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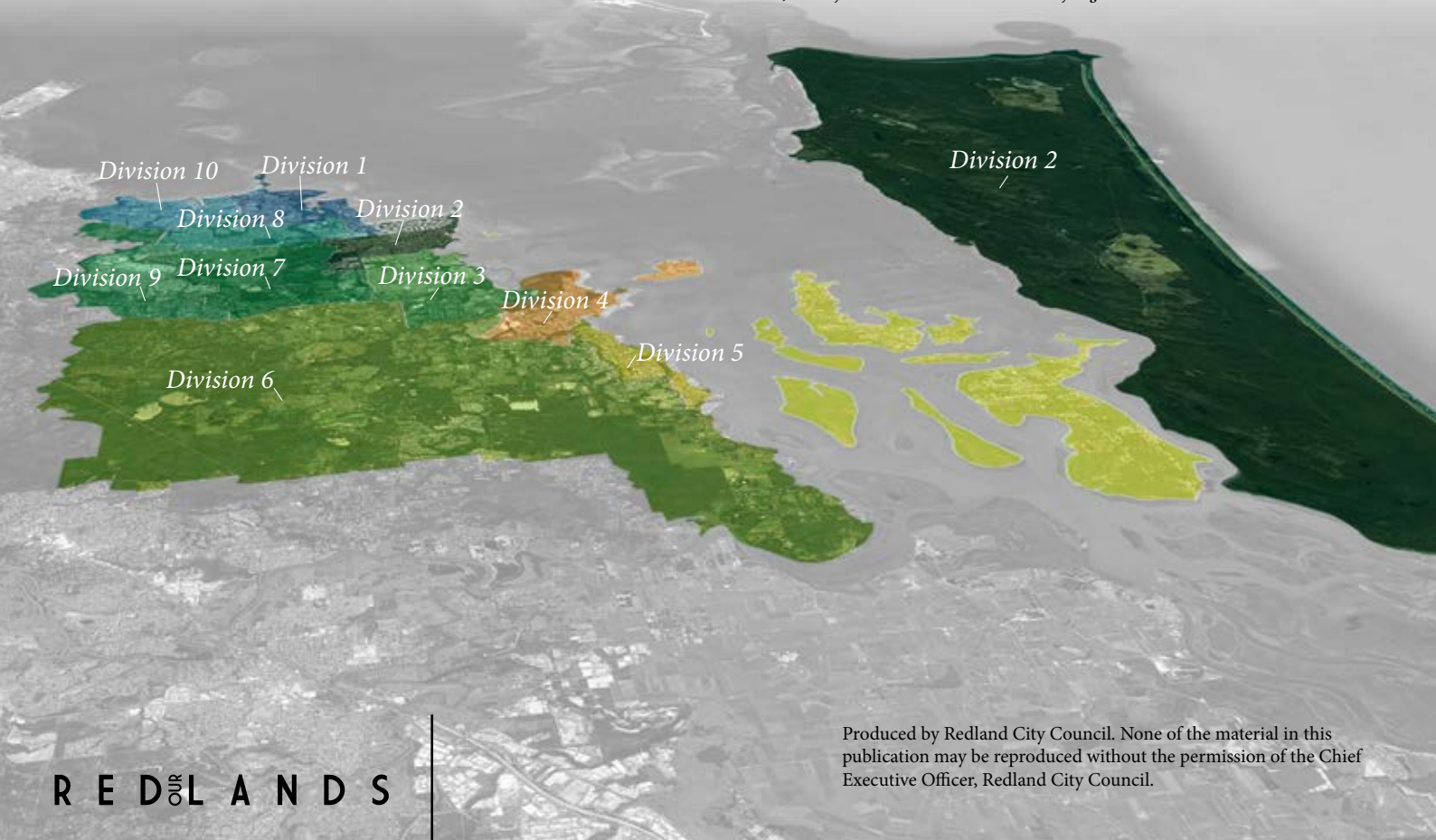
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## Message from the Mayor

Straddie needs our help so I am encouraging all Redlanders to get behind a campaign calling on the State Government to increase the funding for the island's transition from mining.

The end of sand mining in 2019 is just around the corner and North Stradbroke Island desperately needs a significant financial injection to avoid an economic disaster.

The *Don't Leave Straddie Stranded* campaign is championed by Redland City Chamber of Commerce and Straddie Chamber of Commerce and calls on the State Government to provide Straddie with the support it needs. This campaign is targeted at all state parties, candidates and sitting members and asks them to make a public commitment to the funding our community needs.

While the State Government's current economic transition package of \$28 million over three years is a good start, I have consistently said it is not enough. By comparison, Townsville received \$140 million for its new stadium in the wake of the closure of Queensland Nickel.

We estimate there is a total shortfall of more than \$110 million to deliver the projects necessary for Straddie to transition effectively.

These projects include transport and tourism infrastructure that will lay the foundations for a sustainable local economy.

Most of the current State Government commitment is for studies or reports but Straddie needs on-the-ground infrastructure and long-term economic opportunity to ensure our community has the necessary support.

For those of us who don't live on Straddie (including me), please don't think the island's economic future is not your problem. The reality is that if the State Government doesn't provide the funding to upgrade infrastructure, improve public transport and boost tourism, the people and businesses of Redland City will be left to foot the bill.

For every \$1 million needed to be raised through rates to pay for these projects, it would equate to a rate increase of 1.1 percent. If Redland ratepayers had to foot the bill for the \$110 million required, it would mean a rates increase of 120 percent. This is an impost on our city that I am not prepared to wear, so please get behind the campaign, share it on social media, tell your friends and together make the message to all state parties clear: *Don't Leave Straddie Stranded*.

Sign the petition:  
[www.straddiestranded.com.au/](http://www.straddiestranded.com.au/)  
 Like the Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/straddiestranded/](http://www.facebook.com/straddiestranded/)



### Well done Dan

I was thrilled to successfully nominate Redland pioneer Dan Holzapfel for a Blue Care Inspiring Seniors award.

Dan spent most of his working life farming the Redlands with his late sister Una, devoting himself to his community and racking up an impressive list of achievements. A Redland Shire councillor from 1964-1973, he also became president of Cleveland Rotary Club, earning

Rotary International's highest distinction, and served on the Redland Ambulance, Birkdale District National Seniors and Shoreline Probus Club committees, also helping develop the Redlands Museum along the way. He also has been a significant financial contributor to charitable causes, particularly the eradication of polio, which became a passion after a trip to Africa and to stopping domestic and family violence in the Redlands.

# GET ON BOARD

**Do you love the Redlands? Join the crew and share your view. Be part of the city's new image.**

Surfing champion Bede Durbidge is among more than 3200 Redlanders who have been helping to uncover the essence of our city.

For Bede, the Redlands' brand is very much about the people.

"Everyone is very down to earth," he says. "It's a great relaxed lifestyle most people live and I think that's why we all love the place."

Proud locals such as Bede, a passionate Redlands ambassador, have been enlisted to shape the city's future by creating a brand that will show the world why the Redlands is such a great place to live, invest and visit.

And the results gathered so far through research and workshop sessions, online surveys and face-to-face chats have been enlightening, with Redland City Council's project team describing the exercise as "a really exciting experience".

"It has been great to speak with so many Redlanders about how they feel about the city in terms of what our brand should be," they agree.

"We all make a choice on where we live ... and Redlanders are extremely proud of their choice to call Redlands home because it is a place that gives us all something back, through our connection with nature and how close we are to the water, to how friendly, warm and welcoming the people are through to our rich and diverse culture and heritage."

They report that the most common words used by Redlanders to describe what the city means to them is ... relaxed!

The word cloud below offers great insight into locals' view of the Redlands, with "friendly", "the water", "nature", "beautiful", "family" and "peaceful" all rating highly.

The project team, in conjunction with expert brand consultants, is now busy combining everyone's thoughts and feedback to create a framework for the brand for the city.

You can sign-up to the Our Red Lands e-newsletter to stay up-to-date with the project. Also watch yoursay.  
[redland.qld.gov.au/yourredlands](http://redland.qld.gov.au/yourredlands) for your chance to help test the ideas that are being created for our city's new identity.

THE WATER CONVENIENT PEACEFUL  
IT FEELS RIGHT RED SOIL  
FRIENDLY IT CALMS YOU HOME  
HAPPY QUIET TRANQUIL  
SANCTUARY NATURE SAFE FAMILY  
THE VILLAGE FEEL LIFESTYLE COMFORTABLE  
RELAXED TREES BEAUTIFUL  
HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT



“

*I love Straddie for its  
rawness, untouched beauty  
and of course the surf.  
There's no other place in  
the world like Straddie.*

”

Our  
**RED**lands

## 4Sight

**OCCUPATION:** Pro surfer, Elite Program Manager for @surfingaushpc

**HOME BASE:** North Stradbroke Island

**Q1: You could live anywhere in the world, so why the Redlands?**

**A:** It's such a beautiful part of the world. I have been to lots of amazing places around the world but nothing compares to Straddie on a nice day.

**Q2: What is your fondest memory of the Redlands?**

**A:** Probably catching the water taxi to school. Not many kids can say that is how they commuted every day.

**Q3: You have surfed the best breaks across the globe, so how does Straddie compare?**

**A:** Straddie has many different breaks but two of them are world class. When the conditions are right you can score the best waves of your life on the island.

**Q4: What do you think defines the Redlands?**

**A:** I think the people. Everyone is very down to earth and easy going. It's a great relaxed lifestyle most people live and I think that's why we all love the place.





# Paradise found

**Redlands again focus of Hollywood film-makers**

When the makers of the latest DC Comics blockbuster *Aquaman* went searching for a “beautiful lost paradise”, they found it in the Redlands.

In the warmth of a wondrous Straddie winter, the island’s iconic South Gorge, nestled between the southern end of the Gorge Walk and Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club, became the stunning location for their vision of a paradise.

*Aquaman* – a superhero blockbuster starring Jason Momoa in the title role along with Nicole Kidman, Amber Heard and Willem Dafoe - is the latest in an impressive list of big-screen productions to film in the Redlands, following *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Unbroken* in showcasing our patch of paradise to the world.

While the value of such exposure is as immense as it is incalculable, the economic injection of hosting a film shoot involving 250-plus crew and actors is substantial through spending on everything from accommodation and catering to ferry transport.

The makers of *Aquaman*, directed by Australian James Wan, will spend about \$100 million on physical production in Queensland, with a decent slice of that landing in the Redlands during two separate shoots.

The impact can be gauged by the fact more than 250 vehicles were barged on to the island for the production, with locals contacted to help create the set. While shooting of the *Aquaman* scene took just a day, with the stars flying in by helicopter, about 40 crew spent the best part of a fortnight on the island to set up and remove the gear needed, including special effects.

It followed shooting at Amity Point in May, which built on the City’s relationship with major film makers which has been developed over the past five years.

Mayor Karen Williams said Redland City Council had been working closely with Warner Bros Feature



Productions around opportunities for the filming of *Aquaman* to include the Redlands.

“Council worked with Warner Bros Feature Productions for several months on the filming,” Cr Williams said. “We have developed a reputation as a very film-friendly city, with that relationship leading to shoots for a diverse range of films coming to the Redlands. This has come at a good time for Straddie, with sand mining winding down and due to end in 2019. We have to make sure that the economy on the island transitions to other industries so that Straddie isn’t left stranded and film is a great example of a new industry for the island.”

Cr Williams said that with the popularity of DC Comics, *Aquaman* promised to be a real Hollywood blockbuster and Council hoped fans would want to come and see the site of a key part of the *Aquaman* film.

Logistically the Straddie shoot was a major exercise, with Council helping Warner Bros Feature Productions forge relationships with traditional owners, Surf Life Saving Queensland, Marine Parks and locals as well as ensuring all the necessary permits. The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation played a vital role, providing cultural heritage monitoring before and during filming and undertook work at the site to install a temporary track onto the beach so that multimillion-dollar filming equipment could be moved into place.

Quandamooka rangers were involved to help prepare the site and support the crew during filming, and are involved in revegetation activities to help rehabilitate the site. The film makers employed more than 30 locals to do everything from provide cultural advice on the site, undertake security, perform lifeguard duties, and drive just about every crane and forklift on the island.

On the day of shooting, rigid-inflatable craft and jet skis were launched from Main Beach to ensure the safety of cast and crew.

*Aquaman* will open on December 21, next year.

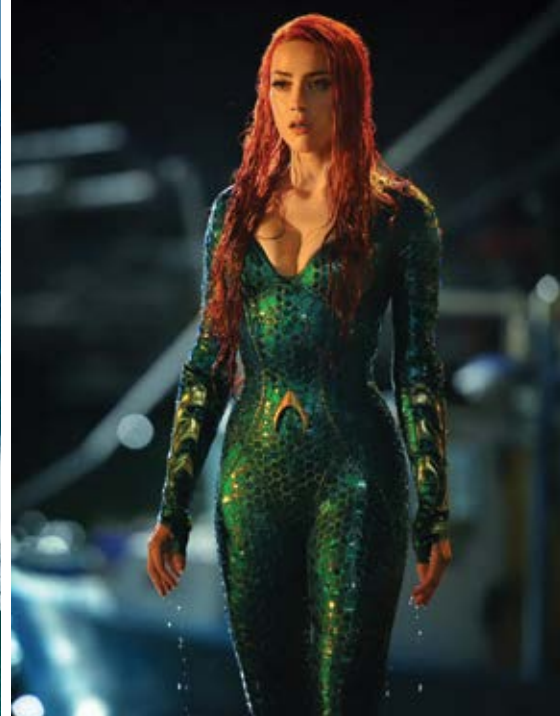
## On the big screen

Recent movies to include shoots in the Redlands

- *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, filmed 2015
- *Unbroken*, filmed 2013
- *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, filmed 2009



Amber Heard as Mera



Jason Momoa as Aquaman





# Are you ready for bushfires?

**Preparing your property for bushfire season is vital for those living in many parts of the Redlands. Here are some tips from Queensland Fire and Emergency Services:**

## Structure

- Clear leaves, twigs, bark and other debris from the roof and gutters.
- Buy and test the effectiveness of gutter plugs.
- Enclose open areas under decks and floors.
- Install fine steel-wire mesh screens on all windows, doors, vents and weep holes.
- Point LPG cylinder relief valves away from the house.
- Conduct maintenance checks on pumps, generators and water systems.
- Seal all gaps in external roof and wall cladding.

## Access

- Display a prominent house or lot number in case it is required in an emergency.
- Acreage owners should ensure there is adequate access to the property for fire trucks - 4m wide by 4m high, with a turn-around area.

## Vegetation

- Reduce vegetation loads along the access path.
- Mow your grass regularly.
- Remove excess ground fuels and combustible material (long dry grass, dead leaves and branches).
- Trim low-lying branches 2m from the ground surrounding your home.

## Personal

- Check that you have sufficient personal protective clothing and equipment.
- Relocate flammable items away from your home, including woodpiles, paper, boxes, crates, hanging baskets and garden furniture.
- Check the first aid kit is fully stocked.
- Make sure you have appropriate insurance for your home and vehicles.
- Find out if there is a nearby Neighbourhood Safer Place, usually an open space such as a school oval. You will find information at [www.redlandsdisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlandsdisasterplan.com.au)
- Review and update your household bushfire survival plan. You will find a handy resource at [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au).

## GET IN EARLY

With a severe fire outlook this year, residents should get in early to ensure their homes and properties are ready.

An unprepared property is not only at risk itself but may increase the danger for neighbours.



## Will you leave early?

If you plan to leave early, then you must leave your home well before a bushfire threatens and travelling by road becomes hazardous. You will need a Bushfire Evacuation Kit to ensure you and your family have important items and equipment required to relocate for the time needed. You will find advice at [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au).

Your property should be well-prepared for the fire, even if you intend to leave early.

A well-prepared property stands a greater chance of surviving.

- Move cars to a safe location
- Remove garden furniture, door mats and other items
- Close windows and doors and shut blinds
- Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows
- Seal gaps under doors and windows with wet towels
- Bring pets inside and restrain them (leash, cage or secure room) and provide water
- Block downpipes (at the top) and fill gutters with water if possible
- Wet down the sides of buildings, decks and close shrubbery in the likely path of the bushfire
- Wet down fire fuels close to buildings
- Turn on garden sprinklers for 30 minutes before the bushfire arrives
- Fill containers with water - baths, sinks, buckets, wheelie bins
- Tune in to warnings to monitor local radio, websites or social media for updates
- Put on protective clothing
- Drink lots of water.

Preparation is the key to survival. Being involved in a fire will be one of the most traumatic experiences of your life. You will need to be mentally and physically ready and you will need to have a plan.

In making your decision to stay there are a few things you need to consider. Is your property able to withstand the impact of bushfire? Check the specific factors which reduce risk.

Do you have well-maintained resources and equipment and do you know how to use them? Clearly understand what you will do to protect your property and life when the fire arrives and discuss details of your plan with family, friends and neighbours.

You will need to:

- Have a Bushfire Emergency Kit so you will be equipped to extinguish small fires and have basic protection from heat, smoke and flames. You will find details at [ruralfire.qld.gov.au](http://ruralfire.qld.gov.au)
- Your property should be well-prepared for fire, even if you intend to leave early. A well-prepared property stands a greater chance of surviving.

As the fire front arrives:

- Disconnect hose and fittings and bring inside
- Go inside for shelter
- Drink lots of water
- Shelter in your house on the opposite side of the approaching fire
- Patrol and check for embers inside, particularly in the roof space
- Check on family and pets
- Maintain a means of escape
- Continually monitor conditions.

After the fire front has passed, check for small spot fires and burning embers:

- Inside the roof space
- Under floor boards
- Under the house space
- On verandahs and decks
- On window ledges and door sills
- In roof lines and gutters
- In garden beds and mulch
- In wood heaps
- Around outdoor furniture.

Contingency Plan

- You may need to leave and you should be prepared to at short notice with your Bushfire Evacuation Kit.
- Tune in to warnings

**DON'T ASSUME** you'll receive a warning as a fire approaches and don't assume a fire crew will be available to assist every home. It's up to you to monitor conditions, know what the fire danger rating is each day and to tune in to local media, including 612 ABC radio, and social media, including Redland City Council's Twitter and Facebook updates. There is a great source of information at [www.redlandsdisasterplan.com.au](http://www.redlandsdisasterplan.com.au). A charged mobile phone and battery-operated radio can be lifesavers.



# CREATED BY COMMUNITY

Cleveland's William Ross Park upgrade is proving a great example of a community-owned concept, according to Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell.

Council recently unveiled the park's concept plan for comment, having designed it to reflect public feedback from initial consultation early this year.

"This concept has been developed following engagement with more than 300 locals of all ages in March this year, with a face-to-face drop-in event at the park and a brainstorming activity," Cr Mitchell said.

"Local schoolchildren were also given the opportunity to take some ownership of their park, drawing and talking about what they'd like it to be. The community told us they wanted fitness elements, natural adventure play, barbecue areas and a ball sports area – and these all feature in the concept plan.

"After we go through feedback we'll finalise designs and we hope to begin works in late 2018."

Info: [yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/William-ross-park](http://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/William-ross-park)



ON A ROLL: Straddie is building a reputation as a great cycling destination and, right, Inspiring Senior Phil Robinson.



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## Cycling future for Straddie

Straddie is fast becoming a sought-after cycling destination following another successful competition in late August supported by Council.

Local Councillor Peter Mitchell, who presented the podium medals at the Queensland State Individual and Team Time Trial Championships, said the event attracted more than 300 cyclists plus an estimated 500 spectators, officials and crew, with reports suggesting all left with a positive experience. "It was a great opportunity to showcase Straddie and we will continue to look for innovative ways of stimulating economic development on the island ahead of the end to sand mining," he said.

## Phil rolls up his sleeves

Phil Robinson is an Inspiring Senior; an energetic and involved Redlander who is prepared to roll up his sleeves to make things happen, according to local Councillor Peter Mitchell.

He said Phil's efforts went well beyond his role with the Old Schoolhouse Gallery at Cleveland Point and the marketing committee at Redlands Museum. "Phil is a member of Council's Tourism Sub-Committee, a member of the Cleveland Uniting Church Men's Shed and, for 30 years, was a member of Rotary," Cr Mitchell said. "Among his many achievements, he was instrumental in raising funds for both flood and drought relief. He helped set up the Redlands Cultural Heritage Network and is assisting with the establishment of Redlands Placemakers Cleveland, a group focussed on improving our community."



# Eyes in the sky

The use of a drone is making a range of Redland City Council operations safer and more efficient.

Council has been evaluating the benefits of drones – or UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) - using them to check erosion along the city's 220km of shores as part of the Redlands' coastal management strategy, as well as tracking "flyrock" during quarry blasting. Council also partnered with Surf Life Saving Queensland to assess the use of drones in patrolling beaches on North Stradbroke Island, pictured.



Future uses could include checking water infrastructure, fire trails and other Council assets in difficult-to-reach places – anywhere where they can save time and money or increase safety. There are no plans to use them for compliance on private property.

Officers are currently being trained in the use of drones.

## Caring for Straddie

Enjoy beautiful North Stradbroke Island these holidays!

Get in touch with the Redlands Visitor Information Centre to find out more about Straddie 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



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# A HELPING HAND FOR WILDLIFE

Redland City Council's acquisition of a 3.2ha South Street property is set to enhance the established wildlife corridor connecting Holden Street Wetlands to Pinklands Bushland Refuge, providing improved habitat and safe passage for local wildlife.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle said the property, adjacent to Clifford Perske Drive, had been on Council's radar for 16 years before its Environmental Levy purchase last November.

"The 80m-wide cleared site, previously used for grazing, is a strategically important part of the environmental and waterway corridor in the east Thornlands area," he said. "Having just completed the initial clean-up to remove weeds and dead trees, Council is due to remove the house and sheds by the end of the year. This is ahead of large-scale bushland rehabilitation, with planting due to start next autumn. As well as improving the habitat and movement corridor for wildlife, walking trails and tracks will provide a publicly accessible recreation space."

The acquisition forms part of Council's soon-to-be-released Wildlife Connections Plan 2017–2027, which will aim to improve connection of city-wide wildlife corridors. The plan is expected to be presented to Council for consideration before the end of the year.

## From little things...

Going for a walk or a cycle – or even getting to school or work – continues to get easier with Council's ongoing program of footpath and cycleway construction. Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle said it was the small, local projects that culminated in improving the city's overall connectivity and accessibility. "The new bus stop and adjoining pathway at Bush Cherry Place in Thornlands is a case in point. Locals told me that upgrading this would make a big difference to their lives. "It's often the simple things that make all the difference, like a nice even surface and being able to keep your shoes clean while waiting for the bus on a rainy day. Job done!"

## Laurie brings community together

Laurie Vella, a leader within the Redlands' seniors community, is this year's Division 3 Blue Care Inspiring Senior. Local Councillor Paul Golle said Laurie was passionate about providing services to those in need and bringing the community together. "He and his wife Sylvia jumped straight into community activity and service when they arrived here about 10 years ago, especially through Redland Bay Senior Citizens," Cr Golle said.



*MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Simple things such as the new bus stop at Thornlands' Bush Cherry Place help improve our community and, right, Inspiring Senior Laurie Vella.*



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# Call for unity

Redland City Council will use October's Local Government Association of Queensland annual conference to urge all councils to unite against domestic violence as well as lobby the State Government for tighter regulations around community residences.

The motions were supported by Redland councillors recently after being nominated by Mayor Karen Williams and Deputy Mayor Wendy Boglary.

The first calls on the LGAQ to provide greater leadership in preventing domestic and family violence and increased support for councils dealing with domestic and family violence in their communities.

Cr Williams said she hoped the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence motion would encourage councils to become leaders in their respective communities in standing up to and eliminating domestic and family violence.

"Local governments are closest to their communities and I passionately believe we should all be playing an increasingly important and vocal role in leading,

educating and supporting our communities to eliminate domestic and family violence," she said.

"We are also seeking stronger advocacy to other levels of government through a unified state and nation-wide approach to domestic and family violence."

The second motion urges the LGAQ to lobby the State Government to review the present provisions around community residences.

Cr Boglary said Council was particularly concerned with accommodation facilities providing transitional services such as drug rehabilitation and parole support and reintegration for past offenders.

"While recognising the need for these community residences, the community has raised a number of concerns - particularly regarding those in residential areas," Cr Boglary said.

"We will again be asking the LGAQ to request the State Government conduct an urgent review to provide greater oversight, monitoring and transparency of these services."

Council is proud to be the first council in the nation to sign up as a Star Partner of Australia's CEO Challenge's campaign *Challenge Zero*, as we are committed to being part of a whole-of-community solution to domestic and family violence.

Last year Council became the second council in South East Queensland to introduce domestic and family violence leave for its staff.

## Breakfast boost for local school chaplains

More than 220 people attended the 15th annual Redland City Mayoral Prayer Breakfast recently, raising another \$15,000 to support school chaplaincy programs in the Redlands.

The annual event, which brings the community together in a spirit of generosity, has raised more than \$115,000 since its inception. This year's guest speaker was Pastor Neale Collier, a chaplain at Cleveland District State High School and pastor of Mt Cotton Community Fellowship, who spoke about the value of giving young people opportunities to develop and show compassion. "I believe becoming an outward-facing, compassionate person is the key to overcoming adversity and gaining a sense of fulfilment in life," he told the gathering.

# CARING FOR COOCHIE'S COAST

Invitations have been issued for the establishment of a Community Reference Group on Coochiemudlo Island to represent the island in the drafting of a coastal management plan.

Modelled on the successful community engagement structure for Shoreline Erosion Management Planning (SEMP) at Amity Point on North Stradbroke Island, the Coochiemudlo group will be chaired by Councillor Lance Hewlett.

The group will bring together those who care about the coast and who have local knowledge of erosion issues, as well as the wider cultural, historic, environmental and economic interests of island residents, including the traditional owners.

Already a popular summer destination with family-friendly beaches linked to the mainland by the island's new multimillion-dollar Coochiemudlo jetty, the island was recently part of a city-wide engagement on coastal adaptation designed to gather community views on the values and management priorities for the city's 220km of coast.



*VOLUNTEER: Inspiring Senior Ian Grey is committed to the welfare of veterans and their families.*

Important ecological, cultural and economic values, including tourism values, are also part of a separate assessment methodology agreed to by an independent expert steering committee that has been advising Council. Reference group details, including membership nominations, can be accessed through Council's website.

## Maintenance for a smoother future

More than 49,000sq m of road resurfacing work is earmarked for completion at Victoria Point alone this financial year. The 38 separate sections of road resurfacing at Victoria Point include work on a 500m section of the more heavily trafficked four-lane Benfer Road. Redland City's attention to roads has already had a major impact with last year's road seal program for dirt roads on Coochiemudlo greatly improving the quality of life for the island population. Local roads and bridges comprise 26 percent of the \$2.6 billion in assets under Council's management.

## Inspirational Ian's work for veterans

This year's Division 4 Blue Care Inspiring Senior, Ian Gray, has been volunteering at Cleveland RSL for more than 12 years.

Ian spent almost 10 years in the Australian Army and, after leaving the service, became the Cleveland RSL deputy president, a role he still holds. Councillor Lance Hewlett said Ian and his group provided a vital service to Redlands veterans and their dependants, supporting their welfare and well-being.

"About 1110 members of the Cleveland RSL benefit from Ian's commitment to the community," he said.



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# ISLAND CLEAN-UP CALL AS FIRE RISK RISES

Redland City Council is urging residents of Russell, Macleay, Lamb and Karragarra Islands to help “spring clean” their properties, with a recent increase in the region’s fire alert level.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said Council had brought forward its annual fire maintenance schedule on the islands in response to the recently released Queensland Fire and Emergency Services report reviewing fire management in the Redlands.

“Council has carried out controlled burns and fire maintenance such as slashing on Russell Island in the past two months to help reduce fuel loads before this year’s fire season,” Cr Edwards said. “The recently released fire management review analysed how the risk of fire is managed and recommended that Council and residents work together to make the community safer.”

He encouraged residents to get their properties ready now for fire season.

## Robert caring for community

Russell Island SES and Bay Islands conservation volunteer Robert Hurren is this year’s Division 5 Blue Care Inspiring Senior.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said Robert was a dedicated community worker who had done much to ensure the safety of island residents. “Robert has also been in the fire brigade and has run training courses for the SES on the island to train locals on how to deal with rural fires,” he said. “His commitment to the Russell Island community is a real inspiration.”

“Council is reducing fuel loads on city-owned land. We’ve also been busy reviewing fire maintenance plans and access trails and looking at waste transfer station opening hours to help with the clean up,” Cr Edwards said. “But we can’t do it alone. We need residents to help reduce fire hazards by cleaning up their properties and maintaining them on a regular basis.”

## Fielding Park already a hit

The new nature play features added to Redland Bay’s Fielding Park are already proving a hit with local children, who have been eagerly awaiting removal of the temporary fencing to get in and explore. Extending from the existing playground along Habitat Drive, the new play elements wind around the bushland fringe for a further 200m or so, creating an enticing trail of wooden logs to balance on, vertical poles with climbing hand and foot holds, timber platforms and little bridges.

A walking path links the eastern end of the new play area to a footbridge over nearby Weinam Creek, from where a variety of native birds can be observed.



COMMUNITY: Liliana Fish and Sophie Winter having fun in Redland Bay’s Fielding Park and, above, Inspiring Senior Robert Hurren.

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**DIVISION 5**

# Young MCs set to shine at Kunjiel

*"Kunjiel is mesmerising and it gives me goosebumps every year. I guarantee people will regret it if they miss it."*

That's the message of MC Mikayla Adams-Houston Queary, a 16-year-old Quandamooka spoken-word poet set to feature in September's Kunjiel (Corroboree), the spectacular two-day conclusion to Quandamooka Festival on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

Kunjiel is proudly supported by Redland City Council and is a full weekend (23 – 24 September) showcasing the cultures of the Nughi, Nunukul and

Goenpul Peoples with spoken-word performances, traditional dancing, art and weaving activities, bush tucker and market stalls.

The event will bring together performers including Black Arm Band, the Adam James Band, Joe Geia, Rochelle Pitt, Chris Tamwoy, Yarrabah Dancers and Wantok.

Mikayla will co-MC Kunjiel with fellow Quandamooka performer and poet Sachem Parkin-Owens, 18, with the two sharing the role since the first Kunjiel in 2015.

## Mainland green waste collection

Well done Redlands! Together we've diverted over 13,700 tonnes of green waste from landfill since starting household green waste collections in October 2011.

Garden organics collected are sent to a composting facility and processed into soil products for use in the landscaping and gardening industry.

### Why get a greenwaste bin?

- ✓ It's affordable – around \$1 per week on your rates\*\*
- ✓ It's convenient – no need to pack the trailer to visit the waste transfer station
- ✓ It's good for our environment

Almost 20% of our mainland homes are using the service, with collections on the alternative fortnight to your recycle bin.

To organise your greenwaste bin\*, ph 3829 8999 or use the online form at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste)

\*NB: green waste collection is limited to the mainland

\*\* One-off bin establishment charge applies



For more info: ☎ 3829 8999 🌐 [www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste)







"The first time I performed I was shaking on stage but the Quandamooka Festival has helped me reach my potential, giving me a great start to my career," Mikayla, below right, said. "I'm very proud of my heritage and Kunjriel is deadly - it's a chance for me to share Quandamooka culture and encourage my little cousins too - I want to say to them don't be shame, be game."

Sachem, top right, said Kunjriel gave people the chance to get to know Quandamooka Country and people. "Quandamooka Festival is very important to me, as an event on Country where people can enjoy the music, spend time with their friends and make new connections - everybody gets something out of it," he said. "It has given me new experiences and opportunities, and recently contributed to me receiving the Oodgeroo Noonuccal Award from the Queensland Poetry Festival."

For Kunjriel details and tickets visit [Q-Festival.com.au](http://Q-Festival.com.au). Follow the young MCs at [facebook.com/mcmikiqueary4183](https://facebook.com/mcmikiqueary4183) and [facebook.com/ParkinOwensSachem](https://facebook.com/ParkinOwensSachem).



## Redland Libraries

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#### Baby's Day Out

**Ages 0–12 mths**

Introducing babies and parents to the joy of storytelling, using finger rhymes and song. Siblings welcome.



#### Chatter Play

**Ages 18 mths–3 yrs**

An interactive program of story sharing, chatter and activities.



#### Giggle & Wriggle Rhymes

**Ages 1–3 yrs**

A high energy music and dance session with action rhymes, singing and stories.



#### It's Story Time

**Ages 2–5 yrs**

Join us for our favourite stories and craft. Siblings welcome.



#### Story Corner

**Ages 2–5 yrs**

Join us for our favourite stories and rhymes. Siblings welcome.



#### Tiny Tots Time

**Ages 0–2 yrs**

A morning of bouncing, dancing and rhymes.



#### Ready to Read

**Ages 18 mths–4 yrs**

An early literacy program covering alphabet, counting, colour and singing.



#### Activities held mornings:

**Tuesdays at Cleveland Library | Wednesdays at Victoria Point Library | Thursdays at Capalaba Library**

For session times: @ [redland.qld.gov.au/library](https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/library) and go to "What's on at your library".

Follow us on [facebook.com/redlandlibraries](https://facebook.com/redlandlibraries)

# BE ACTIVE DAY & NIGHT

Charlie Buckler Memorial Sports Ground certainly has a bright future with new LED lighting installed recently.

Council contributed \$560,000 towards the project at the home of the Southern Bay Cyclones Rugby Union Club, Redlands Cricket and Alexandra Hills Cricket Club. The remaining \$100,000 was secured by the Southern Bay Cyclones from a Get Playing Program grant from the State Government.

“The benefits that this new lighting will deliver to the users of this facility and other community members is well worth Council’s investment, as it means training and competitions won’t be restricted to daylight hours, increasing the capacity for these clubs to be self-sufficient and sustainable,” Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said. “Last year the Redlands became one of the first cities to use this technology when it was installed at the Judy Holt Recreation Reserve and it is great that the Redlands continues to lead the way by using it for the second time in the city here on these fields.”

Council also hopes that more competitions may attract more people to the area and showcase the sporting facilities on offer in the city.



Photo courtesy:  
Wade McLaughlin  
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FLYING HIGH: Mitch Morrison  
of Alexandra Hills at the new  
Mt Cotton skate park. Right:  
Inspiring Senior Adrienne Verco.



## New skate park a great family space

The new \$600,000 state-of-the-art skate park officially opened last month at Mt Cotton Community Park with a day of community celebrations.

“Council held extensive community consultation on the concept and construction of the skate park to ensure it becomes a well-used facility where people can come together to enjoy physical activities,” Councillor Julie Talty said.

“The new skate park complements the community facilities already available at Mt Cotton and Council will manage and monitor the park and its surrounds so that it remains a great family friendly environment. The skate park is going to be incredibly popular with local youth but I also expect the facility to attract skateboarders from around the city and further afield.”

## Dedication drives Adrienne

Adrienne Verco’s dedication to the communities in which she has lived has earned her this year’s Division 6 Blue Care Inspiring Senior award.

Local Councillor Julie Talty said Adrienne, who started volunteering with Red Cross at her primary school during World War II, had an extensive history of helping young people in particular.

“Adrienne is a truly inspirational woman, deserving of recognition of her contributions to our community,” Cr Talty said.

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# NATURE'S HELPERS

To Colleen Hubbert, Capalaba's award-winning IndigiScapes Environmental Centre is nothing short of a "treasure trove of nature".

The centre's original caretaker and groundsperson, she and her husband Peter lived opposite on the other side of Runnymede Road until about a year back when they caught the grey nomad bug.

Back in the Redlands on holiday recently they were keen to check up on the Redland City Council environmental park they literally watched grow from a patch of partly cleared bush where cattle once grazed.

As a neighbour and member of the then Runnymede Road Bushcare group, Colleen took on the role of "keeping a close eye" on the place when IndigiScape's first building went up in 2000, recalling how it would take four hours to rake all the paths in the bushland watched by the resident pretty-face wallabies, water dragons and turtles.

"We and other volunteers put in a lot of trees," Colleen recalled. "Peter and I would

use brushcutters to get rid of the lantana on weekends so nature could take over."

It was an association which continued until last year when the Hubberts hit the road, with Colleen a keen volunteer in the IndigiScapes nursery over the years.

"Living opposite you become a little bit of a stakeholder," Colleen said, understandably proud of the way it has grown. Today it is absolutely beautiful ... fabulous. It is so important, a treasure trove of nature. We need these pockets otherwise we will lose our fauna. (Being involved) has just been a wonderful experience and I am sure I won't be the only one to say that."

Colleen was thrilled with Council's plans for IndigiScapes over the next five years, which include building an elevated skywalk through the trees, a new sensory playground, expanded café and Welcome to Country picnic area.

"We will be back again for three months next year and really keen to see how it all progresses," Colleen said.



*CONTRIBUTORS: IndigiScape's first caretaker Colleen Hubbert and husband Peter, and Inspiring Senior Steve Homewood.*

## Steve's wild exploits honoured

Steve Homewood is a quiet achiever who has devoted his time and efforts to the Redlands' environment and wildlife. This year's Division 7 Blue Care Inspiring Senior, he has a long association with the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland and Bushcare.

Local Councillor Murray Elliott said that for more than 20 years Steve had been involved with the Greater Glider Bushcare Group, helping to restore and monitor the unique urban reserve at IndigiScapes. "Steve has also been on the committee for the Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland for many years. His efforts with numerous wildlife society events make him a true local and an inspirational achiever."

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**DIVISION 7**





# *Wild encounters*

With the arrival of spring, there's a good chance of meeting up with some of the area's wild residents. The team at Redland City Council's IndigiScapes environmental centre has put together this guide to help you – and our wonderful wildlife - should you meet unexpectedly.



## Keep an eye out for koalas

For about a month now, local koalas have been on the move. Sub-adult koalas have been leaving home to find their own place in the world, with the young males often having to travel considerable distances to claim their own patch.

It's also the start of breeding season, which means adult koalas too will be out and about.

This is the start of a busy time for our Redlands After-hours Wildlife Ambulance volunteers, with calls also flowing in from folk concerned about koalas turning up in unexpected places, such as carparks, on roofs, shade sails, back fences and even the Cleveland CBD.

While it's only natural to be concerned about their welfare, the experts at IndigiScapes say it's best to enjoy the experience and leave them to continue on their way, as intervention can confuse koalas and put them at increased risk. But we prefer to be safe than sorry, so if worried for their safety you can always contact the Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service on 3833 4031 for advice and assistance.

Residents, however, can help keep our koalas safe by ensuring dogs are confined or inside at night and making sure they take extra care and slow down when driving in koala areas, particularly those marked with signs.

## Don't get in a flap

Like with koalas, instinct takes over for some of our avian neighbours such as magpies, butcher birds and plovers at this time of year and those which swoop are simply being exemplary parents.

With magpies and butcher birds, it is usually only the male that does this and the swooping is simply a warning to stay away. While it can be intimidating, retaliating by waving or throwing things at them often makes the situation worse.

It only happens while the young are in the nest, generally for about six weeks, and the best thing to do is to avoid any swooping zone you come across (usually about 150m from the nest) and find an alternate route.

Wearing a hat and sunglasses or holding a bag or umbrella over your head can help if you find yourself being swooped and, as you make your exit, it pays to walk and not run.

Cyclists seem to particularly come in for attention so it is advisable to walk your bike around nest areas. Spikes or flag decorations on your helmet, as well as walking in a group when possible, can also be a deterrent.

And please never approach or try to pick up a young magpie on the ground.

## Four things you can do to help your wild neighbours

### 1. Garden for wildlife

Plant a combination of local native plants, including groundcovers, shrubs, vines and trees to create layers of vegetation for wildlife to inhabit. Selecting plants that provide food resources at different times of year will ensure there is food available all year-round.

### 2. Build a frog pond

By creating a pond planted with local sedges and rushes you will provide a watering hole for frogs to breed, feed and keep moist. Frog ponds can be made from recycled materials such as a kiddies pool or a bath tub.

### 3. Remove environmental weeds

By removing environmental weeds that can spread into bushland you will be contributing to a healthier natural environment. Consider replacing your environmental weeds with local native plants instead.

### 4. Be a responsible pet owner

Wildlife either lives in your backyard or will pass through your backyard. Ensure your pets such as cats and dogs are confined to your property and are kept inside at night to minimise the danger they pose to wildlife.



Right: The late Alexandra Hills student Stewart Murray.



### A heartfelt letter

"Although Stewart's funeral was by far and always will be the hardest day of our life, the support from all of you helped so much for us to get through such a difficult day. We admit that we are not qualified to teach children about suicide but we have learnt this ... nobody needs to go through thoughts of suicide by themselves. If anyone feels these thoughts or knows someone who is in this position, you need to reach out for help for such a serious situation.

Your family or the concerned person's family deserve the chance to provide assistance and not allow them to go through this alone. If you feel like there is nobody you can talk to you, please remember this... Our door is always open ... always."

Kind regards, Justin, Tania, Ebony, Elizabeth & Jackson.

Vale Stewart Murray  
01.06.2002 - 26.05.2017

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## DIVISION 8

# SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH

The Cage Youth Foundation is a not-for-profit charity that provides support for young people and their families by providing a range of services, including life skills, crisis care, direct youth engagement, workshops and fundraising community events.

Vital to the community is the work The Cage undertakes around suicide prevention.

"Suicide is an unspoken killer attacking many families in our city and The Cage Youth Foundation plays an important role in making sure families and individuals have the support they need and are not alone in this journey," Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges said.

"I was extremely saddened by the passing of Alexandra Hills High School student Stewart Murray earlier this year on 26 May and, in a heartfelt thank you letter from his family to the school, they highlight the importance of having access to a network of support."



The Cage Youth Foundation hosts many events throughout the year to help raise awareness for suicide prevention, as well as providing memorials of hope, pictured right, and fundraising programs within local schools.

To find out more visit: [www.thecage.info](http://www.thecage.info).  
Help is also available at: Beyondblue 1300 22 4636 and Lifeline 13 11 14.

## Ross' priceless contribution

Division 8's Blue Care Inspiring Senior Ross Rippingale is a perfect example of someone who has enabled a network of support for our city's youth, local Councillor Tracey Huges said.

"For more than 30 years Ross has worked with and mentored boys, teens and men as they traverse some of the trickier years of life.

"He has worked with countless boys and young men offering them guidance, support, empathy and knowledge.

"Words cannot describe the huge contribution he has made to our city and state through the Boys' Brigade."



ABOVE: Inspiring Senior Ross Rippingale



# Keeping it clean



Redland City's fight against graffiti vandals is reaping rewards, with a hefty decline in incidents since the VandalTrak reporting system was adopted four years ago.

VandalTrak's Anthony Krkac said Council's strategy involving the police and community had become a model for other areas, with quick responses to vandalism and identification of culprits reducing graffiti across the city.

Reported graffiti incidents have fallen from a peak of 294 in November 2013 to an average of less than 60 a month since the implementation of VandalTrak, an online database with mobile app functionality which also has a police interface.

Brought in at the same time as Council centralised its graffiti clean-up effort, Council worked with VandalTrak's creators to customise the system to better suit the Redlands' needs, linking it with contractors and social enterprise groups.

"The results speak for themselves. With most of the vandalism done to Council property, it has saved the community many thousands of dollars," Mr Krkac said.

"Most importantly, the overall damage done in the Redlands has dramatically decreased in the past three-and-a-half years. It has set a benchmark for other councils to follow."

In that time, 27 offenders also have been tracked, charged and either prosecuted or sent to mediation, with more than \$10,000 in restitution ordered and offenders required by law to clean up vandalised property.

Council has partnerships with the Redland Youth Justice Service and Yourtown to clean up graffiti vandalism, and a great relationship with Queensland Police Bayside Property Team, whose members track serial graffiti offenders. The CAGE Foundation also does proactive patrols.

Recently, quick action by Queensland Transport and police led to the arrest and conviction of a vandal responsible for 91 offences in the Redlands.

Supported by local police officer Snr Const Nick Evans, who has twice received commissioner's commendations for his anti-graffiti work, the effort has had a positive side for at least one young offender, who was offered an apprenticeship by a commercial painter who saw him restoring a vandalised site.

Council also has been successfully using stencil art in areas at high risk of graffiti attacks to deter vandals, with images of sharks and turtles now gracing places such as skate parks.

You can help the fight against graffiti by downloading the VandalTrak app and using it quickly report graffiti in your local community (details below).

## 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](http://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.vandaltrack.com.au](http://www.vandaltrack.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.vandaltrack.com.au](http://www.vandaltrack.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.



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# JOIN THE FUN AND BLUES

Rocking rhythms, a splash of soul and a tonne of fun have been locked in for the Redlands' annual blues bash at Capalaba Regional Park on 14 October.

Festival favourites The Mojo Webb Band and the legendary Hipshooters will be among this year's drawcards, with the soulful passion of Aaron West and the Custodians a highlight of the evening.

Division 9 Councillor Paul Gleeson said the line-up ensured another outstanding Council-supported event, underscoring the Bayside Blues Festival as one of the region's best free family music outings.

"The organisers are expecting to build on the 5000 people who attended last year's festival, with the bands booked for this year already causing quite a bit of excitement," Cr Gleeson said. "Mojo and his band, along with The Hipshooters, have been part of the DNA of the local blues scene for many years and never disappoint. To then have Aaron West

and the Custodians hit the stage is a real coup. There are few events anywhere which can boast this calibre of entertainment for free, especially in such an awesome outdoor destination."

Cr Gleeson said Capalaba Regional Park had proved itself as an excellent venue for family-orientated festivals which would "only get better with the improvements that are still to come." He said the blues festival had established itself as a great supporter of the local community, with money raised at the event supporting the work of the Rotary Club of Capalaba. "This is very much a family event for people of all ages. You will find the food and drinks are well-priced it is hard to beat."

## Carol a tireless community worker

Carol Kennedy is an inspiring senior who works tirelessly making jams and pickles for charity.

Local Councillor Paul Gleeson said that for the past three years she had donated all the proceeds of her labours to Capalaba Sports Club's annual cancer fundraiser.

"To date, Carol has raised about \$8000 – equivalent to about 1600 jars of jams and pickles," he said. "Carol also has volunteered at Council's IndigiScapes centre for many years. In 2006, she started the Melaleuca Bushcare Group at Capalaba and, together with neighbours and the community, planted native trees and shrubs around Coolnwynpin Creek to preserve the area's natural beauty. Carol is an inspiration to all and a worthy winner of this year's Division 9 Blue Care Inspiring Senior award."

### Who's on when:

Roving: The Mumblers

1pm: Lucky Lips

2pm: River City Aces

3pm: A Band Called Twang

4pm: The Mouldy Lovers

5pm: The Mojo Webb Band

6pm: The Hipshooters

7pm: Aaron West and the Custodians

8pm: Ezra Lee's Piano Duo

GREAT VIBE: The Mojo Webb band and, right, Inspiring Senior Carol Kennedy.

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# Rediscover Recycle World



Redland City Council's recycle market, RecycleWorld, is now easier to use for those looking for a pre-loved bargain.

The popular "trash and treasure" depot created in 1998 recently re-opened after a month of renovations designed to improve the flow for buyers and browsers.

Upgrades include a revised floor plan with designated entry and exit points, a resurfaced outdoor space and a new sales point and shelving designed to improve the overall experience for shoppers.

A lot of thought and planning has gone into making the renovated RecycleWorld a welcoming community facility.

It also looks to ensure there is equity in availability of products for people visiting across its opening hours, rather than having everything available on a "first in, best dressed" basis.

Apart from being a great spot to bag a bargain, RecycleWorld also seeks to educate the community about the

importance of waste reduction. But, best of all, there's an amazing variety of goods – from small items such as bric-a-brac to surfboards, fishing rods and, recently, even a canvas camper trailer.

RecycleWorld is under new management, with a two-year contract for its operation being awarded to Iolar Operational Services following completion of a competitive tender process.

Trading hours are Saturday and Tuesday from 10am–2pm. Remember to wear enclosed shoes.

Weekly previews of bargains for sale can be found on the RecycleWorld Facebook site at [www.facebook.com/RecycleWorldRedlandBay](https://www.facebook.com/RecycleWorldRedlandBay)

Designated donation points for RecycleWorld are located at Birkdale and Redland Bay waste transfer stations.

For more information on recycling in Redlands, visit [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au)

## Building Better Business in the Redlands



### FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS:

**Frame your Future**  
5-7pm, Thursday 28 September

**Upsize your Sales**  
5-7pm, Thursday 12 October

**Boost your Productivity**  
5-7pm, Thursday 9 November

**Limited  
Places**  
Book early!

**Where:**  
Moreton Meeting Room 3, Alexandra Hills Hotel  
Finucane Road, Alexandra Hills

A light buffet, tea and coffee will be provided.  
You will leave each workshop with an actionable plan in your hand.

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment:

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Workshops by Geoff and  
Cathy Young from Redland  
City Business Network



# PROUDLY SAVING OUR HERITAGE

The first steps in restoring an historic Redlands farmhouse to its former glory has begun.

Birkdale's 154-year-old Willard's Farm (The Pines) on Old Cleveland Road, which was bought by Redland City Council last year to ensure its preservation, has again been a centre of activity with work progressing to transform it into a future cultural and heritage drawcard.

Division 10's Cr Paul Bishop, who was instrumental in the decision to buy the property and have it added to the local heritage register, said he was excited by the 1863 buildings' potential and the opportunity to raise awareness about the history of the place and what those changes have meant to the lives of residents.

"The old buildings have been undergoing emergency repairs, along with landscape maintenance and site safety improvements in anticipation of the next phase of the project, which will also explore the history of this area going back hundreds of years," Cr Bishop said. "Acquisition of the Federal

Government land adjacent to the property, which was once part of the farm, may influence the project approach and synergies between the two sites need to be explored before community consultation occurs. Meanwhile, Council will maintain and restore the heritage values on site until a precinct-based approach can be investigated and all options considered for this valuable community asset."

Cr Bishop said he was keen to hear from residents interested in Council's plan for Willard's Farm, which includes a house, dairy and slab huts.

"We will be asking residents and stakeholders to consider the potential use of the site. This is an exciting restoration project that offers immense historic and cultural significance for residents and visitors," he said.

Suggestions so far include parkland and recreation, heritage arts centre, a food enterprise hub, wedding centre, visitor centre and animal hospital for endangered wildlife and iconic species, as well as a site for an educational or research facility.

## Helen's passion for community

Pioneering founder of the Koala Action Group and former deputy principal of Cleveland District State High School Helen Murray is this year's Division 10 Inspiring Senior.

Local Councillor Paul Bishop said Helen's contribution to the Redlands and local community was significant and inspiring.

"In 1987, soon after leaving teaching to care for her family, Helen co-founded the Koala Action Group, which is now still actively monitoring koalas and planting trees after 30 years," he said.

"She organised many koala phone-in surveys to gain invaluable information to give to the government to help them in future planning.

"In 1994, Helen was elected to represent Division 10, a position she held for 18 years. During that time she helped initiate the Bushcare program which is still strong today, as well as increase and enhance koala understanding and planning for the future.

"Since retiring, she remains patron of the Koala Action Group and has supported the very important work of its wonderful members.

"Her approach to the many challenging issues within our changing region has ensured people remain closely connected to the many groups, clubs and initiatives run by volunteers and kind-hearted citizens within the area she still calls home."



*PIONEERS: Willards farm in its heyday (courtesy of Redland Libraries Local History & Heritage Collection) and, above, Inspiring Senior Helen Murray.*

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# BOOSTING PRIDE IN OUR HERITAGE

Wellington Point Reserve's grand old Moreton Bay fig trees will be the centre of a special celebration in October.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said the "tree party" would celebrate the popular trees' local significance, as well as the area's environment and heritage.

"Redlands has a wonderful heritage with the Quandmooka people living here for thousands of years. We can still find middens on our foreshore and scar trees in the bush," Cr Boglary said. "Settlement saw the start of our rich farming heritage, leading to visionary events such as the decision 90 years ago to plant the Wellington Point trees."

Cr Boglary said residents were invited to join her at the "tree party" from 11am on Sunday 8 October at Wellington Point Reserve to mark the 90th anniversary of the 1927 planting of the six Moreton Bay fig trees which have been attracting visitors to the area for decades.

"The vision of councillors of the day was quite extraordinary, recognising the important place these trees would eventually have in our community. I think they would be very pleased to know just how well loved the fig

trees have been by generations of families and what a drawcard they have become," Cr Boglary said.

She said it was great to hear stories about the trees from 90-year-old local Boyd Gammie and his son Peter, who grew up with them. "Four generations of Gammies have now enjoyed playing in and under the trees," she said.

The area's environment was also recently celebrated through the new shorebird mural in Wellington Point Village. "It not only brightens up the plain wall but educates people on the importance of our intertidal foreshore and the amazing migratory birds that live there," Cr Boglary said. "This is a valuable asset for future tourism and local economic growth, so there are many reasons why we should celebrate and protect what we have. Tourists are looking for that unique eco-tourism experience and we have it!"

Another heritage gem is Ormiston House, with this year marking 50 years since the voluntary group, the Ormiston House Restoration Association, was formed to protect and preserve another jewel in the Redlands' heritage crown.



*CELEBRATE: Boyd and Peter Gammie look forward to the celebration of the Wellington Point trees and, above, the shorebird mural.*

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## John continues to be an inspiration

This year's Division 1 Blue Care Inspiring Senior John Simpson, left, continues to do so much for the community, according to local Councillor Wendy Boglary. "A member of Cleveland Rotary Club, he is a Paul Harris fellow in acknowledgment of the substantial contribution he makes to Rotary and the local community it serves," Cr Boglary said. "John has been chairman of Redland City Relay for Life for the past three years, which raises money for cancer research, as well as president of the Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club and secretary for the Circle of Men, a support group that supports men living in care."



**DIVISION 1**



# Our schools of art

The depth of the Redlands' young artistic talent will be celebrated over two exhibitions from October.

*High Schools In Focus 2017* – to be hosted at Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba – provides a platform for Redlands students to showcase their artistic talent outside the classroom.

Redland Art Gallery's Dominique Macedo said the exhibition, the second hosted by the gallery, was born from a desire to engage schools and youth in the gallery's program, with students from years 9 to 11 invited to produce postcard-sized artworks in response to the theme of "identity".

"Through this exhibition, Redland Art Gallery provides a platform for Redlands students to experiment and showcase their talents outside of the classroom in a professional public gallery," Dominique said.

"The response from schools has been so overwhelming that we have split *High Schools In Focus 2017* into two exhibitions.

"The quality of the work is just fantastic and I think it's fair to say there is a lot

of young artistic talent in the Redlands. The high quality works come in a variety of different mediums, including painting, drawing, mixed media, photography and sculpture/object-based work."

The first schools to exhibit will be Alexandra Hills State School, Capalaba State College, Wellington Point State High School and Redlands College from 7 October–21 November.

Faith Lutheran College, Sheldon

## Redland Libraries

### Straddie Family Fun Day

Friday 22 September, 10am – 12pm

Come along and enjoy a fun morning of craft and storytelling.

Includes Snake Boss Reptile Show with Julia Baker, star of TV series Animal Planet.  
North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum  
15/17 Welsby St, Dunwich.

Ages: 0 – 5 Siblings welcome

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College, Cleveland District State High School, Ormiston College and Carmel College will exhibit from 25 November–20 January.

Dominique said the exhibitions gave the students “real life” experience which

included an opportunity to sell their works.

“Students are also given the opportunity to speak about their work at an official floor talk at Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba and talk to gallery staff about working in the visual arts,” she said.

“These experiences provide students with a taste of what it’s like to be an artist outside of school walls.”

Info: [artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au/exhibitions](http://artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au/exhibitions)

## REDLAND ART GALLERY UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

**CA** 7 OCT – 21 NOV AND 25 NOV – 20 JAN

### HIGH SCHOOLS IN FOCUS 2017

#### FLOOR TALKS AND MORNING TEA

10.30am Saturday 7 October and Saturday 25 November

**CIL** 15 OCT – 26 NOV



### 2016 JACARANDA ACQUISITIVE DRAWING AWARD

**HOSTS: NICOLA HOOPER**

#### OPENING EVENT

6.30pm Friday 13 September

#### FLOOR TALKS AND MORNING TEA

10.30am Sunday 15 October

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

For opening hours visit:  
[artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au](http://artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au)  
Admission free  
Tel: (07) 3829 8899 or email:  
[gallery@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:gallery@redland.qld.gov.au)

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



Redland Art Gallery is an initiative of  
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late Eddie Santagiuliana



Image: Betty Greenhatch, *Contemporary China* 2015, pencil and gold ink on paper. Courtesy of the artist and Grafton Regional Gallery.





# A feast of fine affair

With world-class drama, stunning puppetry, quirky comedy and a great selection of music on their way to Redland Performing Arts Centre, Creative Arts Manager Zane Trow has shared some of his top picks for spring.

Dark in its humour and bawdy in its romantic hijinks, *The Merchant of Venice* will take you on a journey of love, mercy and justice at the Redland Performing Arts Centre on Thursday 28 September. This will be the third time that Bell Shakespeare, arguably Australia's best Shakespearean theatre company, has performed at RPAC.

"They always put such a fresh perspective on Shakespeare's plays, so if you haven't previously seen a Bell Shakespeare production, make sure you come along and enjoy this wonderful piece which has the perfect balance of comedy and tragedy," Zane said.

On 7 October, Shaun Tan's fantastical world comes to life in a strange and wonderful metropolis when his book *The Arrival* is brought to the stage.

"This is a visually stunning production which uses images from Shaun Tan's beautifully illustrated book as the backdrop, as the hero of the story Aki starts a new life in a new place" Zane said.

## WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



### Bell Shakespeare's THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

By William Shakespeare  
Director Anne-Louise Sarkis

THUR 28 SEP, 7.30PM  
TICKETS: \$20 - \$50

BELL  
SHAKESPEARE



### Spare Parts Puppet Theatre's THE ARRIVAL

Adapted from the  
award winning book  
by Shaun Tan  
Shaun Tan's fantastical world comes to life in  
a strange and wonderful metropolis

SAT 7 OCT, 1PM  
TICKETS: \$18 - \$22

SPARE  
PARTS  
puppet theatre



### Topology and the Kransky Sisters TUNES FROM THE TUBE

An evening of quirky and crazy musical  
mash-ups. Tickets selling fast!

SAT 28 OCT, 7PM  
TICKETS: \$20 - \$45

ARIA-NOMINATED

Bookings: 3829 8131 or [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au) (Booking fees: \$4.10 by phone & \$5 online per transaction)

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“Shaun Tan’s work has an ability to transcend social, cultural and age barriers, and we have all been ‘the new person’ at some point.

“It is definitely a piece of theatre that will appeal to all and be remembered forever.”

The RPAC Concert Hall will then be stripped back to “concert hall setting” to reveal a sea of beautiful Tasmanian oak ready for The Queensland Symphony Orchestra to perform a selection of movie masterpieces on Friday 20 October.

“We have had many world-class musicians performing at RPAC over the past nine years and they have all been blown away by the RPAC Concert Hall, describing it as the ‘best acoustic space they have played in south-east Queensland’ so make sure you see and hear it at its best, with a full professional orchestra performing,” Zane said.

“This stunning concert will include music featured in *Vertigo*, *The Mission*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *Brief Encounter*, *Doctor Zhivago*, *Dambusters* and many more, so it will pay to book early.”

On 28 October, the crazy and quirky Kransky Sisters will return to RPAC with ARIA-nominated quintet Topology for Tunes from the Tube, to start the Cleveland Contemporary Music Event (CCME). The CCME will include performances from Kupka’s Piano, ELISION, Lawrence English and David Bridie, and will be a great opportunity to hear the best new music in Australia in five performances over three weekends.

For booking or more information on any of these shows and all the other great performances coming soon to RPAC visit [www.rpac.com.au](http://www.rpac.com.au), call the box office on 3829 8131 or follow RPAC on Facebook.

# Triple Treat



## Caravan, Camping Boating & 4x4 Expo

22-24 September

We know we live in a beautiful place and one of the ways we enjoy our great outdoors is in a tent, boat, caravan or a 4x4. So it makes perfect sense for Redlands to host one of the premier outdoor expos in Australia at Norm Price Park Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland.

Info: [www.clevelandexpo.com.au](http://www.clevelandexpo.com.au)

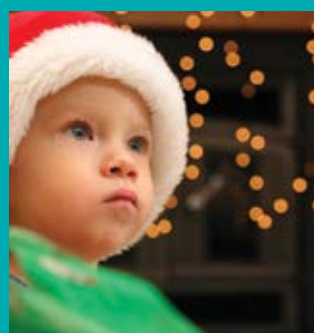


## Island Vibe Festival

26-29 October

Australia’s most soulful boutique music, arts and eco event is returning to Point Lookout Oval, North Stradbroke Island. This event, supported by Council, is renowned for its world-class line-up of reggae, soul, electronic bass and indigenous culture.

Info: [www.islandvibe.com.au](http://www.islandvibe.com.au)



## Christmas by Starlight

16 December

The spirit of Christmas will beat in Cleveland this year, with Christmas by Starlight returning to Norm Price Park Redland Showgrounds. Council’s largest free event will feature some of our finest local talent alongside national and international entertainers.

Info: [www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs)





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emergency  
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# ARE YOU READY REDLANDS?

## Bushfire & storm season is coming!

### Prepare your homes to minimise damage

- 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 (vegetation protection laws may apply so you should check with Council first)
- Install metal screens or shutters on all windows to protect against fire embers
- Ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk
- If you have a water system, pumps or generators make sure they are working and ready in case of fire
- If a storm or hail warning is issued, shelter vehicles safely or cover with a heavy blanket and park away from trees, powerlines and waterways

### Prepare a family emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit
- Identify a safe place to shelter in a storm or to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you will look after your pets
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations
- Compile a list of emergency phone numbers
- Have a battery-operated radio ready so you can listen to ABC612 for emergency updates during outages

#### For updates:

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