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OUT & ABOUT: Revitalisation of Cleveland's CBD is underway with an exciting Seven-day Makeover program starting in May. **Photo:** Rob Maccoll

From the Mayor's desk

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Your ideas and feedback have strongly informed the suite of strategic priorities that Councillors have adopted to guide us for the remainder of this Council term.

Issues which residents have told us are important to them have been prioritised under five categories, each reflecting areas of critical importance as defined by our "community of communities" and communicated through a host of engagement opportunities, including through your local Councillors.

This focus on these priorities – transport and connectivity; sport, education and the arts; economic development; planning; and branding identity - will complement what I believe is the continuing delivery of a high standard of fundamental services and infrastructure development. To ensure priorities are delivered, Councillors have ordered quarterly progress reports to ensure we stay the course and that your needs are firmly front of mind.

Better transport connectivity and road infrastructure are high on our agenda and we are already making gains. Initiatives from

the transport forums held in late 2015 are starting to emerge with the development of the city's comprehensive transport strategy advancing and our first schools joining Council's Active School Travel program.

This latter small step is hoped to improve traffic congestion and safety around school precincts while also encouraging people to get active. I hope more schools will see the advantages and join the program. You will find more information on **P4-5**. Our transport priorities will also help address the challenges faced by residents of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, as well as North Stradbroke Island as it transitions from sand mining.

We also are very keen to engage young Redlanders in this process and, in April, we will be hosting the RedGen <30 Youth Innovation Forum, which will offer energetic and driven young people an opportunity to share their ideas for their city.

Redlanders aged 18 to 30 years are among our best entrepreneurial thinkers and our future business leaders,

and their views are crucial to finding workable solutions which suit them. This forum will give them the spotlight as we explore together what it will take to encourage more young people to live, work and play in the Redlands. You will find details on **P5**.

Closely connected with this, Council has been engaging with local business and industry through its Economic Development Advisory Board in a bid to stimulate the local jobs market.

We also have been working closely with traders to inject life into Cleveland CBD and will be sponsoring an exciting concept in May that we hope will show how it can be invigorated quickly and at little cost. Called the Seven-day Makeover, internationally acclaimed "placemaker" David Engwicht will lead a real-life program which will challenge traders to reshape the city's heart and show them how it can lift their bottom line. You will find more on **P13**.

The Redlands' draft City Plan is now awaiting State Government

approval after an extensive community consultation and more than 100 hours of review by Councillors to ensure it meets broader community expectations.

Following one of the largest community engagement exercises undertaken in this city, Councillors listened to all concerns raised in public submissions and updated the plan to address the key issues.

Our City Plan is, however, a "living" document and can still be updated to meet changing needs as expressed by the community. Our Q&A on **P8-9** offers more information on the process.

Communication is vital in ensuring Council continues to deliver the services you need and guide this city forward. Your local Councillor is front and centre when it comes to fostering the discussions we need to have and I urge you to talk with me or them about any concerns, issues or ideas that you may have. While we may have differing views on some issues, we do strive to deliver what is in the best interests of the greater community. Your Councillor's contact details are opposite.

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WALK THE TALK: Peter and Mandy Barry and sons Hamish (7) and Liam (5) are doing their bit to ease traffic congestion at Cleveland State School.



SMALL STEPS A BIG *Leap* FORWARD

Students from Cleveland State School are stepping up to improve their personal wellbeing and reduce traffic congestion in their community as part of a trial Active School Travel program introduced by Redland City Council.

Principal Mark Ionn said Cleveland State School was eager to be involved in the trial and encourage more families to walk to school.

“With increasing demand for parking at the start and end of the school day, roads outside schools are potentially dangerous places for students and pedestrians,” Mark said. “Our goal is to increase the number of families coming to school by foot, or walking the last part of their journey, and reducing demand for the ‘best parking spot’.”

He said walking was a great way for youngsters to get to know the local area plus learn invaluable life skills such as crossing roads safely.

“Incorporating walking into the school journey makes it an adventure while also building the capacity of young people to navigate road crossings and overall road safety,” Mark said.

“Walking part or all of the way to school helps to promote healthy lifestyle choices, lessons that will influence their attitudes and behaviours for the rest of their lives. It’s also an ideal opportunity for parents and caregivers to share quality time with our young people, and provides more opportunity for families to engage with our school community at the beginning and end of the day, which further enriches our school community.”

Research shows children who walk or ride to school arrive ready to learn, with a Griffith University study released last year saying physical activity helps students to concentrate during class and

perform better at school. Parking just 500 metres from the school gate gives students the opportunity to walk 6-8 minutes before their school day, while also reducing congestion and eliminating frustration for parents trying to find a carpark.

An independent public school with enrolment of almost 700 students, Cleveland State School will task student leaders with encouraging behavioural change among their peers. “Student leadership is fundamental to our school’s strategic plan and our primary leaders will lead the way during the Active School Travel trial,” Mark said. “They will be promoting the program and running

“*With its host of social and environmental benefits, Redland City Council is trialling Active School Travel as part of a strategic priority to improve transport and connectivity across the city.*”

*Cr Wendy Boglary
Deputy Mayor - Division 1
(Wellington Pt, Ormiston)*



REDGEN <30 YOUTH INNOVATION FORUM 2017

**Energetic and
driven young
people are
encouraged
to share their
ideas for our city**

Are you 18 to 30 years old and believe the Redlands is a great place to be? Or maybe you think some changes would be good?

Council is offering the opportunity for energetic and driven young people to share their big ideas at the RedGen <30 Youth Innovation Forum on Friday 7 April from 9am, when some of the City's best entrepreneurial thinkers and future business leaders will get together to explore what it would take to encourage more young people to live, work and play in the Redlands.

While places at the forum are limited, Council would love to hear from all the 18- to 30-year-olds out there who are eager to have their say. Join in the conversation by completing a short survey online, and you could win an iPhone 7.

To complete the survey or lodge your application to join the forum, visit redlnd.cc/redgenforum.

competitions between classes across the school."

Mum-of-two Mandy Barry is looking forward to the trial at Cleveland State School.

"Congestion is a problem at drop off and pick up time," Mandy said. "I already leave an extra 15 minutes early in the morning to allow time to find a park. I tend to park down Wynyard Street to avoid the congestion then walk the boys to the school gate."

The Active School Travel trial is part of Council's transport strategy, a core priority to improve connectivity across the city. The free program encourages school students

in the Redlands to use active and environmentally friendly ways to get to school, including by foot, bike or scooter. Designed to create healthy and active kids arriving to school ready to learn, the program has an added bonus of creating safer streets around schools by reducing congestion at the gate. Schools participating in the trial will be supported by a Council Active School Travel officer, localised active travel maps, bike and scooter skills training, and travel rewards. Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au to learn more about the program.

“**IDEAS INSIDE
OUT,**”





Ian and Judy Wintle's 'Giving Garden'

The spirit of giving grows in Ian and Judy Wintle's lush Birkdale garden.

It is a place of satisfaction and solace, a "one-acre labor of love" that has so far helped raise more than \$60,000 for local charities.

For the Wintles, *pictured*, the recipients of Redland City's 2017 Australia Day Local Hero Award, it has been a place of healing which began when their eldest son Scott was left unable to walk after breaking his back in a motorcycle accident while backpacking in Switzerland.

The months that followed drew on Ian and Judy's mental, financial and physical strength.

"Our garden gave us the ability to heal, it was our rehabilitation and, two decades on, it has blossomed into a lush sub-tropical oasis, featuring some of the world's most exotic and unusual plants and fruit trees," Ian says.

Their wonderful tropical garden drew thousands of visitors as part of Australia's Open Gardens before

it ended in 2015 and, for the past four years, the Wintles have opened their garden to support the local Lions Club, with the money raised going to assist disabled children.

"We have assisted the Lions Club by raising \$16,323 in the last four openings and, overall, we have raised around \$60,000 for charities through our 14 open gardens," Ian says. "We plan to continue opening our garden for as long as we are able to as we enjoy the weekend and meeting so many fellow gardeners."

Ian has his own website and a garden blog at ianjudy.blogspot.com, which has been archived by the Queensland State Library as being of significant importance to the state.

Ian also has a Facebook page called 'The Giving Garden' which has more than 1900 followers and another Facebook page 'Open Gardens and Events Queensland', where people who intend to open their garden can post information. Watch the sites for details of the next opening of the Giving Garden.

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I am constantly humbled and inspired by the work of people such as Ian and Judy who do so much good for our community.

*Cr Paul Bishop, Division 10
(Birkdale North, Thorneside)*

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Ethan Ewing

STRADDIE BOY ON CREST OF A WAVE

Newly crowned World Junior Surfing Champion Ethan Ewing has put North Stradbroke Island on the world surfing map.

The 18-year-old has the surfing world at his feet and the ability to follow in the footsteps of so many Aussie surf greats.

When you are tagged the "next big thing" in any sport, there's plenty of pressure to perform. When you are compared to the world champs you idolise, the pressure is even greater.

But Ethan takes it all in his stride. He's used to making waves.

Ethan's recent victory in the World Junior Surfing Championship at Kiama, on the NSW South Coast, came as no surprise to those in the know. He is so good they would have been stunned had he not won. Ethan did win - to provide Australia with its first world title of 2017.

He had previously swept all before him in the junior pros with four wins last year before his world crown.

But people really sat up and took notice when he finished second as a wild card in the US Open of Surf in August 2016. His was the name on everyone's lips.

His performances during 2016 earned him the Rookie of the Year title and a spot on the senior pro tour.

The experts predict even bigger and better things from the young man who has been compared with the legendary Andy Irons, who happens to be Ethan's favourite surfer. Ex-world champ Mick Fanning says Ethan's "the real deal". He has been described by another surfing sage as "a hybrid of the best surfers on tour".

Those within surfing circles have known for years that Ethan was destined for greatness. He's now being talked about as a future world pro champion.

For Point Lookout Boardriders president Chris Semple, it was only a matter of time before Ethan cracked the big time.

Chris has no doubt that Ethan will follow in the footsteps of fellow Straddie Boardrider Bede Durbidge and excel on the world tour. Ethan is seen as an example of what can happen to those who believe.

"Ethan was always special - and he's one of ours," Chris says proudly of the latest pin-up boy of the close-knit Straddie surfing community.

"These two boys making it to the pro tour gives new hope to everyone. They know that with media coverage, sponsorship and prizemoney they can make surfing their career. We (the club members and mates) ride the roller coaster with them."

Chris remembers Ethan as the kid who was always better than others in his age group. The kid who matched it on the waves with some of the best surfers on Straddie. The kid who knocked elder brother Curtis from his perch as the best surfer on the island.

Ethan's improvement over the past 12 months is "out of sight", according to the proud president of a club that has helped nurture the young champ since he was five years old.

"Cracking the pro circuit is a huge achievement. We hoped and thought he could do it and he has gone to a whole new level over the past year," says Chris. "Everyone is so proud of him making the world tour. This is the big stage."

For Ethan the ride hasn't always been easy. His future was under a cloud four years ago when he badly broke a leg on Straddie and was out of the water for six months. But that accident made him even more determined - he missed surfing so much.

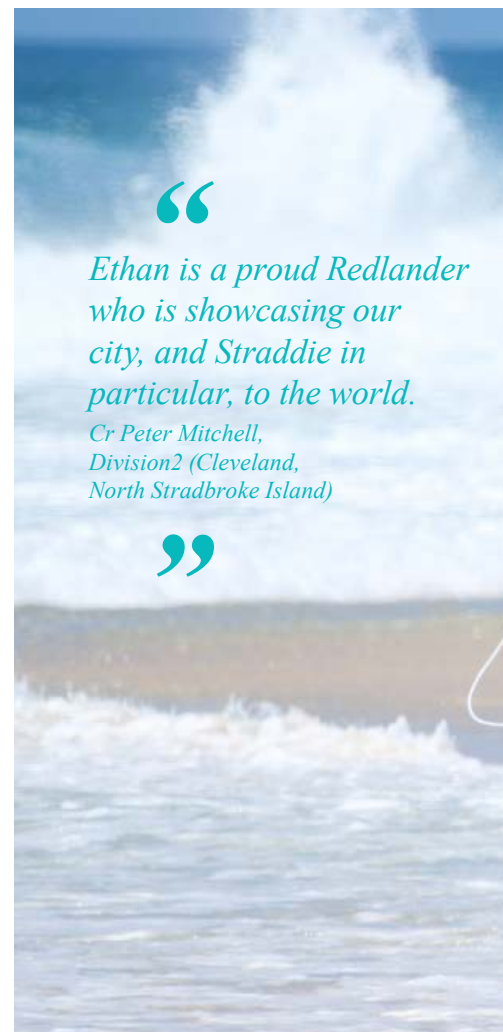
That love of life - the adrenalin rush of doing something he loved - was all the inspiration he needed to get him through those dark days of pain. Now he's riding the waves to a bright future.

CARRYING THE BATON

Who do you think should carry the Queen's Baton through Cleveland on its way to next year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games?

Redland City Council is delighted the city has been chosen for a leg of the baton relay and is encouraging residents to nominate a local hero to be a baton bearer and showcase the incredible people who call our city home.

Until 15 May, anyone can nominate a person who inspires them to be great, whether they're an aspiring young person or someone who is already accomplished. Nominations can be made at gc2018.com/qbr.



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Ethan is a proud Redlander who is showcasing our city, and Straddie in particular, to the world.

*Cr Peter Mitchell,
Division 2 (Cleveland,
North Stradbroke Island)*

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Your guide to the blueprint for the Redlands' future

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*Council listened to
community feedback,
considering more than
5000 submissions in
making changes to the
Redlands' draft city plan.*

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

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Redland City's new planning scheme, the draft City Plan, is awaiting the State Minister for Planning's approval after being updated following thousands of public submissions.

This is the plan which affects what you can do on your property and what others around you can do. It will be the basis of future land-use and development decisions, shaping the way our city accommodates future growth in a balanced, well-designed way.

Here are some of the more common questions asked about our draft City Plan and how it may affect you:

Q How has the Redland City Plan been reviewed?

A Updating the Redland City Plan has been underway for more than three years, including the completion of background studies, drafting and then review by the State Government.

In 2015, the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning approved the draft City Plan to allow Council to conduct public consultation for an extended 11-week period between 14 September and 27 November 2015.

This included division-specific letters to all households and notification to all businesses and landowners; face-to-face activities that attracted more than 2000 attendees to 13 open-house forums; 13 pop-up displays at shopping centres, markets, parks; and stakeholder briefings. Website information also attracted more than 13,000 visits.

Council received 5347 properly made submissions.

Following the Council elections in March last year, these submissions were intensively reviewed, with Councillors spending almost 100 hours in workshops to consider the detail and provide direction on where the draft would be amended to reflect the issues raised.

Q Why is the City Plan review needed?

A State planning legislation requires a formal review of local government planning schemes every 10 years and the local government infrastructure plan (LGIP) every five years. The current scheme commenced in 2006 and has been through several major amendments in that time.

While city planning schemes are able to be amended, it is appropriate to undertake a full planning scheme review to ensure local planning addresses changing planning circumstances, such as new State Government planning priorities and changing community expectations.

Q What's new with the draft City Plan?

A While Council has focussed on maintaining the existing policy intent of the current planning scheme, its structure and form has changed as a result of State legislative and policy requirements.

For example, the urban boundaries of the city have changed very little between the current planning scheme and the proposed

City Plan. The city's centres and areas identified for medium-density development remain the same.

What the proposed City Plan does do is fix many issues with the current planning scheme by substantially reducing its size to approximately one third of the current Redland City Plan, removing duplications and inconsistencies and making it easier to use, including adopting consistent language.

This has been achieved without loss of integrity with the draft City Plan achieving improvements to building design outcomes and regulating vegetation clearing, making major improvements to mapping within the planning scheme and responding to community concerns for greater certainty about matters such as lot sizes, parking and other planning outcomes.

Q What specific changes have been made in response to draft City Plan submissions?

A The key differences include: Changes to some overlay maps to account for new information and data. Changes to some of the design and layout provisions in the residential zone codes to strengthen provision relating to minimum lot sizes and design outcomes. Tightening provisions for vegetation clearing, especially in and around our important waterways. Increasing the extent of the Environmental Significance overlay. Reinstating the existing zoning of 15 Council-owned properties (adjusted to the zone names in accordance with the Queensland Planning Provisions) to ensure they remain as open space, environmental management or conservation land.

Other case-by-case zoning adjustments have been made across the city. For example, in neighbourhoods where residents expressed a preference to maintain existing residential lot sizes. Editorial changes were made to ensure consistency and clarity.

The full suite of changes can be viewed online at:

www.redland.qld.gov.au/cityplan.

Q How does the plan strengthen certainty of outcomes?

A While the draft City Plan works within the broad framework of performance-based planning established by State planning policy, Council's proposed draft has also sought to provide clarity and greater certainty around environment and hazard mapping, minimum lot sizes and frontage, setback and design outcomes.

Through the submission review process, more of these requirements have been moved from performance to "overall outcomes".

Policies and guidelines which cover issues ranging from ensuring minimum lot sizes to increasing parking have been addressed.

Q Can the plan be changed or amended in the future?

A Yes. The City Plan is a living document and provides the basis for moving forward with the new strategic framework for the city and a clearer and strengthened regulatory framework.

Councillors recognise that future amendments can be made to the plan, after consultation, to address changing community needs and planning requirements. This process can begin as soon as the plan is adopted.

Council recognises that there may already be matters that the community would like to address further. It is necessary, however, for the new draft plan to be adopted and to have commenced before further amendments can formally begin.

Q Does the draft City Plan provide for population growth in a balanced way?

A Under the SEQ Regional Plan and State Planning Policy, Council must demonstrate that its planning scheme accommodates the projected population growth for the City and caters for the diverse range of housing needs of its projected demographic,

economic and social profile. The City Plan responds to population growth demands highlighted in the land supply review as well as responding to the housing requirements outlined in the Redlands Housing Strategy.

The urban footprint of the city reflects the current planning scheme, with the inclusion of the Local Development Plan at Victoria Point (between Bunker Road and Double Jump Road) identified in the SEQ Regional Plan. An additional area at the corner of Double Jump Road and Redland Bay Road consolidates this footprint.

Q How does it protect the natural environment?

A The draft City Plan protects the natural environment through a combination of zones and overlays. The Conservation Zone predominantly covers only publicly owned properties but also includes some private properties on the islands and the mainland that have significant drainage constraints preventing future development. The Environmental Management Zone applies to some privately owned properties within the urban footprint that have identified environmental values.

While zones identify potential future land uses, overlays are used to manage future land uses in order to avoid, minimise or mitigate environmental impacts.

For example, in the rural part of the City, privately owned properties are all in the Rural Zone. The Environmental Significance overlay is then used to identify where environmental values exist. This means that uses that are expected in the non-urban area - for example a house, agriculture or a bed and breakfast - are not required to lodge a planning application. Instead, a planning application is required if they seek to clear a certain amount of vegetation. In this way, it regulates the environmental impact of the use (the clearing), and not the use itself.

Q How is heritage addressed in the draft City Plan?

A The draft City Plan carries across the local heritage-listed properties from the current planning scheme.

Q How has City Plan improved design outcomes?

A The current planning scheme includes performance outcomes for building design. However, Council's current ability to apply these provisions is limited by the corresponding "deemed to comply" acceptable outcomes. In some instances, these provisions have resulted in developments that meet design outcomes, without really having to present good design.

The new draft City Plan removes the acceptable outcomes, which unlocks Council's ability to seek good built-form design. Additionally, the performance outcomes that are contained within the relevant zone codes are written to be clearer and more specific.

Q How will it ensure that minimum lot sizes are applied?

A Following the submission review, Council decided to maintain the lot sizes for residential zones identified in the draft City Plan but to move these into the performance and overall outcomes. This means that any development application proposing lots less than the minimum lot size for that zone will be in conflict with the planning scheme. Councillors also directed that the minimum frontage be 10m in the Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR) Zone. For setbacks, Council decided to increase the front setback for assessable development in the LMDR Zone and the Character Residential Zone (on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands).

Should Council wish to amend these minimum lot sizes, frontages, setbacks or site coverage in the future, this can only be done through major amendment to the City Plan, which must include a minimum period of public consultation.



Light shines on MY HORIZON

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I am pleased to have played a role in facilitating this new centre, which provides so much support. It's a place where everyone can feel accepted.

*Cr Murray Elliott
Division 7 (Alexandra Hills,
Capalaba, Thornlands)*

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The crew at Myhorizon's new community and education centre would love Redlanders to pop in and say g'day.

The expansive multimillion-dollar facility on land leased from Council next to Capalaba's Redland IndigiScapes Centre is now fully operational, nearly 36 years since Myhorizon was formed in the Redlands by a group of parents who wanted to create a better life for children with disabilities through education, employment and community connection.

"We encourage people to come down and see the place, have

a coffee at our café or stop for lunch," Marketing Communications Manager Stephanie Campbell says.

"We even have a coffee cart out the front from 5.30am, so if you are travelling along Redland Bay Road on your way to work, call in and get a cup."

The public café at the heart of this multi-functional centre is called The Bush Pantry, which is fitting given its idyllic surrounds with views over IndigiScapes' natural landscape.

"The outlook here is pretty spectacular," Stephanie says.

Catering through The Bush Pantry and its adjoining commercial

kitchen is expected to drive employment opportunities, with the centre also offering top-class corporate conference facilities. Weddings and other functions are also on the cards, with plans to host special community events for occasions such as Easter and Mothers' Day.

It all generates income which goes back into supporting people with disabilities.

The centre's social enterprise employment program currently employs about 30 people with disabilities, mainly through a mail and packaging service which handles an eclectic mix of contracts from corporate printing to loading showbags.

The complex also includes the Ian McDougall Centre, named after the late Redlands philanthropist whose trust has supported a range of local causes. The Ian McDougall Trust made a \$450,000 donation to the early intervention centre.

This is a wondrous place for youngsters, where therapy merges with colourful and sensory play areas through the Baby Bridges program and where the parents of children with disabilities in remote

Take care of your home these holidays

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- Inform a trusted friend or neighbour of your trip and leave them your contact details.
- Try to make your home and property look lived in – cancel deliveries, leave lights on timers and ask a neighbour to collect your mail and bring in rubbish bins.
- Clear your garden of tools, ladders and bricks that could be used to break in.
- Do not leave a message on your answering machine telling people you're on holidays.
- Ensure all of your doors and windows are locked. Don't leave a key hidden outside.
- Do not leave your car keys in the house if your car is parked in the garage or driveway. Take them with you or give them to a trusted friend or neighbour.

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areas can connect with therapists and find support “live” via Skype.

In partnership with QUT, some magical play zones are being installed and, thanks to a Council grant, a Gymzoonasium program will soon begin, which uses animal-inspired movements to help develop youngsters’ motor skills.

Myhorizon CEO Joe Gamblin says the new centre reflects the organisation’s commitment to continuing its important work in the region.

“Redland City is expected to see a significant increase in the number of people accessing disability support services when the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolls out in July next year,” Joe says.

“Our enhanced facilities mean we now have capacity to meet future demand for our employment and training, support coordination, plan management, independent living and early intervention support services, as well as a suitable location for our burgeoning social enterprises to operate out of, providing meaningful employment opportunities for more than 30 people with disability.

“The inclusion of our community café The Bush Pantry, and public hire spaces for conferences, events, and weddings overlooking natural bushland with connecting walkways to Council’s IndigiScapes Centre, completes our vision for the project.

“The centre has been designed with the intent of bringing our diverse Redlands community together, a reflection of Myhorizon’s mission: uplifting individual lives by creating connected communities”.



Special ACHIEVERS

A very passionate bunch of Redland athletes will soon be keenly representing the city on the national and Queensland stages.

They are among 98 members of Special Olympics Redlands, many of whom each week strive to compete at the highest level of their chosen sports.

Club secretary Helen Wiseman says five Redlands region athletes have been chosen to compete at the Special Olympics Junior Nationals on the Gold Coast in July, with most of its members vying for national selection at the state titles on the Sunshine Coast at the end of April.

Helen says the region’s Special Olympics club gives athletes with disabilities the enjoyment of participating in weekly sports sessions with their peers while preparing those for higher competition.

“Special Olympics complements the busy lifestyles of the athletes, many of whom, work, study and volunteer during the week,” Helen says.

“The athletes train with Special Olympic coaches once or twice a week and many of our swimming athletes train every day in mainstream squads.

“In Queensland, especially, it is so important for everyone

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Redland City Council provides financial assistance to individuals and organisations, helping them run projects that benefit the local community. Since 2009, Council has awarded more than 1000 grants totalling more than \$5 million.

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to be able to enjoy our sporting lifestyle, promoting good health and wellbeing. Our Redlands region athletes with intellectual disabilities are an absolute inspiration.”

Redland City Council is proud to support the organisation and has urged residents to get behind the athletes as they raise funds to support their sporting dreams in events as diverse as swimming, soccer, basketball, golf, bocce and 10-pin bowling.

If you would like more information about Redlands Region Special Olympics, you can contact Helen at helenwiseman@me.com.

Report Graffiti Online with Vandal Trak

Every holiday season we see a spike in incidences of graffiti and vandalism. It’s not unique to the Redlands, but we can all help discourage and reduce this behaviour by reporting it promptly, preferably within 24 hours.

Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers (often the primary motive) and reduces the likelihood of further vandalism.

Online form

Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au where you can register for Vandal Trak, Council’s graffiti reporting system. Select **Report graffiti** from the **Fast find** right hand menu bar.

Or go directly to www.vandaltrak.com.au and register as a user on their website.

Once registered, you can then log details and location of the graffiti, upload a photo and complete your request.

Smartphone App

Download your free Mobile App at the Vandal Trak website www.vandaltrak.com.au.

When using the App, simply take a photo of the graffiti and follow the prompts. You’ll be asked to give a basic description of the tag. Vandal Trak will automatically send your graffiti request to Council.



www.redland.qld.gov.au

www.vandaltrak.com.au

The high life

CAN BE QUITE A CHALLENGE

“ *This is great news for the city and shows confidence in us as a tourism destination.* ”

*Cr Lance Hewlett Division 4
(Victoria Point, Coochiemudlo Island, Redland Bay)*

Check out Tree Top Challenge on TripAdvisor and you will find that expressions such as “awesome”, “amazing”, “fun” and “fantastic” dominate.

They are superlatives that owner of the family business Max Taylor says will define his latest Tree Tops Challenge venture in Eprapah Reserve at Victoria Point, which was recently approved by Redland City Council.

Max says the area’s stunning diversity will make the Redlands high-ropes adventure park a “totally different” experience to his two Gold Coast “challenges” at Mount Tamborine and Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary.

“Eprapah has wetlands and very nice rainforest with some very big trees ... it will be high and very exciting,” he says.

Max says the adventure park, off Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, will be similar to Mt Tamborine’s, Australia largest of its type, with about 80 challenges initially and plans for up to 120, including kids’ courses.

“We will have the whole range up in the trees – ladders, ziplines, Nepalese suspended bridges,” he explains.

“It will open access to Eprapah’s pristine bushland without damaging the environment. We are very pedantic about protecting the environment.

“We use arborists to identify the trees to which we attach the wires and platforms.”



Plant a tree

Koala Community Planting

Sunday 2 April 2017, 9am – 11am

Join us for our annual Koala Community Planting in the Coolnwynpin Creek Corridor Koala Nature Refuge. Come dressed as your favourite Superhero for the chance to win prizes as we put 2000 plants in the ground! Stay after the planting, for a sausage sizzle and take a free native plant home with you.

- Where:** Coolnwynpin Creek Corridor Koala Nature Refuge 32–34 Smith St, Capalaba
- Bring:** Enclosed shoes, sun protection & drinking water
- Provided:** Plants, equipment, sunscreen, gloves & sausage sizzle.

The Koala Coast Habitat Enhancement Project is a partnership with Healthy Land & Water and RCC. Supported by 20 Million Trees funding from the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.

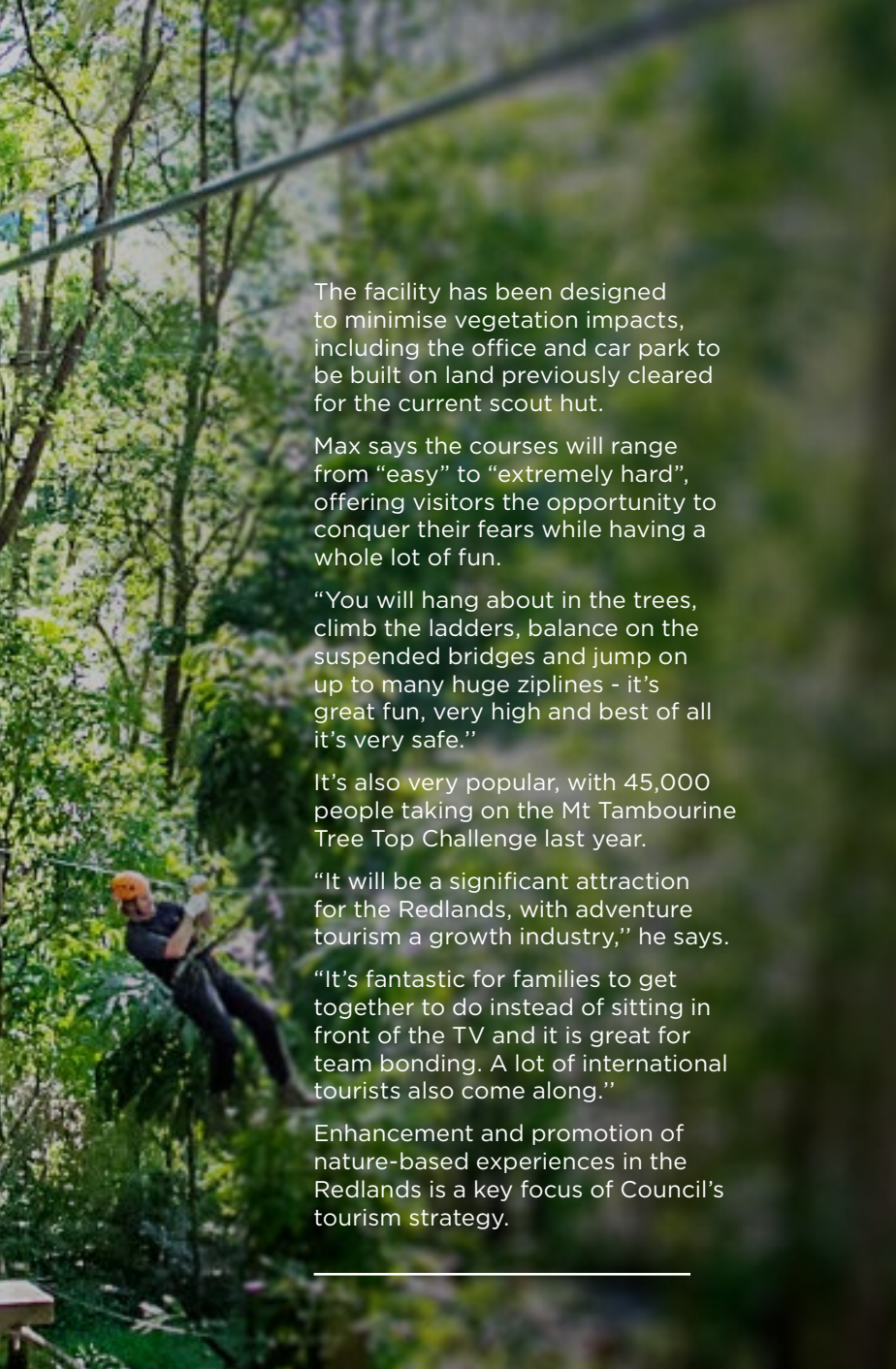


Become a koala superhero for a day



Redlands IndigiScapes Centre





The facility has been designed to minimise vegetation impacts, including the office and car park to be built on land previously cleared for the current scout hut.

Max says the courses will range from “easy” to “extremely hard”, offering visitors the opportunity to conquer their fears while having a whole lot of fun.

“You will hang about in the trees, climb the ladders, balance on the suspended bridges and jump on up to many huge ziplines - it’s great fun, very high and best of all it’s very safe.”

It’s also very popular, with 45,000 people taking on the Mt Tambourine Tree Top Challenge last year.

“It will be a significant attraction for the Redlands, with adventure tourism a growth industry,” he says.

“It’s fantastic for families to get together to do instead of sitting in front of the TV and it is great for team bonding. A lot of international tourists also come along.”

Enhancement and promotion of nature-based experiences in the Redlands is a key focus of Council’s tourism strategy.



PADDLE POWER

Enjoying the natural wonders of Moreton Bay is about to become much easier in the Redlands.

Redland City Council is planning an all-tide canoe and kayak launch site at Raby Bay Esplanade Park. It is part of Council’s long-term plans to improve access to the bay.

Currently, most of the Redlands’ canoe and kayak launch points are informal and only allow access to the water for about an hour either side of high tide.

Responding to widespread support from local canoeists and

kayakers, Raby Bay Esplanade Park was identified as an ideal spot for an all-tide pontoon.

The pontoon is planned for near the entrance to the most western canal in Raby Bay, with access via Raby Esplanade.

The proposed design, which recently went out for public consultation, caters for kayaks and canoes up to 6m long and allows paddlers to embark and disembark when the tide is running.

Redlands
Good Gardening Expo

Saturday 25 March 2017

10am to 3pm - IndigiScapes, Capalaba
composting recycling weed advice workshops and
demonstrations kids activities and much more!

FREE ENTRY

Parking available on Runnymede and Lyndon Roads.

Check the website for full program and more information:

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Beneath the surface

CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT

The vital signs of almost 600 of Moreton Bay's inshore reefs have been checked thanks to the efforts of volunteers

A dedicated band of "citizen scientists" has been helping to compile a health report on reefs off the Redlands.

They have joined with experts on a two-year collaborative study, checking on hundreds of reef sites to provide a critical update on how they are faring.

Members of Reef Check Australia, they have worked with researchers from the University of Queensland and Healthy Waterways and Catchments to update the map of Moreton Bay's coral habitats.

The project, partly funded by Redland City Council, has helped fill a decade-long gap since the last detailed assessment of the Bay's coral habitats.

Redlander Angela Little said she drew great satisfaction from being part of the Reef Check team.

"Reef Check is a group of passionate people from all different backgrounds, not just scientists, and being part of a

team that is working towards a common goal makes you feel part of a community," Angela said.

"The fact that the reefs are just off my doorstep allowed me to feel a connection to what we were doing.

"These rocky reef systems are truly unique, and are clearly under pressure and knowing that I was working on a project that will ultimately support management of this natural resource was hugely satisfying."

Manly resident Douglas Stetner said he was amazed by the extent of coral on the inshore reefs in Moreton Bay.

"I am also proud to know that I have contributed to the data scientists and government use to make the decisions to protect our environment," he said.

The Benthic Inventory of Reefal Areas in Central Moreton Bay report is critical for managing the coral reefs off the Redlands.

Reef Check Australia spokesperson Jennifer Loder said coral's sensitivity to environmental conditions and proximity to rapidly growing population meant it was increasingly important to understand these habitats and monitor change.

She said the Remote Sensing Research Centre used previous studies, including data from 2004 and high-resolution satellite images, to identify key locations for the Reef Check volunteers to conduct spot checks to validate mapping.

"The volunteers then visited more than 600 sites across the Bay to record data about reef composition," she said.



Photos: Gary Cranitch and Reef Check Australia

“Moreton Bay has distinctive and interesting reefs with a mix of tropical and cool-water species, right on the doorstep of a major population centre.

“Understanding reef extent and condition helps to ensure that collectively we can make the best decisions about how to look after these unique habitats and the life that depends on them.”

UQ researcher Dr Chris Roelfsema said the new maps could not be directly compared with previous maps to measure change due to improved technology.

“However, results broadly indicate there has not been major change in reefal extent in Moreton Bay and, importantly, create a revised baseline for future comparison,” Dr Roelfsema said.

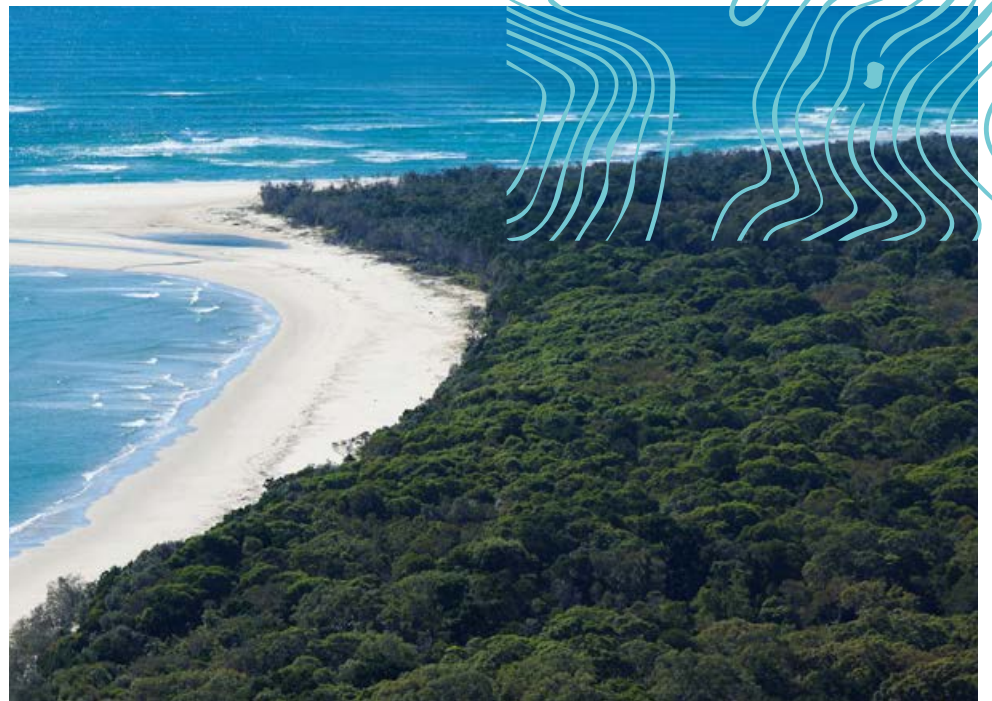
“The project also documented some new reef areas, not previously mapped, including on the north-western side of Peel Island.”

Healthy Waterways and Catchments CEO Julie McLellan said the data would now contribute directly to its annual report card on the health of the region’s waterways.

If you would like to become involved with Reef Check, visit www.reefcheckaustralia.org

“*Projects such as this are vital to ensuring we can properly look after magnificent Moreton Bay.*”

Cr Paul Golle, Division 3 (Cleveland South, Thornlands)



Protecting our coastline

COASTAL ADAPTATION STRATEGY

The Redlands has 220km of coastline that is constantly changing with the wind, waves and tides. These changes can affect how our city functions, and may impact the wellbeing of our communities.

Managing coastal areas that are vulnerable to erosion is a priority for Redland City Council, which has drafted a Coastal Adaptation Strategy to help manage our changing shoreline in a sustainable way.

The draft strategy identifies 44 locations at risk of coastal erosion and proposes management solutions for each site.

We want to know what you value about these locations and whether the proposed solutions will preserve these values. Visit redlnd.cc/yoursayprojects to share your thoughts or view the strategy.

One of the most dramatic examples of shoreline erosion in the Redlands is at Amity Point, with survey mapping records showing a steady retreat of the foreshore since 1886.

As the South Passage between Moreton Island and North Stradbroke Island has realigned over the past century, the Rainbow Channel has migrated towards the shore at Amity Point and caused significant erosion.

Since the township was founded in the 19th century, Amity has proven itself as a resilient, resourceful community, using various materials to defend the foreshore.

Despite best efforts, significant areas of land have been lost to the sea over the years, including the tavern and the racecourse, and the settlement has been forced about 100 metres inland from where it was first established.





Graffiti GONE

Redlanders are being urged to report graffiti to ensure it can be swiftly erased.

A Council spokesperson said vigilance and notifying Council via the VandalTrak app were the keys to minimising the impact of such vandalism.

“Assistance from residents recently led to two graffiti vandals being dealt with by authorities,” the spokesperson said.

“Such vigilance helps Council and police to respond quickly to graffiti attacks and boosts the chances of identifying and convicting offenders.

“By using VandalTrak, you can report graffiti at the click of a button.”

To download the handy VandalTrak app visit www.vandaltrak.com.au.

You also can call or text **Graffiti Stop** on **1300 472 334** or email: graffiti@redland.qld.gov.au.

Trail Blazers

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Council’s conservation crews work closely with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services in managing the city’s 10,000 hectares of conservation land and 150km of fire access trails.

*Cr Mark Edwards
Division 5
(Redland Bay, Southern
Moreton Bay Islands)*

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If you laid the fire access trails Redland City Council maintains end to end it would stretch from Cleveland 150km south across the border into northern New South Wales.

Add to this the 10,000 hectares of conservation land maintained by Council’s conservation crews and it becomes clear that maintaining our nature reserves and fire access trails is a year-round job.

Senior Conservation Officer Rory House says Council has 26 fire-trained staff drawn from areas across Council who apply their considerable knowledge of fire management to undertake prescribed burns and, when required, respond to wildfires.

“We have a team of fire fighters with significant skills and backgrounds,” Rory says.

“To make sure our conservation land is maintained and the fire risk is reduced, we have an annual maintenance schedule across all islands and the mainland.

“We work closely with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and look at the state hazard mapping, burn history, fuel loads and vegetation types to design the annual plan and schedule of prescribed burns

to manage the risk between our conservation areas and local properties.

“It is a tough job but when we get residents thanking us for the work we do it is worth it.

“We regularly get positive feedback from the community when they see us out and about, which gives the team a huge boost.”

But the science that guides the city’s conservation team isn’t just about removing vegetation and fuel loads. It is equally about planting the right plants in the right locations to manage future fire risk and maintain conservation reserve values.

Rory says the team is actively involved in removing invasive species and since 2005-06 has planted almost 680,000 plants, not only helping to green the Redlands but also to provide valuable habitat for fauna.

“The process starts with choosing a site to help connect important habitat across the city,” Rory says.

“We have had consultants work with Council officers to map the wildlife habitat networks and corridors and our conservation team has extensive local knowledge of the city’s bushland reserves and excellent botanical knowledge that leads to plantings that replicate the surrounding bushland.

“Included in these plantings are almost 54,000 koala food trees that have been planted over the last 10 years in carefully selected locations, helping provide food, habitat and shelter for our local koalas.”



CLEVELAND REVITALISATION

Seven-day makeover

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 11 April

Seven-day Makeover information night. Watch www.redlandqld.gov.au for details.

Toondah boost

Toondah Harbour has been granted Tourism Major Project Facilitation (TMPF) status by the Federal Tourism Minister Steven Ciobo in recognition that it is a nationally significant tourism project.

The re-development represents unrivalled tourism potential, as well as cultural and economic growth opportunities for our community.

Toondah Harbour provides the opportunity to innovate, attract and grow tourism to North Stradbroke Island, following the cessation of sand mining in 2019.

A revitalised harbour is expected to encourage more than 49,000 additional visitors to the region every year. This could equate to an additional \$21 million in tourism revenue.

It also is expected to support about 1000 construction-related jobs each year during the construction phase, and approximately 500 jobs each year post-construction.

As the first step in the environmental approval process, the proponent, Walker Group Holdings, referred the project to the Federal Environment Minister to determine whether the action requires approval under federal environment law.

The timeframe for the minister's decision on the project referral has been extended to 17 July this year.

The face of Cleveland is about to undergo a seven-day makeover to make the CBD more attractive to locals and visitors.

It is being led by internationally renowned placemaker David Engwicht, who will challenge traders to reshape the city heart.

“What we would like to achieve is a more vibrant and prosperous CBD, with a feeling that the CBD is the civic heart of the community, a place to hang out and relax,” says David, who has been brought in by Redland City Council as part of its CBD revitalisation program.

“If the CBD is to compete with the regional shopping centres, it has to reinvent itself and offer more than just convenience shopping. It has to offer an experience that you can't get at the regional shopping centres.

“This will only happen if the community feels an emotional attachment to the town centre and if retailers band together to offer a unique visitor experience.”

David, a leader in creating vibrant public spaces, says that delivering that emotional attachment and creating positive visitor experience is at the core of his Seven-day Makeover and associated Till Booster program, which aims to show traders how it can benefit their bottom line.

It is about empowering communities to create extraordinary places without, as David puts it, “endless talk ... and on a shoestring budget”.

The Seven-day Makeover, from 6-12 May, will be driven by volunteer traders. And already

the Cleveland Library has agreed to get into the spirit and will be spilling out into the square with chairs, books and activities.

“Volunteers will do an audit of the town centre and then generate ideas to make it a better place to visit. They will form into project teams and implement the ideas that appeal to them most,” says David, who is also credited with pioneering the concept of the Walking School Bus and Neighbourhood Pace Car.

“In one town in New Zealand, we took out some old park benches and replaced them with giant decks under the trees. In Mildura, we put up outdoor table-tennis tables, installed sculptures, and created a bridge that children loved to cross.”

SECURITY HOME-ASSIST

Redland Home Assist Secure is supporting a trial on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands to help its clients live securely in their homes.

Through the initiative, the Council service is working with police, Neighbourhood Watch and Crime Stoppers to ensure residents aged over 60 years or who have a disability have suitable security and are using it properly. It follows an increase in break-ins through security doors.

“Most people have security doors but, because it’s easy, many just use the snib latch to secure the door. But for the security door to work to its maximum potential, it needs to be key locked,” a spokesperson said. “It’s the same with window and patio bolts.”

Door shields are a cost-effective deterrent. The shield is attached near the handle on a security screen fitted with flymesh to prevent someone cutting through the mesh and unlocking the door from the inside. From April, clients of Redland Home Assist Secure can have a door shield kit supplied and fitted for just \$9 (program eligibility criteria applies). Home Assist Secure also works collaboratively with the police to do household security assessments. To check eligibility, call (07) 3383 3030 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.



REDLAND ART GALLERY



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26 MARCH – 7 MAY

LOLA GREENO: CULTURAL JEWELS

Internationally respected, Tasmanian Indigenous artist Lola Greeno’s award winning talent in shell-working is magnificently displayed in this solo exhibition of 50 highly visual and textual works, each uniquely championing the traditions and culture of the Indigenous women of Tasmania’s Cape Barren and Flinders Islands. The exhibition’s overarching theme is storytelling; of the meticulous crafting of stories of cultural knowledge, natural beauty, ancient traditions, and connectedness with her island home. Also about modern issues – contemporary sculptural works that feature are part of Greeno’s response to her concerns for the environmental future of shell stringing in northern Tasmania.

Lola Greeno: Cultural Jewels is an Object Gallery touring exhibition and is part of the Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft series.



OPENING EVENT

6.30pm Friday 24 March
Free events, all welcome!

FLOOR TALK AND MORNING TEA

10.30am Sunday 26 March
Join us for morning tea and hear from Diane Moon, Curator, Indigenous Fibre Art, QAGOMA.



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18 MARCH – 2 MAY

PERCEIVE/CONCEIVE: LEIGH SCHOENHEIMER

In her exhibition *Perceive/Conceive* artist Leigh Schoenheimer plays with ideas of visual representation and interpretation. Drawing on the idea that many audiences continue to be confounded by abstraction and the conceptual approaches that have since followed, Schoenheimer sets out to demonstrate the difference between ‘seeing’ and ‘knowing’ a subject. Through her storyboard format, Schoenheimer’s work offers a visual explanation for the alternative logic of abstraction and post-modern approaches to art making. Each artwork is, in effect, a short lesson on the evolution of Modernism.

FLOOR TALK AND LIGHT LUNCH

12noon Thursday 30 March
Join us for a light lunch and hear from Leigh Schoenheimer.

Images (Left to right): Lola Greeno, *Warrener necklace* 2014, warrener shells and wire. Photography by John Lemming and courtesy of the artist. Leigh Schoenheimer, *Ways of Seeing/Ways of Knowing: Gumnuts with African Head* 2016, oil on ply. Courtesy of the artist.

Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland
Cnr Middle and Bloomfield Streets,
Cleveland Q 4163

Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba
Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street,
Capalaba Q 4157

For opening hours visit:
artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au
Admission free
Tel: (07) 3829 8899 or email:
galleries@redland.qld.gov.au



Redland Art Gallery is an initiative of Redland City Council, dedicated to the late Eddie Santagiuliana



Nanook's special gift

Redlanders Sandy and Gavin Devine always knew their dog, Nanook, was special.

But even they are amazed by the healing powers of their very cuddly Alaskan malamute, who loves his work as a volunteer therapy dog.

Gavin said Nanook's volunteering started with the Delta Society about two years ago, a heartwarming program that brings the joys of animal companionship to those who need it most.

Good-natured Nanook loved it and has since extended his volunteering to the Children's Hospital Foundation.

"Nanook's first placement was with the Redlands Residential Care Unit in Cleveland, meeting some of our local aged-care folk and also visiting the two dementia wards and trying to make a difference to their day," Gavin recalled.

"We sometimes just sit and chat and sometimes just have a pat or cuddle with Nanook. We visit the care unit every second Saturday and can see up to 50 residents."

Sandy, a Redland City Council officer, said she and Gavin were thrilled when Nanook was invited to join the pet therapy team at the Lady

Cilento Children's Hospital early last year. "We visit the hospital every Thursday night, and have some very special moments," she said.

The Devines said Nanook thrives on interacting with people and brings obvious joy to those he meets.

"We try to get out and about and share Nanook's love and cuddles and just get people to smile and enjoy life," Gavin said.

Find out more about volunteering at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Go to "Environment and Sustainability".

Our wonderful band of volunteers help make the Redlands such a great place to live.

*Cr Paul Gleeson
Division 9 (Capalaba)*

Caring for Straddie

Enjoy beautiful North Stradbroke Island these holidays!

Get in touch with the Redlands Visitor Information Centre to find out more and to book your accommodation ☎ **1300 667 386**.

Tips for a great stay

- Be mindful of community values and respect Quandamooka Country, its land, culture, people and values
- Protect the natural vegetation and don't litter
- Observe road rules, boating rules, camping ground rules, fire restrictions and warning signs
- Be mindful of your personal safety and keep your personal belongings secure

If staying at a holiday home

- Keep to maximum occupancy numbers
- Park in the spaces provided to you
- Dispose of your waste and recycling correctly
- Respect your neighbours – minimise loud noise

If holidaying with pets

- Keep an eye on your dogs for the safety of others and wildlife (especially wallabies and koalas), and always walk them on a lead
- Feel free to use the dog off-leash areas at Skatebowl Park at Dunwich and Home Beach at Point Lookout

Thanks and enjoy your stay!

#straddieanyday



www.redland.qld.gov.au



CELEBRATION *of* CULTURE

National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June celebrates two major milestones this year – the 50th and 25th anniversaries of the 1967 referendum and the Mabo decision, respectively.

In the lead-up to the week, themed 'Let's take the next steps', the Redlands is hosting a diverse program of indigenous-themed exhibitions, films and performances.

They will set the scene for an exciting National Reconciliation Week program in Quandamooka country. Here are some of highlights:

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Redlanders will be treated to a wonderful celebration of our rich cultural heritage leading up to National Reconciliation Week

Cr Tracey Huges, Division 8 (Birkdale South, Alexandra Hills North, Ormiston, Wellington Point)

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**Lola Green: Cultural Jewels
26 March to 7 May**

Redland Art Gallery Cleveland

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**Jarjums Life Museum
6 May to 20 June**

Redland Art Gallery Capalaba

You won't see dinosaurs, butterflies, king's crowns or queen's capes in this museum, which has been made by children – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander jarjums. Intertwining exploration, visual arts, storytelling, photography, soundscapes and culture, *Jarjums Life Museum* is a collection of original works documenting the lives of their creators. You can explore the experiences, ideas and dreams of two distinct communities – the coastal mob of Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) and the urban mob of Hymba Yumba Community Place.

**My Country, I still
call Australia Home
14 May – 25 June**

Redland Art Gallery Cleveland

My Country, I Still Call Australia Home: Contemporary Art from Black Queensland is the latest Queensland Gallery of Modern Art exhibition to travel throughout regional Queensland. The touring version of *My Country* features more than 25 works by 20 artists, including paintings, sculptures, fibre art, prints and photography which explore the history, contemporary issues and geographic country of Queensland's Indigenous peoples.

**Nandeebie Dreemz
14 May – 25 June**

Redland Performing Arts Centre

Nandeebie Dreemz presents the work and stories of first nations peoples from around the world. Curated by Tamara Whyte, it runs in conjunction with Nandeebie Screen, an eclectic mix of short and feature films, documentaries and digital arts screenings at Redland Performing Arts Centre (20 – 21 May), culminating with a winter solstice community screening on Coochiemudlo Island.



Keep the mozzies away this summer

Mosquito breeding season has begun. Council conducts regular ground and aerial treatments throughout the Redlands, including the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. Mosquito treatment is safe for you and the environment.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites by wearing long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing, using personal insect repellent and avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk.

Manage mosquitoes around your home by emptying water from household items such as pot plant bases, boats, unscreened rainwater tanks, unchlorinated swimming pools, blocked roof gutters, bird baths and old tyres.

It is peak
Mosquito
breeding
season



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To learn more visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes or 3829 8999



Nadeebie Screen
20 May - 21 May

Redland Performing Arts Centre

From locally produced pieces to works from the Pacific, Americas, Arctic Circle and the deserts of the Sahara, Nadeebie Screen is an eclectic mix of short and feature films, documentaries and digital arts screenings together in Nadeebie (Cleveland) on the lands of the Quandamooka people. It explores the themes of science, eldership, art resistance, ceremony, gender fluidity, virtual reality while paying homage to modern day icons.

For more about National reconciliation Week and what's on, go to

- reconciliation.org.au/nrw/
- artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au
- rpac.com.au



CREATIVE COOCHIE

Artists and artisans have long been drawn to the quiet life on Coochiemudlo Island, making it a top spot to visit for some creative inspiration or pick up something special.

There are Coochie Handmade markets throughout the year, an initiative of island artisans who craft all manner of products for the home, body and soul.

Fibre artists, jewellers, ceramicists, candle-makers and painters work hard all year to provide art hunters with a chance to escape the rush of the shopping centre and head to Coochie to select gifts in a more relaxed environment, with food, views and sea breezes.

Coochie is just a seven-minute ferry ride from Victoria Point on the mainland and lunch at the café is a treat.

Here's a couple of top island events to mark on your calendar:

MAY Coochie Handmade
13 Mother's Day

Leave it all to Coochie's artisans to create something special for your mum. Choose from a special selection of gifts, including fibre art, ceramics, paintings, books, tableware, jewellery, candles and more, handmade with love by Coochiemudlo Island's artists.

JUNE Coochie Handmade
24 Winter

To celebrate the winter solstice - the shortest day of the year - the Coochie Handmade crew will be back with practical and beautiful fibre art for the home, hand-forged sterling silver jewellery, highly detailed beaded wearable creations, island-inspired art and more.

Info: www.visitcoochiemudlo.com

WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



STIMELA
The Gumboot Musical

A unique and high-energy South African musical story.

SAT 8 APR, 8PM • SUN 9 APR, 6PM
TICKETS: \$25 - \$45



NANDEEBIE SCREEN

Indigenous film festival featuring films from first nations at home and around the world.

SAT 20 - SUN 21 MAY
DAYTIME AND EVENING SCREENINGS



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR SHOW

One of the most famous children's books of all time live on stage. Based on Eric Carle's books.

WED 7 JUNE, 10:30AM & 1PM
TICKETS: \$18 - \$22



Bookings: **3829 8131**
 or www.rpac.com.au

Booking fees: \$4.10 per transaction by phone; \$3 per ticket online



YOUR CHANCE TO WIN TICKETS



Revered singer-songwriter Damien Leith (*Australian Idol*) revisits the music of Roy Orbison in 2017 with a massive regional tour of *ROY - A Tribute to Roy Orbison*, which commemorates 30 years since Orbison was inducted into the Rock 'n' Roll and Songwriters' Hall of Fame.

To be in the draw to win a double pass to the show at Redland Performing Arts Centre on Friday 12 May at 8pm (valued at \$120), email competitions@rpac.com.au and put *ROY* as the title. In the email include your name and daytime contact number. Entries close 10am on Friday 21 April. One entry per person and per email address. Winners will be contacted by RPAC.



Expo offers **TOP TIPS** *for the lazy gardener*

Diversity is key to sustainable gardening, according to garden guru Kate Wall who will be a special guest at this year's Redlands Good Gardening Expo.

The consulting gardener and *Garden Drum* blogger, pictured left, will give two presentations on how to get your garden thriving without breaking your back or the bank.

"I'll be discussing how we can work with nature instead of against it," Kate says.

"It is about reducing the need for pesticides, herbicides and chemical fertilisers ... sustainable gardening for the lazy gardener."

Kate will have plenty of tips for getting Redlands gardens into top shape regardless of the style.

"First and most important is to have as diverse a range of plants in the gardens as possible to attract beneficial insects," she says.

"Lots of different flowers are great, whether you have a native, veggie or exotic garden."

Kate, a member of Redland Organic Growers Inc who has run a private gardening business ever since

co-ordinating a volunteer group to restore more than 100 gardens destroyed by the 2011 Brisbane floods, is passionate about teaching gardeners how to be successful without the need for chemicals.

"Sustainable gardening is about using less poison and less time, letting nature do the work for you by being your pest control team," she said.

"It's about soil care and being water efficient - all within climate-appropriate means."

The Redlands Good Gardening Expo is at Council's IndigiScapes centre, Runnymede Road, Capalaba, from 10am-3pm on Saturday 25 March. Entry is free. You will find a wealth of gardening information from how to grow your own organic food to creating wildlife habitats with native plants, as well as composting, worm farming, mulching and how to recycle your green waste.

There also will be plenty of food and music to keep you entertained.

Redlands
**Good
Gardening
Expo**



Helping *Straddie*

School holidays are busy times on North Stradbroke Island. While we empty residential bins every Monday, our truck can't empty bins that are overflowing. Please take excess rubbish and recyclables to the waste

transfer station on East Coast Road, Myora (1.3km from the Amity turnoff, on the way to Dunwich).

Open seven days, except Good Friday.
Mon to Fri: 8am - 2pm
Sat & Sun: 7.30am - 3pm

Redland Libraries

Join in the fun,
meet other families
and share in stories,
nursery rhymes, songs
and play activities



A family literacy program aimed at creating stronger language and literacy environments for 0-5's

Find out more at [f/redlandlibraries](https://www.facebook.com/redlandlibraries) and subscribe to Library Events.

For session times and locations visit Council's What's On page or pick up a Library Events Calendar from your local branch.

Family Fun Day, Dunwich

Friday 7 April, 10am – 12pm

Dunwich Hall (next to Library), Ballow Road
A fun morning of stories, craft and activities.

Story Corner

Mondays (except public holidays)

9.30 – 10am

Capalaba Library
Join us for our favourite stories and rhymes (2-5 yrs, siblings welcome).

Baby's Day Out

9.30 – 10am

Tuesday 2 and 30 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 3 and 31 May at Victoria Point Library
Thursday 4 May at Capalaba Library
Introducing the joy of storytelling, using finger rhymes and song (up to 12 mths, siblings welcome).

For session times and more information:
Young Peoples Team

youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au

3843 8031

www.redland.qld.gov.au/library

Chatter Matters

10.30 – 11am

Tuesday 2 and 30 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 3 and 31 May at Victoria Point Library
Thursday 4 May at Capalaba Library
Interactive story sharing, chatter and activities (18 mths – 3 yrs).

Giggle and Wriggle Rhymes

9.30 – 10am

Tuesday 9 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 10 May at Victoria Point Library
Thursday 11 May at Capalaba Library
A music and dance session with action rhymes, singing and stories (1 – 3 yrs).

Tiny Tots Time

9.30 – 10am

Thursday 20 April and 18 May at Capalaba Library
Tuesday 16 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 17 at Victoria Point Library
A morning of bouncing, dancing and rhymes (0 – 2 yrs).

It's Story Time

10.30 – 11am

Thursday 20 April and 18 May at Capalaba Library
Tuesday 16 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 17 at Victoria Point Library
A fun morning of stories (2 – 5 yrs, siblings welcome).

Ready to Read

9.30 – 10am

Thursday 27 April and 25 May at Capalaba Library
Tuesday 23 May at Cleveland Library
Wednesday 24 at Victoria Point Library
A morning of alphabet, counting, colour and singing (18 mths – 4 yrs).

Baby and Me Workshops

Every Friday, 9.30am – 10am

From 5 May – 26 May (4-week program)
at Capalaba Library

Bookings: 3843 8031 (limited spaces available)
Sessions will focus on baby health, development, and emergent literacy (0 – 12 mnths).

The Bug Kidz Insect Show

Monday 10 April, 2.30 – 3.30pm

Redland IndigiScapes Centre
17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba

Bookings: 3824 8611 (limited spaces available)
A musical and theatrical play plus the chance to get up close and personal with some amazing stick insects (0-5 yrs).

Redland Libraries: connecting to you

Visit our pop-up libraries in a park near you!

Monday 3 April, 9.30 – 11am

Fellmonger Park,
97-129 Sturgeon St, Ormiston

Monday 10 April, 9.30 – 11am

Victoria Pt Recreation Reserve,
2 Colburn Ave, Victoria Pt

Storytelling, craft and other activities (up to 5 yrs, older siblings welcome). Bring a hat, sunscreen and water bottle.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday 24 May, 11 – 11.30am

Capalaba, Cleveland and Victoria Point Libraries
Join us as we bring to life Australia children's book *The Cow tripped Over the Moon*.

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