.com.au)

## Village safety

After working with local traders for two years on a local area traffic management study, there will soon be some changes in Wellington Point Village. Parking times will increase to 1 hour, there will be more disabled parking bays and a larger area will be included in the 40kph zone. These changes will boost safety for our community.

## Telstra tower

After community input and consultation, Council has approved a new Telstra tower at EGW Woods Reserve, Wellington Point. I've worked hard to achieve an outcome that satisfies the majority but while there remains disagreement on placement of the tower, I believe we have exhausted all other locations and options. A full timeline of this application is available at [www.wendyboglary.com.au](http://www.wendyboglary.com.au).

## Congratulations

The contribution of Ormiston College to the education standards of Redland over the past 25 years is highly valued. I look forward to continuing working with the school in the years to come. Exciting and dynamic new buildings are under construction and the college community should be very proud.

## Winners

Congratulations to Stones on The Main at Wellington Point on being named as joint winner in the "restaurant" category of the Redland Retail Awards. Locals and visitors alike enjoy the warm atmosphere ... so come along and enjoy a night in our village.







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## INSPIRING STARS OF THE FUTURE



Trevor Stewart is more than Division 2's Inspiring Senior for 2013 – he's an inspirational cricket coach.

Despite his health not being the best, Trevor coaches at the Cleveland Thornlands Cricket Club up to five days a week, with many of his young charges going on to representative level.

A double amputee, he coaches from his wheelchair and uses a tablet to video his players and show them the areas of their game they need to work on.

Trevor played for Queensland back when state cricketers were not paid as professionals and believes sport keeps young people off the street and gives them guidance and support while teaching discipline and respect.

It was indeed an honour to present Trevor with his award for doing so much for our community despite his health concerns.

## PARKING ISSUES IN FOCUS

Moves to ease congestion at One Mile Jetty

**Redland City Council has recently acted in response to strong community feedback about parking issues in and around the One Mile Jetty on North Stradbroke Island.**

The number of users, together with confusion about parking, has resulted in congestion and illegal parking at this important transport hub.

Public safety is a priority, prompting a number of important changes designed to make the area safer for everyone and ensuring more room for people to safely drop off and pick up, including people with a disability.

New signage is being erected in Yabby Street and around the ferry terminal to ensure the legal parking requirements are clearly understood by all users. Council officers will enforce these requirements in fairness to all users and nearby residents, who have been impacted by illegal parking.

The constraints on available public land in the area suitable for parking only exacerbates the problems, so I am pleased that Council is in the process of identifying potential new parking spaces. Discussions are being undertaken with the Department of Education, Training and Employment and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to address the issue. The new spaces are only a short distance to the ferry.

Not only will this help ease parking pressures nearer to the terminal, it will have the added benefit of being a healthier alternative. In fact, for many residents within a kilometre of the terminal, leaving the car at home and taking a 10-minute or so walk to the terminal could also be a healthy option.

Council is continuing to investigate additional parking options for One Mile. Details of the designated One Mile parking areas will be mailed to all Straddie residents.



A series of public forums on the future of Toondah Harbour has shown strong support for job-creating tourism facilities that embrace the region's wonderful environment. This major gateway to Straddie could be turned from what is basically a ferry terminal and car park into a dynamic tourism precinct. Residents will again have an opportunity to have their say about plans for the precinct.

## RE-SEAL OF APPROVAL

Streets throughout Division 2 have been getting a makeover as part of a substantial reseal/resurfacing program.

Cleveland will be a major beneficiary over the next few months.

Work has either started or is about to start on Bay Street (from Phillip to Bloomfield streets), John Street, Katrina Court and Russell Street (Passage to Channel streets).

After the Christmas break, resurfacing crews will head to Bass Place, Sturt Street and Fitzroy Street (South).







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## A LIFE OF ADVENTURE

Congratulations to Celia Haffenden on being named the Inspiring Senior for Division 3.

Born in the UK, Celia has had an adventurous life, having lived in Ghana, Nigeria and Papua New Guinea before coming to Australia.

Now in her 90s, Celia has spent the past 20 years working in a variety of volunteer roles, spanning Christian missionary work in Israel and The Philippines as part of Aglow to working as a volunteer at the coffee shop at Redlands Hospital.

She is still doing hospital visits which, at times, include chaplaincy and taking church services.

Celia has been described as “young at heart” and, being such a great conversationalist, relates to people of all ages.

Still living independently, she says: “If you love what you do, you are in the right place.”



## MAKING LOCAL ROADS SAFER

### Roundabout for black spot intersection

**The upgrade of one of the area’s worst traffic black spots is almost complete.**

Work has continued on the new roundabout at Cleveland’s Bay and Smith streets intersection since July and is on track to be finished in October.

Council received \$420,000 in federal Black Spot funding and has contributed another \$70,000 to this vital project, which will eliminate a major traffic hazard for Division 3 residents.

This busy intersection was identified as a problem spot by police and there have been numerous requests from residents to improve safety for those who use it.

Over the years there have been far too many serious incidents caused by vehicles on Bay Street being hit by vehicles travelling straight along Smith Street.

While the intersection was controlled with stop signs facing Smith Street, it was resolved that

there was potential for more serious crashes unless it was totally redesigned.

Council responded to these concerns and, after detailed assessment and design, secured funding under the Black Spot program.

The new roundabout will slow all traffic entering and exiting the intersection, which has become a major thoroughfare for traffic associated with the Redland Showgrounds, community sporting facilities, Redlands Museum and Cleveland State High School, as well as those travelling to and from the Cleveland CBD.

It also will reduce waiting times at the intersection.

I thank residents for their patience during works to provide this important safety initiative for Division 3 residents and those who visit the area.

## IN TUNE WITH THE COMMUNITY



Bay FM station manager Kay Howick shows Cr Kim-Maree Hardman around the community broadcaster’s Thornlands studio.

Community radio is a vital part of the Redlands media landscape and Bay FM makes a significant contribution by delivering unique shows and information relevant to Redlanders.

I am particularly pleased to have been able to help out with a \$2000 Councillors’ Small Grant to help Bayside Community Radio Association buy a digital hybrid telephone to improve the quality of their services.

The digital phone will be particularly helpful during the station’s local traffic updates

as well as improving sound quality during phone interviews and chats.

Community broadcasting has always been significantly self-funded and station manager Kay Howick and the dedicated team at Bay FM are to be commended for the service they provide to the Redlands from their Thornlands studio.

I encourage residents to become a member by checking out [www.bayfm.org.au](http://www.bayfm.org.au).

## TWILIGHT ZONE

**Bayview State School’s wonderful Spring Twilight Market is on again at the school on Ziegenfusz Road, Thornlands, from 2pm-7pm on Saturday, October 19.**

**You will find plenty of stalls, entertainment and rides at this fun afternoon, so get along and help support the school P&C.**





**Victoria Point,  
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## INSPIRING SENIORS

These days retired academic Robert Smith is happy to drop his titles of professor and doctor and be just plain "Robert".



"That was then and this is now," says the former Chancellor of the University of Ballarat who, with his wife Liz, has called the Redlands home since 2006.

Robert, 78, a former economic geographer who has held posts around the world, including in Washington, lives at Tranquil Waters Retirement Village.

Both Robert and Liz are members of the Tranquil Tones Choir at the village, with Robert researching and introducing the performances.

Robert recently organised an informal support group for other residents who are also caring for loved ones. He regularly takes residents shopping and lends a helping hand when neighbours are in hospital.

"Everyone has a story and you meet people of all different backgrounds at a retirement village," says Robert. "You should look out for each other but not get in each other's way."

## GREEN LIGHT FOR THORNLANDS TRAFFIC FLOW

Quicker access for local residents

**Thornlands residents will have quicker, safer access to Cleveland, Capalaba and Victoria Point with the opening of a new road project on Colthouse Drive.**

Due to be fully operational in October, the \$1 million-plus project includes the completion of the final section of Colthouse Drive, a new roundabout at King Street and a road link to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads recently upgraded the intersection at Ziegenfusz Road. This provides a safe, signalised intersection to manage the new road connection ... a project which Redland City Council had proposed for many years.

The completion of the road connection will improve traffic in the east Thornlands area. As well as reducing travel time to Cleveland, Capalaba and Victoria Point, it will also reduce the number of vehicles travelling along South Street and Thornlands Road.

Several developments in the surrounding catchment contributed to a road infrastructure development fund, enabling these important roadworks to go ahead.

Redland City Council has also contributed to the fund, with the final section of Colthouse Drive jointly implemented with developers Chris and Virginia Anderson.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

It was my privilege to visit many retailers in the Town Centre Shopping precinct at Victoria Point with peer leaders from Victoria Point State High School promoting the "Every Day Counts: It's Not Ok to Be Away" initiative.

It is a proactive way to build the relationship between the school, local businesses and the community.

I was very impressed with the students' professional approach to improving school attendance and their willingness to be involved.

I was also buoyed by the many positive responses from the business community.



Promoting the advantages of daily school attendance are, from left, Victoria Point State High School principal Richard Usher with Year 11 student peer leaders Rochelle Auger and Violet Cameron, and Cr Lance Hewlett.

## GAME ON FOR REDLANDS NETBALL

Redlands Netball Association at Thornlands will host the Mission Foods Primary School Cup on October 26 and 27.

It is the biggest school netball competition in Queensland, with 80 to 100 teams from all over the state expected to attend.

Redland City Council will provide new shelter sheds for spectators and officials alongside its new courts in time for the event.

Seven councillors have donated money out of their Council grants towards the sheds. It is a fine example of how divisions can pool their resources for a project that benefits the whole City and not just a single division.

## JETTIES A STEP CLOSER

About 200 Coochiemudlo Island residents viewed and commented on the proposed design for the new Coochiemudlo Jetty in September.

The \$3.5 million Coochiemudlo Jetty is being jointly funded by the Queensland Government and Redland City Council. The State Government is also planning to undertake separate improvements to the Victoria Point Jetty.

Most islanders clearly supported the new Coochiemudlo Jetty design, providing valuable feedback to the Queensland Government design team. This included using different roofing material for a more natural and rustic jetty appearance and opening up the jetty side views, both of which have been adopted for the final design.

The new jetty and floating pontoon will provide improved safety and convenience for island commuters and visitors, including disabled access in all tidal conditions.

Residents are now understandably eager to see the new jetty built and dredging has now started.

The 16-week jetty construction period is planned for early 2014, weather permitting. A separate dredging tender for Victoria Point and Toondah Harbour will be advertised in November.





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## INSPIRATION TO ALL SHE MEETS



Well done to Macleay Island's Patti Ponting, Division 5's Inspiring Senior for 2013.

Patti has lived on the island for 18 years and has shown tremendous care and concern for so many bay islanders.

She has devoted plenty of energy to the Bay Island Bloomers over 55s social group, which provides free morning teas, social activities and entertainment every month on Russell and Macleay Islands.

She also finds time for the Macleay Island Progress Association, local Catholic Church and its activities, Meals on Wheels and the Redlands District Committee on the Ageing, as well as doing community visits for Blue Care.

Ever an entertainer, Patti loves music and drama and for years has organised trips for bay islanders to concerts and shows.

Her view of life is to do her best for others and her efforts are an inspiration to all.

## INVITATION TURNS ATTENTION OUR WAY

Six countries now game for a visit

**When the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast begin, Division 5 will have a special relationship with some of the participating countries.**

Earlier this year I wrote to the Commonwealth Games Committee of each country and invited them to arrive before the athletes village opens and stay at Redland Bay and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

We could provide billeted accommodation and offer sporting fields for their athletes to train on and hopefully even compete with some of our local sports people.

I was hoping for one country to accept however six countries have so far expressed interest to discuss this invitation further.

Due to the great response, I hope to attract more Commonwealth teams so all of the divisions in our City can each host a country.

This will be a great cultural and sporting boost for the Redlands and gives us a greater level of interest in the Games.

After the 2014 Games are completed, there will be further discussions to finalise the details of the proposed visits.

Leading up to the Games there will be opportunities for cultural exchange activities, school-to-school interactions and other events to raise the profile of our community.

Importantly it will underscore the fact that the Redlands is a rewarding destination for visitors and an area blessed with a great natural environment, many beautiful islands, enormous unlocked tourism potential and a welcoming village atmosphere.

Besides the international attention this will focus on the Redlands and the economic rewards that it can bring, I am confident those who take up my invitation will return to their home countries with fond memories of their stay in our wonderful part of the world.

## BAY STREETS TOP WORKS PROGRAM



Cr Mark Edwards surveys the new road surface at Dart Street, Redland Bay, overlooking the golf course.

Redland Bay roads have been getting a makeover.

Council has resurfaced considerable sections of Mill Street, Dart Street and Main Street at Redland Bay, with further resurfacing scheduled in future capital works.

A new concrete footpath also has been constructed from Weinam Creek through Nev Stafford Park.

Meanwhile, the new sports field on Russell Island has now opened and the skate park site for Macleay Island has undergone stormwater improvements to enable the contractors to start construction this financial year.

A new toilet block will also be under construction in the coming months.

When completed, the \$2 million Russell Island sports and recreation park in particular will provide an important boost for island tourism and business.

It will be the regional home for a range of sports including tennis, netball, basketball and football codes, as well as hosting major competitions and community events.

Facilities such as Stage 1 of the Russell Island complex are fundamental to active, healthy and engaged communities and I now look forward to the completion of Stage 2.





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## INSPIRING SENIOR

Such is her character, attitude and enthusiasm for story-telling, most people do not initially realise that Division 6's Inspiring Senior for 2013, Robyn Bree, is legally blind.



Robyn had to retire from school teaching when she was in her 40s due to her loss of vision but she certainly lost none of her literary passion.

Now in her eighth year as a "Writing for Pleasure" tutor at Redland's U3A, Robyn continues to write and is involved with the Dickinson Literary Award. She uses technology to help her.

Robyn reviews books for several publications, including the Blind Citizens of Australia women's magazine. She has spent 21 years on client committees for people with blindness and was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2002 for her long-standing contributions to the Royal Blind Society and also Friends of the Royal Blind Society.

Not only does Robyn lead a full and interesting life helping both sighted and low vision people, she is also a primary carer for her husband, Ross.

She is truly amazing, truly inspiring and says: "We show our strength by how we handle what life puts in our way."

## HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Grant supports Mt Cotton Hall project

**Work has now started on the Mt Cotton community's most important renovation project.**

I am pleased to have been able to secure a \$3000 Councillors' Small Grant to help cover the cost of restumping the historic hall which has been at the heart of Mt Cotton for almost 80 years.

The hall is testament to the strength, will and spirit of Mt Cotton's pioneers, who cleared raw scrub in the 1930s to build their farms and set the scene for the community of today.

That community spirit remains strong enough to make Mt Cotton Hall one of the busiest and most popular in South-East Queensland.

Mt Cotton Hall Association president Laurie McKenzie, vice-president Narelle Byrne, hall co-ordinator Richard Liowillie and their committee are to be congratulated for keeping a near-full booking sheet.

The dances on the third Saturday of the month are always popular, often drawing up to 120 people from throughout south-east Queensland for a night of old time/new vogue dancing to live music.

They are well worth the \$8 entry fee for the country-style supper alone.

The hall also has been the scene of some memorable productions by the highly entertaining Mt Cotton Drama Group.

Laurie and his team look after the hall largely unassisted. Their work is a great example of the

community looking after itself, which makes it particularly satisfying to award this grant to ensure the hall remains in good shape for generations to come.

Mt Cotton has retained its strong rural culture and whenever there has been a big local issue, everyone looks to meet at the community hall. Every time there is something that is a focus for the community, it gets argued out in that hall.

It is definitely a cornerstone of the community, completely run by the community.

As Laurie and Narelle put it — where else would you find a community centre where locals have not only celebrated weddings and christenings but birthdays, anniversaries and wakes as well.



Mt Cotton Hall president Laurie McKenzie with Cr Julie Talty as well as vice-president Narelle Byrne and her husband, Mark.

## QUARRY UPDATE

You may be aware that Deputy Premier Jeff Seeney has used his "call-in" power in relation to the application to expand the Barro Group quarry. As your representative for Mt Cotton, I have already made approaches on behalf of Division 6 residents to the Deputy Premier and I have asked that he support our community.

The "call-in" does not mean an automatic decision — it means the Deputy Premier will now re-assess the application, with his ultimate decision being final with no right of appeal. I will be lobbying to make sure all

the reasons Council rejected the proposal in July 2013 are reconsidered, and I will be highlighting the strong community opposition as well as the potential impact on the environment, road safety, businesses and neighbouring homes.

I acknowledge the difficulty of this decision for the Deputy Premier with regards to protecting a resource but I will also be urging him to look at all the issues that have affected the history of this matter and to ensure the views of our community are prioritised and weighed against any expansion of quarrying activity.

## HELP TO HEAL HEARTS

The Redlands now has its own much-needed bereavement group, Healing Hearts, thanks to the efforts of local mums Veronique Haas and Sheryl Cuell.

The group meets at The Cage Foundation's meeting room at 9 Dollery Street, Capalaba, on the second Tuesday of each month.

Veronique and Sheryl saw a desperate need for local help after they lost their sons, one in a traffic accident and the other to suicide.

Veronique found that during the enormous trauma which followed her son Tristan's death, there was nowhere local to turn. Eventually she found comfort with a Compassionate Friends group at New Farm. Sheryl had to travel to Mt Gravatt's SOS group (Survivors of Suicide) after the death of her son, Taylor.

When the pair met recently they decided to start a non-profit group in the Redlands for parents who also had lost children in tragic circumstances.

Their goal is for a place where parents can feel nurtured and free to discuss whatever they need in a confidential and relaxed environment.

Veronique says the loss of a child causes far greater pain than anyone can imagine unless you have experienced it for yourself, and to share that pain with others who have suffered it is invaluable and a powerful healing tool.

For information, contact Veronique Haas on 0418 186 440 or at [healing.hearts@outlook.com](mailto:healing.hearts@outlook.com).





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## SMOOTHER RIDES AND LESS NOISE

Roads a key priority



**I just love the smell of bitumen in the morning... especially given the fact that 30 of the 109 roads to be resurfaced or rehabilitated throughout 2013-14 are in Division 7.**

The work will ensure motorists get a smoother ride and will generate less noise as they travel for work or pleasure.

Residents have told us that roads, noise and safety are key concerns to them so, as Infrastructure spokesperson for the Council, I am pleased to report that we have addressed this as part of our 10-year plan. The 82 per cent increase in spending on resurfacing, to \$7.5 million, and \$2 million for pavement rehabilitation this year are quite significant, especially given the economic challenges Council faced in framing its Budget.

Everyone hates degraded roads, so our focus is on looking after the assets more than ever and keeping them in good working order. This will ensure we have a safe, efficient and effective road network throughout our great City.

The Division 7 upgrades include:

- Adam Court
- Alawara Court
- Belgravia Street
- Burwood Road (two sections)
- Candover Court
- Chinnock Court
- Goorawin Street
- Kimberley Court
- Kyamba Street
- Kaloma Court
- Kew Court
- Kulara Court
- Maxted Court
- Nanette Court
- Osmond Court
- Pasadena Court
- Picton Drive (three sections)
- Runnymede Road
- Suthurst Court
- Serina Street
- Winchester Road (six sections)

## INSPIRING SENIOR



Congratulations to Division 7's Tony Christinson, the "hands-on" president of Redlands District Committee on the Ageing (RDCOTA) and chairman of the Donald Simpson Board for his work in helping to enhance the lives of our senior citizens. A former school teacher, Tony was named as one of Redland City's Inspiring Seniors. Tony has always been involved in community groups and now, except for family holidays, he dedicates most of his time to the RDCOTA organisation.

Tony believes in putting things into action, not just using words, and has shown he does not ask others to put in hard work without being an example of it himself. His mantra of "think about what can be done, not what should be done" has made him a valued member of our community.

## SAFE SUBURB RECOGNITION REFLECTS OUR GREAT COMMUNITY

Alexandra Hills residents deserve to be proud of the fact the suburb was recognised as the greater Brisbane area's safest when it comes to home theft.

The 2013 RACQ Insurance Home Security Index shows we had the fewest home theft insurance claims in the past year for the region.

The index, which calculates the number of home theft claims made per 100 RACQ policies in each postcode, ranked Alexandra Hills postcode 4161 in the three Queensland zones least hit by house-breakers.

The research puts to bed the notion about perceived crime in the Redlands and I hope the result is reflected in lower insurance premiums.

Of concern was that the survey revealed one-third of householders admitted to sometimes leaving their homes unlocked. Almost one in four claims last year was the result of an open door or window.

### Action request system: Graffiti

The most effective way to manage graffiti is to remove it as quickly as possible, preferably within 24 hours. Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers, which is often their primary motive. It also reduces the likelihood that the area will attract further vandalism.

**Smartphone:** download the VandalTrak app or visit [www.vandaltrak.com.au](http://www.vandaltrak.com.au) to report graffiti at the click of a button

**Phone:** Ring or text Graffiti Stop on 1300 472 334.

**Email:** [graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au)

### Abandoned shopping trolleys

Visit [www.trolleytracker.com.au](http://www.trolleytracker.com.au)

**Phone:** 1800 641 497

## MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

I am at the Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre every second Saturday from 9am to midday to discuss your concerns and what's happening throughout Division 7. I've been manning the "meet the people" booth for 16 years now and it's all about getting your feedback and concerns addressed and ensuring you can talk with me face-to-face.



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE



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### INSPIRING SENIOR

Trevor Gow is a retired builder but of course builders don't really retire — they're always helping someone and working on a project.



Until about 18 months ago when health issues knocked the wind out of Trevor's sails, he was a driving force behind the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed.

Trevor, 73, knew there was a need for a place for men where they could tinker and socialise. He was active in raising funds for the establishment of the shed.

Trevor's silent but always supportive partner in his association with the shed has been his wife, Jean.

Trevor enjoys helping out in the community, including building shelves for the Alexandra Hills State High School uniform shop when Jean worked there.

While he may not quite have his old get up and go, he still keeps himself busy. He enjoys growing plants and herbs to sell at fundraisers for Faith Lutheran College, where his grandchildren attend school, and he also restores furniture and makes rocking horses.

Not surprisingly Trevor's motto is: "Always be prepared to lend a helping hand."



Alexandra Hills Men's Shed members bring Cr Alan Beard, centre, up to speed with plans for their new meeting place.

### SHEDDING NEW LIGHT ON MEN'S BUSINESS

**What a joy it was to inspect the wonderful work being done at the old Scout Den on William Street, Alexandra Hills.**

This derelict building was earmarked for demolition until the blokes from the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed asked if they might use it to provide a home for their group.

They had been meeting at the Capalaba PCYC until Council granted them a permit to occupy recently.

The work they've done in restoring this building over the past few months has been phenomenal.

I was amazed to see what they've done and will be supporting them further soon with a grant from my

divisional Councillors' Small Grant fund to install a ventilation system in the refurbished building.

Well done, fellows.

If you'd like to join them, the group meets every Tuesday morning and I know its members would love to see you there. For details phone 0412 244 409.

### FLYING HIGH

I'm so pleased to advise you that Division 8 will soon have another flying fox for children, similar to the one my grandson, Sam Rotzied, enjoys here with me in the Snowdon Park in Edinburgh Road, Alexandra Hills.

With our children (and grandchildren) spending more and more time indoors watching TV and playing computer games, I'm committed to providing greater opportunities for them to get outside and enjoy the adventure play equipment in our beautiful parks.

Flying foxes have proven very popular with the kids and a new one is now being designed and will be installed at Bailey Road Park, Birkdale, by the end of the financial year (June 2014).



### STREETS AHEAD

Over the past six months, Division 8 has been alive with construction activity.

You can't help but notice the wonderful work being done right across the division on resealing and resurfacing our road network.

Camira, Dyer, Ellora, Armando and Weldon streets, Gardenia Drive and the previously dreadful roundabout on Montgomery Drive have all been resurfaced.

And isn't it great to see the terrific new surface on Old Cleveland Road East? It's a great start and there will be much more to come.





**Capalaba**

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## DECADES OF HELPING



Gana Ralph deserves special praise as one of Division 9's most energetic and thoughtful volunteers.

She has spent decades helping at schools and with children's sports and is always happy to sit down for a chat and a laugh.

These days she has been volunteering at St Luke's Childcare, where she does just about anything that needs to be done, from cooking to fundraising.

She also is a grandmother figure to many, with the children and staff all part of her "extended family".

Gana also is involved in the St Luke's and St Anthony's parish ladies group and makes gifts for the children to buy for special occasions such as Mother's Day.

It was an honour recently to present Gana with a Redlands Inspiring Seniors Award for 2013.

## SMART APPROACH FOR REDLANDS

Wider role for graffiti reporting apps

**Great news: the Redlands is now even more inviting as a destination after Council secured agreement for the ongoing upkeep of an area which serves as our City's major gateway.**

The vacant Crown land, on Moreton Bay Road opposite Capalaba Park shopping centre, is controlled by the State Government but became overgrown as the screws were tightened on State spending.

In a win for common sense, we have been successful in having the land included in the State-funded aesthetic maintenance program, which itself was only reinstated recently after much lobbying by Council.

This highly visible block of land, at the entrance to our City, will now be mowed 26 times a year at no cost to ratepayers. I have not given up on a more prominent entrance feature at this location, and this is certainly a step in the right direction.

Meantime, the Redlands' new vandalism tracking system, VandalTrak, is proving a significant weapon in the battle with graffiti, which costs the local community more than \$100,000 a year.

Council has received more than 377 graffiti reports in the few months since VandalTrak was launched in the Redlands. This has allowed us to remove tags quickly, which is a major deterrent to repeat attacks.

By comparison, Council received 453 reports for all of the 2012-13 financial year and 392 for the previous financial year. This doesn't mean that graffiti is on the rise — just that our proactive approach is being embraced by residents.

Based on the success of VandalTrak so far, I believe there is scope for a similar app to report abandoned shopping trolleys. I would like to hear from Division 9 residents what they think on this subject.



Cr Paul Gleeson with his wife Nikki and children Deagon, 9, Keira, 4, and Jacob, 11, enjoy a visit to Capalaba Regional Park.

## HELPING HAND FOR MEALS TEAM

I am pleased to have been able to give the hard-working team at Capalaba Meals on Wheels a Councillors' Small Grant to help make their jobs easier.

The \$2700 has provided a new floor-scrubbing machine for the group's Capalaba kitchen, which produces up to 100 meals a day for residents throughout the area.

By my calculations, by this time next year Capalaba Meals on Wheels will have prepared and delivered a staggering 500,000 meals since it was established in late 1975.

They welcome new volunteers and you can contact them on 3390 3450.







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## LEGENDARY AND INSPIRING SENIOR

Margaret Bean is something of a legend at Birkdale State School. She has worked her way through just about every volunteer position that exists there.



It all started 25 years ago when Margaret's eldest son entered Year One. She helped in the classroom with reading and volunteered in the tuckshop.

Margaret, 62, is still helping out at the school – and her youngest son left eight years ago.

She has been president, vice-president and secretary of the Parents and Citizens' Association as well as food convenor for the school fete. She is currently a voluntary convener in the tuckshop.

Principals keep asking her: "Are you leaving next year?"; to which Margaret replies a resounding: "No."

The Thorneside resident says she will continue her volunteering until 2016 when the school celebrates its centenary.

Margaret has been described as humble and gentle and as "the wind beneath many generations' wings" and "a blessing to the Birkdale community".

Margaret says she doesn't see what she does as special but she does believe that "one person can make a difference" ... and Margaret certainly does!

## ONE LOCAL ACT

How can your skills and passion benefit our community?

**Last month we lost a great community pioneer, 94-year old Ned (Jack) Finney, whose passion and commitment ensured that our area was developed "wisely" over many decades.**

Thanks to Jack's work with Council and residents, Thorneside now boasts tremendous sports grounds, facilities, halls and access to the foreshore and Tingalpa Creek. Hundreds of residents attended his funeral and heard stories of his contribution to our area. His passing reminds me of the importance of working together, and everyone committing to local acts, no matter how big or small.

I'd like to encourage you in helping to create a healthy neighbourhood initiative and encourage a simple idea.

Can you commit to "One Local Act" that may help other people? If we each do just "One Local Act", I wonder how soon we will sense that Small x Many = Big?

If you like living in our Birkdale/Thorneside village, perhaps your "One Local Act", once combined with others may have more of an impact than we imagine. Will you help to give it a try?

Anyone with practical, commonsense suggestions or questions, please drop me a line at paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au, call 0478 836 286 or visit my website [www.PaulBishop.com.au](http://www.PaulBishop.com.au) for updates on local community groups, local events and other news.

### Don't Forget:

- Redlands Walk To Cure Diabetes, (Beth Boyd Park, Thorneside) on October 20
- Redlands Garage Sale Trail on October 26
- Birkdale State School Fete on November 3.

## SHADE FOR SUMMER



Cr Paul Bishop inspects the new shade structure at Beth Boyd Park at Thorneside, which replaces the one torn to shreds in the January storms.

## PRIDE IN PARKS

Thanks to all involved for the overwhelming support to begin the Victor Street Community Garden. We have agreed to use organic food production methods and we welcome interest from people who wish to get involved in the months ahead. Beth Boyd Park will make local families happy with a new shade shelter and an upgrade is in the planning stages for the popular children's slides. The park will also be the start and the finish point for Walk to Cure Diabetes on October 20. This is a great cause so please show your support.

## BE PREPARED

Summer is on its way and we all have memories of the January rains and storms. Please be safe, look out for neighbours and make sure you prepare a few days' emergency supplies, just in case of the unexpected. If you have any concerns, issues or suggestions on how we can work together to improve our community, please contact me. Thanks to Council staff for their work in saving the she-oaks on Aquatic Paradise East, near Three Paddocks Park, which were at risk from erosion in the wake of the Australia Day storms.



# HISTORY

## NEW SEARCH FOR STRADBROKE'S LEGENDARY SHIPWRECK

The legend of the “Stradbroke Island Galleon” has polarised the archaeological fraternity for years but a new search may soon begin for the long-lost shipwreck, which some say will rewrite Australia's history books.

One of Australia's most controversial maritime mysteries may be a step closer to being solved next year when a new search is scheduled to begin for North Stradbroke Island's secret “ship in the swamp”.

Some say it's merely folklore, others swear a trail of historic artefacts, written reports and anecdotal evidence are clear evidence of a 15th or 16th Century shipwreck, popularly known as the “Spanish Galleon”, at Swan Bay in Straddie's snake-infested 18 Mile Swamp.

The main bone of contention is not so much the existence of a wreck, but claims it could pre-date the east coast discoveries of Captain James Cook — that he was not in fact the first person to chart the Queensland coastline.

There are also suggestions that some North Stradbroke Island families are direct descendants of shipwrecked Spanish sailors.

No matter which side of the fence you sit, the story of “the ship in the swamp” on North Stradbroke certainly does get tongues wagging — and sparks questions about a long-lost treasure.

Legend has it that the wreck — most likely a caravel or carrack rather than a galleon — was a doomed exploration of the edges of

Spain's Pacific domain. Marooned as the result of an “ancient storm”, its crew was unable to return to Spain or Manila, and was taken in by Stradbroke's Aboriginal population.

Redland City Councillor Craig Ogilvie warned weekend treasure hunters to stay away from the island.

“We don't need amateur archaeologists traipsing through the swamp — leave it to the professionals,” he said.

Historian Greg Jefferys, the leading expert on the subject, started his search in 1989. He has revealed exclusively to *Our Redlands* that his team has secured private funding which will hopefully prove the existence of the long-lost wreck, and most probably create yet another ruckus within archaeological circles.

“Once we have obtained the necessary permissions we will be attaching a

magnetometer to a helicopter and flying at low altitude to try to pinpoint the wreck site,” he said. “The magnetometer is able to pick up minute traces of metal so we hope to be able to prove our theory — we aim to do that within 12 months.”

Suggestions the Portuguese, Dutch, Spanish, French and even Chinese explored and

“ There have been numerous stories of white people being shown the wreck, usually on condition of secrecy ”

## IN THE BEGINNING

The Quandamooka people have lived on and around what is now the Redlands for tens of thousands of years. They are the people of the sand and the water, the traditional owners of the area and have strong identity and culture.

Quandamooka comprises the waters and islands of central and southern Moreton Bay and the coastal land and streams between the Brisbane and Logan rivers.

Minjerribah (now known as North Stradbroke Island) is a very special part of Quandamooka. The Noonuccal and Gorenpul clans have inhabited the island for more than 25,000 years.

Traders from many parts of Asia are said to have visited over the centuries. Although the main trade routes were further north, some say the first Europeans probably appeared

in the 15th to 16th centuries, when trade expansion began.

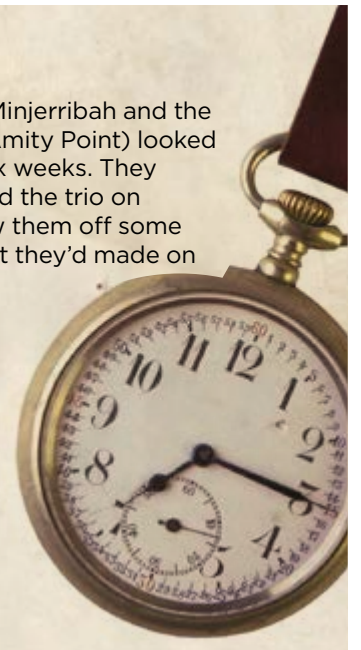
Of the recorded European visits, Captain James Cook passed Minjerribah in 1770 but he did not land. He provided one of the first non-Aboriginal names to the area when he named Point Lookout.

Matthew Flinders entered what is now Moreton Bay in 1799 and contact was made between the Quandamooka and Europeans. In 1803 a group of Minjerribah people helped Flinders' crew find water when they came ashore on their way back to Sydney.

The next prolonged contact occurred when three shipwrecked timbergetters — Pamphlett, Finnegan and Parsons — were blown off course near Sydney and landed on Moreton Island in

1823. They crossed to Minjerribah and the Noonuccals at Pulan (Amity Point) looked after them for nearly six weeks. They housed, fed and advised the trio on canoe-making, and saw them off some months later in the craft they'd made on the island.

They then crossed the bay from Minjerribah and landed near what is now Beckwith Street, Ormiston. They were rescued that same year when, by sheer luck, they came across Surveyor General John Oxley.







possibly mapped the east coast of Australia have polarised the archaeological fraternity, and local community, for years.

Greg said one university professor had dedicated “a lot of time and effort” refuting and even ridiculing his own exhaustive research, best detailed in his book *The Stradbroke Island Galleon — The Mystery of the Ship in the Swamp*. However, Greg says there has been no serious research to determine whether pre-Cook landings were indeed fact or fiction.

There have been several unsuccessful attempts to find the wreck but the last well-documented sighting of a “vessel with a high poop and forecastle” was in 1934 when two separate parties reported visiting the wreck and retrieving coins and other artefacts from it — its remains having been burnt to ground level in a series of bushfires. However, there is hope there is more to discover preserved in the peat of 18 Mile Swamp.

In his book, Greg points to many artefacts said to be directly linked to the Spanish Galleon — a bronze walking stick handle, a sailor’s dirk, ceramic bowl, a ship’s brass bell and Aboriginal people trading doubloons in the 1920s-30s for European goods.

He also notes historic records of people being shown the wreck, and anecdotal evidence of people having claimed to have seen and taken items of historical significance, including brass and copper fittings.

Greg says one lady he spoke with on the condition of anonymity — one of many North Stradbroke Indigenous residents to contact him — had heard of his work and told him of a



Above is a Spanish gold doubloon. Local Stradbroke lore says that in the 19th and early 20th Century, Spanish gold and silver coins were commonly used to buy commodities.



Sailor’s dirk said to be found in the wreck in 1934 by Dr Harold Young.

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wooden box “containing coins, books, a belt buckle, a couple of rings and other items”. He says she told him it had been handed down through generations but was lost in a house fire at Dunwich in the 1980s. He says she recounted her family heritage so it would not be lost with the passing of her generation, but was unwilling to go on the record.

Greg says that given the fact so many people are likely to have visited the site — timber-getters, would-be explorers, treasure-hunters, politicians and, of course, the North Stradbroke Island Quandamooka people themselves — the existence of a long-lost treasure is unlikely.

But to prove his theory and again rattle the archaeological “establishment” would be worth just as much as a chest full of gold coins for Greg and his dedicated team, including Capalaba GP Dr Cliff Rosendahl PhD and maritime engineer Brad Horton.

Visit [www.stradbrokeislandgalleon.com](http://www.stradbrokeislandgalleon.com) for a wealth of information on the mystery.

## Historian Greg Jefferys catalogues a series of claims of people having sited the mysterious Spanish Galleon.

### 1860s:

- The first recorded investigation of the shipwreck by light keeper Mr A. Graham. It is said he salvaged an ancient wooden anchor and kept it on display at his Nerang home.
- Queensland MP E.J. Stevens reported being shown the shipwreck in the 18 Mile Swamp, in the vicinity of Swan Bay at Jumpinpin, by an Aboriginal woman who worked for him. At the time Stevens held a cattle grazing lease over a section of the island.



Portuguese walking stick handle found on Lamb Island in an eroding Aboriginal midden by the wife of Dr Cliff Rosebdahl.

### 1890:

- Historian Thomas Welsby reports that a member of one of North Stradbroke’s local families told him that the remains of the ship were still visible in the 18 Mile Swamp ... and that the remains were of European oak.

### 1894:

- Colonial Secretary J.G. Appel said he viewed the wreck through powerful binoculars. He was taken there by his friend Mathew Heeb in the company of noted local historian Isabel Hannah.

### 1900-1920:

- Stradbroke botanist Mr Young reported seeing the wreck while looking for orchids.
- Tony Street reportedly finds wreck looking for tea tree knees for his boat-building business.
- Annie Russell reports seeing the wreck on a family outing.



Bowl found by Daniel Rosendahl in the 18 Mile Swamp.

### 1920-1940:

- Frank Boyce says he was taken to wreck but Aboriginal friends warned him to keep it secret.
- Sid Jackson says he saw a wooden ship in swamp while duck-hunting.
- Jim Bryce says he was taken to wreck by Tony Street to help salvage heavy timber. Says he again saw wreck while sampling dunes for minerals.
- Jim Walker reports retrieving iron rivet and some wood from vessel.
- Dr Harold Young claims to have taken sailor’s dirk from wreck, finding it, coins and various other artefacts in company of other Rover Scouts using a map drawn by his grandfather.

### 1960-1980:

- Jennie Phillips claims to have seen burnt-over remains of ship near Swan Bay, finds worn coin.
- “Joe” claims to have been shown remains of wreck by Aboriginal foreman after fire.



Moreton Bay resident Jim Bryce, who says he visited the wreck several times in the 1920s.

### 2007:

- On an expedition to investigate a WWII sighting of the shipwreck in the 18 Mile Swamp by Cyril Broome, an RAAF pilot trainer, Greg Jefferys and his team finds a coin found to be English but dated 1597.

*Our Redlands*, in researching this article, was repeatedly directed towards Greg Jefferys’ book. We were told that much of the island’s history had been lost over the years because no formal records were kept.



# EVENTS

For rolling updates on council events go to [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) and click on 'What's On' in the Fast Find panel

## Christmas services

Redland City Council's Customer Service Centres (Cleveland and Capalaba) will be closed during Christmas-New Year from Wednesday 25 December 2013 up to and including Wednesday 1 January 2014. This includes the Cleveland Administration Building and the Capalaba Place Building.

During this period, only essential Council services will be available in a limited capacity.

Fallen trees, urgent road repairs, water supply and other emergencies can be reported on Council's After Hours Emergency Service number 3829 8999.

## October

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#### Market time

The Handmade Expo Market Redlands is on from 9am-2pm at Redlands PCYC. This quality market showcases the works of talented craftspeople, artists, designers and providers of quality supplies and gourmet foods. It's on the second Sunday of each month (excluding January) and boasts up to 100 stalls, children's activities and live music. Information: [www.thehandmadeexpo.com.au](http://www.thehandmadeexpo.com.au).

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#### Word Hunters

Join Nick Earls and Terry Whidborne from 1pm-2pm at Victoria Point Library, where *War of the Word Hunters* by the award-winning author and illustrator is the topic. This is a free event. Bookings and information: 3884 4011.

#### Cabaret

RPAC's Concert Hall hosts *The Best of Black Tie*, a unique Australian cabaret act consisting of two brothers, Con and Yuri Mavridis, and their wives, cellist Sue and pianist Valerie. Awarded Australia's highest accolade, the MO Award for Best Cabaret Group, they have performed with greats such as Max Bygraves, Patti Lupone, Vic Damone, Dionne Warwick, the late Rosemary Clooney and Victor Borge. Check out [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au) for more details and bookings.

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#### Twilight zone

Head to Bayview State School's Spring Twilight Market on Ziegenfusz Road, Thornlands, from 2pm-7pm for a fun spring afternoon loaded with stalls, a barbecue, rides, entertainment and student displays.



Connor Crawford

### 19-20

#### Koala Count-a-Thon

Make a family day of helping our very special Redlands residents, the koalas. You can do your bit by going on koala spotting walks and can report a sighting by phoning 3820 1103 from 8am-5pm; posting it on [www.facebook.com/KoalaActionGroup](http://www.facebook.com/KoalaActionGroup); going online at [www.koalagroup.asn.au](http://www.koalagroup.asn.au); or emailing [admin@koalagroup.asn.au](mailto:admin@koalagroup.asn.au). Koala sighting is critical in helping to protect our furry friends.

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#### Magnificent Mammals

The Redlands is home to many interesting mammals, some of which you might be lucky enough to see in your backyard or local reserve. Head along to this talk by the senior wildlife officer from IndigiScapes and discover what they are. It's on from 11am-12pm at Cleveland Library. Bookings: 3829 8770.

## WHAT'S ON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Stuck for something to read or for information on any of our programs please contact Council's Young People's Services Team on 3843 8031 or email [youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au)

#### Well read

Are your littlies ready to read? If so head to Cleveland Library from 10am -10.45am. For an early literacy program covering alphabet, counting, colour and signing. It is suitable for ages 18 months to 4 years. You don't need to book. For more information, contact the library on 3829 8770

### 22 & 24

#### Where's Wally?

Dress up as your favourite striped character for an afternoon of craft, games and quizzes. These Where's Wally events are part of Children's Week and suitable for primary school-aged children. It's on Tuesday 22 October from 3.30pm-4.30pm at Cleveland Library and Thursday 24 October from 3.30pm-4.30pm at Capalaba Library.

### 25-27

#### Island Vibe

Here's three days of arts, music and culture in the wonderful surrounds of North Stradbroke Island. There will be more than 80 musical acts, creative workshops, a children's program and market village. Drug and alcohol-free, it's based at Home Beach. Visit [www.islandvibe.com.au](http://www.islandvibe.com.au) for more details.

## EVEN SANTA IS EXCITED

This year's Christmas by Starlight concert – the largest free community event in the Redlands – is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever.

Even Santa Claus has pencilled Christmas by Starlight into his diary. It will be held on Saturday, December 7 at Norm Price Park-Redland Showgrounds in Cleveland, starting at 3pm, and is expected to draw more than 10,000 festive season revellers.

Although the final entertainment line-up is yet to be announced, Santa has told *Our Redlands* he's excited about singing along with carols, and then tapping his toes as the rest of the musical entertainment takes the stage.

And who could blame him, given Christmas by Starlight's reputation of fun for the whole family?

Local talent Connor Crawford has been confirmed as one of the headline acts – it will be his first hometown performance since he left the City in 2009. Formerly a student of Sheldon College, Connor has been with the company of Jersey Boys performing Frankie Valli's greatest hits, and toured Auckland (New

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#### The big sell

Bag a bargain or make some bucks offloading the stuff clogging up your cupboards. The Garage Sale Trail is the perfect opportunity to make some new community connections, meet your neighbours or tap into a fresh way to raise funds for your favourite charity while helping to reduce landfill waste. Find out more at [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au).

#### Get Ready

Look out for your Redland's REDiPlan and Bushfire Survival Plans which will be distributed in high risk areas and shopping centres today. This is an essential guide to preparing for and dealing with potential bushfires and severe storms in the Redlands.

## November

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#### Social climbing

Checkout the high-powered action at the Australian Hillclimb Championships from 8.30am-4pm each day at Mt Cotton. A hillclimb is a motorsport event in which drivers compete against the clock. The course is on Gramzow Road, off Mt Cotton Road. You can see the whole circuit from the spectator terraces. Information: [www.mgccq.org.au](http://www.mgccq.org.au).



Zealand) as well as Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. He has also performed in a number of professional productions, including in a workshop for the new Australian musical *Dreamsong*, playing Sonny in *City of Angels* and also *Riff* in *West Side Story*.

Joining Connor at the alcohol-free event will be more local talent in Craig Martin, Breanna Fielding, Katie Green and beat-boxer Matt Gibbs, as well as the Sheldon College band and choir.

Stay tuned to local media for updated details on entertainment and transport to and from the event.

## CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT

**When:** Saturday  
7 December, 2013

**Where:** Norm Price Park-Redland Showgrounds in Cleveland

**Time:** Entertainment starts at 3pm. Live music, rides, fireworks, food and fun for the whole family throughout the evening.

**Cost:** Free entry

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### Legends All Stars

Watch [www.facebook.com/communityeventsplus](http://www.facebook.com/communityeventsplus) for full team lists and more details. It will be at Redlands Rugby League Club, Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Thornlands, with the main game at 5.30pm. Gates open at noon. Tickets on sale now at [www.oztix.com.au](http://www.oztix.com.au).

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### A Day on the Green

Head to Sirromet Winery at Mt Cotton for an evening of good food, fine wine and great music in a magnificent location. Billed as *The Big Day Out* for grown-ups, performers will include Bernard Fanning, Sarah Blasko, The Cruel Sea and Bob Evans. Gates open at 3pm. Visit [www adayonthegreen.com.au](http://www adayonthegreen.com.au) for full details. Tickets available at [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au).

### Nautical tales

Nautical types can buy and sell anything from fish hooks to power cruisers at the Volunteer Marine Rescue Victoria Point Boaties Market. It will be at Victoria Point State School, Colburn Avenue, with proceeds used to help maintain and operate rescue vessels, the group's building, vehicles and safety equipment. Part proceeds also go to the school.

Check out [www.vmr.org.au](http://www.vmr.org.au) or call 3207 8717 for details.

## 8

### Authors in Action

Meet author and TV personality Judy Nunn at Capalaba Library, where she will speak about *Elianne*, her 12th novel, set in the southern cane fields of Queensland near Bundaberg. This is a story of wealth, power, privilege and betrayal, brought to you in partnership with Angus & Robertson, Victoria Point. Bookings: 3843 8010

## 22

### Retail therapy

Learn all about buying and selling on eBay at this special information session at Cleveland Library from 10.30am-12pm. This is for those who have stuff they want to sell on eBay but don't know where to start. Bookings: 3829 8770.

## 26

### Meet the author

Listen to author Ashley Hay talk about her works from 11am-12pm at Cleveland Library. Hay is a Brisbane writer, author of four books of non-fiction and a former literary editor of *The Bulletin*. Her new novel, *The Railwayman's Wife*, was published in April and scored a five-star review. Information: 3829 8770.

## 26

### Talking rubbish

Want to know all the rules relating to recycling and waste transfer stations, then head to Cleveland Library from 11am-12pm for a free talk about all things rubbish on the mainland and the bay islands. You'll get a free Redlands recycling pack to take home. Bookings: 3829 8469.

## 29

### Family tree

"Ancestry.com - getting started" will be the subject of a hands-on workshop from 9.30am-11am at Capalaba Library. This is designed to hone your skills in searching, viewing, printing and saving records in the family history database that is free to use at your local library.

## December

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### IndigiKids

Are you 8-12 years old and love the environment? If so, why not join the IndigiKids Club. From 10am-11.30am today at IndigiScapes, Capalaba, you will get to participate in all kinds of fun activities and workshops based around the local environment. Information: call 3824 8611 or email [ruth.vickery@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:ruth.vickery@redland.qld.gov.au).

## 7

### Celebrate

Get in full voice at Christmas by Starlight, the Redlands' largest free event which welcomes the festive season. The carol singing will be at Norm Price Park, Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland. See main story.

## 13

### Art in focus

Presented simultaneously at both galleries, *In Focus 2013* celebrates the wealth of artists living and working in the Redlands and the important role art groups play in the cultural life of the region. The opening event is at 6pm on Friday 13 December, with *In Focus 2013* running from Sunday 15 December-Sunday 26 January at the Cleveland gallery and from Monday 9 December-Wednesday 22 January at the Capalaba gallery. Call 3829 8899 for more details.

## 16

### Holiday fun

School holiday activities will begin at local libraries from Monday 16 December, running through to Friday 24 January. Program details will be available late November at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).

## 24

### Christmas closure

Redland libraries will be closed from 5pm Tuesday 24 December and reopen at 9am Thursday 2 January. During this time after hours return chutes will be closed. No items will be due for returning during these dates. The libraries also will be closed on Monday 27 January for the Australia Day holiday.



## LET'S GET HEALTHY

### Free hearing checks

Pop into your local library for a 15-minute hearing check, provided by Australia Hearing.

Book in for your check today.

### Dunwich Library

Thursday, 7 November, 11am - 1pm  
Bookings: 3829 8317

### Cleveland Library

Wednesday, 13 November,  
9.30am - 12pm  
Bookings: 3829 8770

### Capalaba Library

Wednesday, 20 November,  
9.30am - 12pm  
Bookings: 3843 8010

### Victoria Point Library

Wednesday, 27 November,  
9.30am - 12pm  
Bookings: 38844011

### Russell Island Library

Thursday 28 November, 10am - 12pm  
Bookings: 3829 8317



## TRAIL OF TREASURE

Redlanders are feverishly spring-cleaning ahead of a mammoth garage sale which will help them turn their clutter into cold, hard cash.

Council has thrown its support behind The Garage Sale Trail on October 26, which is being billed as "one big day of buying, selling and old-school social networking". It aims to promote re-use, reduce waste going to landfill, foster community connections and provide a platform for fundraising.

Environmental Health spokesperson Cr Wendy Boglary says October is the perfect time to clean out the garage, shed or spare room of unwanted items and prepare for the Christmas period.

Visit [www.garagesaletrail.com.au](http://www.garagesaletrail.com.au).

## REDLANDS TO HOST LEAGUE LEGENDS

The legendary All Stars of rugby league are coming to the Redlands on Saturday, November 2 to help raise money for two worthy causes.

Tickets for The Kim Walters Choices Foundation Legends All Stars are on sale now and although we can't confirm the Kevin Walters-coached All Stars team just yet, some of the game's biggest names are lining up to dust off their footy boots to support The Kim Walters Choices Program and *beyondblue*.

There will also be live music, rides, face-painting and some great games of rugby league, including four games of junior football between schools.

The full team lists will be unveiled at [www.facebook.com/communityeventsplus](http://www.facebook.com/communityeventsplus). Tickets will be available at the gate or contact Steve Gibson on 0435 177 085.



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you'd stop yourself.**



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