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SUMMER 2017

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of Starlight**

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Council's holiday closures Phone services:

Closed from 5pm Friday
22 December,
re-opening 8am 2 January, 2018

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Closed from 4:30pm Friday
22 December, re-opening 8:30am
2 January, 2018

Victoria Point Customer Service Counter:

Closed from 5pm
Friday 22 December,
re-opening 9am 2 January, 2018



Message from the Mayor

Christmas and the festive season is traditionally a time for families, a time to share and a time to celebrate. It is also a time to reflect on the year just past and the year ahead.

As a community we have achieved so much we should be proud of over the last 12 months.

At the beginning of the year, we batted down the hatches as we faced ex-tropical cyclone Debbie and bushfires and, as usual, the community and Council responded with an unyielding resolve. Our efforts in the face of potential disasters is truly inspiring and give me such pride and confidence that we can face anything together.

In May, I hosted more than 220 people at this year's Diner en Rouge – showing the community's commitment to stand as one against domestic and family violence.

This year's event took the total money raised to more than \$220,000 towards increased services to battle this insidious social problem.

In August, the community again came together for a very worthy cause in the Mayoral Prayer Breakfast. This year's event raised more than \$15,000, taking the total money raised since this event's inception to \$115,000 towards local school chaplaincy – a program that supports our local students.

These are just a handful of the amazing community efforts we, as a city, have achieved this year. Add to these the day-to-day efforts of our hard-working volunteers and community groups who support our city each and every day and you get a real sense of pride and achievement.

While it is important to acknowledge our achievements, it is equally important to acknowledge there is still much to do and we look forward to more great achievements for the remainder of the year and next.

One area I would like to encourage us all to focus on in the New Year is in respecting each other.

All too often in today's society respect for one another has become the exception rather than the rule. This is the case not only in face-to-face interactions but also on social media where offensive comments and slanging matches are almost expected – but they are certainly not acceptable. Regardless of the situation, there is no reason we can't show each other respect. We don't have to agree on everything but we can still respect each other.

So as you start to plan for the end of season festivities and time spent with family, I would ask that you remember that one simple but important rule – respect other people's feelings. It might mean nothing to you but it could mean everything to them.

Have a safe and enjoyable festive season – Merry Christmas Redland City.

Mayor Karen Williams

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A person's silhouette is seen from behind, looking up at a night sky filled with bright, colorful fireworks. The fireworks are exploding in various patterns, creating a festive and celebratory atmosphere. The person's hair is long and dark, and they are wearing a dark top. The background is a deep blue night sky with scattered stars and the bright light of the fireworks.

Christmas by STARLIGHT

Celebrating with the stars

Christmas by Starlight returns to Cleveland this year with an exceptional line-up of national stars, top local talent and even more fun for youngsters.

The Redlands' biggest free family Christmas event returns to Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds from 3pm on Saturday 16 December with an expanded kids' program.

The city's much-loved carols evening will again be led by internationally renowned musical director, pianist and composer John Foreman, known for his work on major events such as the Sydney 2000 Opening ceremony.

It will be co-hosted by Channel 7 personalities Luke Kennedy and Jessica Skarratt.

This year's Starlight will boast top-class sound and lighting as well as top-shelf talent, in keeping with its reputation as among the best free community Christmas concerts in Queensland.

More than 10,000 people are expected to set up their chairs and blankets at the showgrounds, off Long Street, for a show featuring internationally acclaimed singers and more than 60 local performers.

There will be more kids' activities this year with the introduction of the Starlight Express, a trackless train that will shuttle guests around the event. The much-loved animal farm will return, along with Starlight's usual face painting, jumping castles and rock climbing wall. All rides are free and will run from 3pm to 8pm.

The Redland Museum will also be open with a display of vintage toys in "Santa's workshop". Head over to see what your grandparents found under their Christmas trees. The event will also boast plenty of food stalls and, from 5pm, a special children's Christmas show.

The main event and its dazzling lighting effects will beam across the showgrounds from 6pm, with a spectacular fireworks finale to light up the sky from about 8pm.

Free shuttle buses will head to the event from stops throughout the City (details opposite), with return services from 8.20pm.

While entry is free, people will have the opportunity to make a gold coin donation to support programs combatting domestic and family violence in the Redlands if they wish. Check www.redland.qld.gov.au/cbs for more information and updates.



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Free bus timetable

Bus 1 - Redland Bay, Victoria Point and Thornlands

3.16pm	Redland Bay Marina (ferry arrives)
3.20pm	Redland Bay Marina, Redland Bay
3.25pm	Cleveland-Redland Bay Shopping Village, Broadwater Terrace, Redland Bay (at Stradbroke St)
3.30pm	Cleveland-Redland Bay Rd, Redland Bay (at Double Jump Rd)
3.35pm	Redland Bay Rd, Redland Bay at Victoria Manor Village
3.40pm	Victoria Point Interchange (Stop D), Victoria Point
3.45pm	Boundary Road at Woodlands Drive, Thornlands (near Springacre Rd)
3.50pm	Panorama Dr, Thornlands (near Milner Pl)
3.55pm	Wellington St, Cleveland (near Enterprise St)
4.00pm	Bay St, Cleveland (near Wellington St)
4.05pm	CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT - Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds

Bus 2 - Alexandra Hills, Thornlands and Cleveland

3.15pm	Alexandra Hills Shopping Centre, Finucane Rd, Alexandra Hills
3.20pm	Vienna Road, Alexandra Hills (at Alexandra Circuit)
3.25pm	Redland Bay Road, Alexandra Hills (at Vienna Rd)
3.30pm	Boundary Road, Thornlands (at Taylor Rd)
3.35pm	Ziegenfusz Road, Thornlands near Doull Pl
3.40pm	Thornlands Dance Hall, Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Thornlands (near Island Outlook Ave)
3.45pm	Bloomfield Street, Cleveland (at South St) (near BP)
3.50pm	3.25pm ferry arrives from Point Lookout (Stradbroke Ferries Terminal)
3.50pm	Stradbroke Flyer Ferry Terminal, Toondah Harbour, Cleveland (Bus departs)
3.55pm	Cleveland Train Station, Shore St West, Cleveland (opposite side to station)
4.00pm	CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT - Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds

Bus 3 - Capalaba, Birkdale, Wellington Point and Ormiston

3.15pm	Ney Rd, Capalaba (at Jeffrey St)
3.20pm	Redland Bay Rd, Capalaba (at Andrew St)
3.25pm	Capalaba Park 'n' ride, (Platform 1), Moreton Bay Rd, Capalaba
3.30pm	Old Cleveland Road, Birkdale (near Buckingham St)
3.35pm	Birkdale Road, Birkdale (at Collingwood Rd)
3.40pm	Birkdale Fair Shopping Centre, Birkdale Rd, Birkdale
3.45pm	Wellington Point Shops, Birkdale Rd, Wellington Point (near BP)
3.50pm	Main Road, Wellington Point (near Station St)
3.55pm	Sturgeon Street, Ormiston (near Starkey St)
4.00pm	Ormiston Train Station, Wellington St, Ormiston
4.05pm	Wellington Street, Cleveland (near Queen St)
4.10pm	CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT - Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds

Bus 4 - Redland Bay and Mount Cotton

3.20pm	Serpentine Creek Road, Redland Bay (near Oakland Ave)
3.25pm	School of Arts Road, Redland Bay (near Queen St)
3.30pm	German Church Road, Redland Bay (near Days Rd)
3.35pm	Valley Way, Mount Cotton (near Village Dr)
3.40pm	Valley Way, Mount Cotton (near Hardwood Dr)
3.45pm	Valley Way, Mount Cotton (near Mount Cotton Rd)
3.50pm	Mount Cotton Hall, Mount Cotton Road, Mount Cotton
3.55pm	Woodlands Drive, Mount Cotton (at Taylor Rd)
4.00pm	CHRISTMAS BY STARLIGHT - Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds

Fine voice

An exceptional line-up set to thrill at Christmas by Starlight

A stellar line-up of performers is set to dazzle an expected 10,000 merry makers at the Redlands' premier free family carols event, Christmas by Starlight.

X Factor's Isaiah Firebrace and *Australian Idol*'s Damien Leith headline a top-shelf cast of local and national artists under the baton of the acclaimed musical director John Foreman for the show on Saturday 16 December.

After winning *X Factor Australia* on his 17th birthday last year and representing Australia in this year's Eurovision Song Contest, Isaiah is among the country's most in-demand performers.

His first single has had more than 50 million streams and went gold in Australia, as well as charting in more than 25 countries.

Irish-born Damien Leith has platinum-selling albums and numerous industry awards to his credit.

Most recently he collaborated with Sharon Corr from the Irish band The Corrs for his eighth album titled *Songs from Ireland*.

Starlight will also feature:

Singer-songwriter couple and *X Factor* finalists Jess Dunbar and Matt Price;

Jazz, soul and blues singer Angela Fabian;

Internationally acclaimed Polo, a former member of the phenomenal US a capella beat-boxing group, Naturally 7;

The Voice Australia finalist Ellen Reed;

Folk/indie/rock/pop band The Fergies; and

Acclaimed Redlands singer-songwriter Dakota Striplin, who recently returned from the US where he wowed audiences in the semi-finals of *America's Got Talent* this year

The exceptional home-grown talent also includes more than 60 dancers from Rockit Productions, vocalists from Vocal Manoeuvres

Caring for Straddie

Enjoy beautiful North Stradbroke Island

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

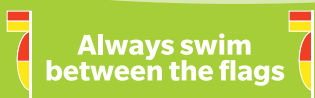
If staying at a holiday home

- 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



🌐 www.redland.qld.gov.au





Academy, as well as outstanding artists Alexa Curtis, winner of *The Voice Kids* 2014; Leah Lever, child protégé of world-famous Mirusia; Jeremy Saywell; Shannon Robinson; Jacqueline Duckworth; and Craig Martin.

More fine fare

There will be a great selection of south-east Queensland's finest food vans, with treats and beverages available to purchase at the event, including: coffee, fairy floss, donuts burgers, and wood-fired pizza, as well as Indian and Greek food. The local Rotary Club will also be hosting a sausage sizzle to raise funds.

Christmas by
STARLIGHT

STAR QUALITY: Australia Idol's Damien Leith and, right, the Redlands' own Alexa Curtis and Dakota Striplin.



REDLAND ART GALLERY UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

CA 25 NOV – 20 JAN

HIGH SCHOOLS IN FOCUS II 2017

FLOOR TALK AND MORNING TEA

10.30am Saturday 25 November

CL 3 DEC – 14 JAN

CONNECTIONS REDLAND YURARA ART SOCIETY

BUSH FRAGMENTS IN THE RED COOCHIE ART GROUP

OPENING EVENT

6.30pm Friday 1 December

FLOOR TALKS AND MORNING TEA

10.30am Sunday 3 December

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

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, Capalaba
Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street,
Capalaba Q 4157



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

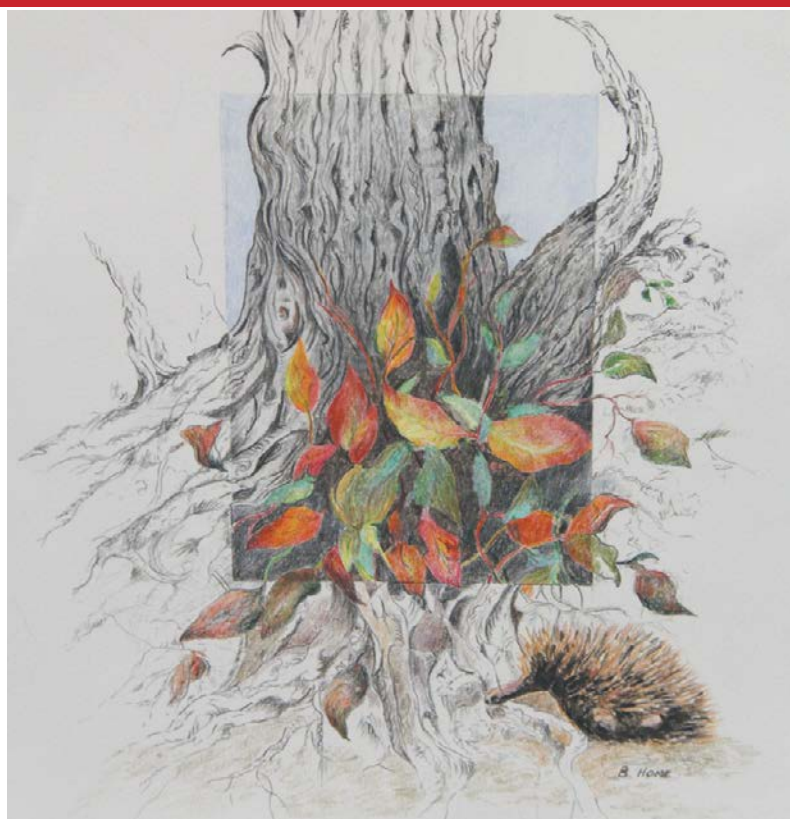


Image: Beryl Home, *Looking for a home – Echidna* (detail) 2017, coloured pencil on watercolour paper. Courtesy of the artist.

Above & beyond

When summer storms and fires threaten over the holiday season, a hardy band of local volunteers will be ready – prepared to give up their own special time to help their fellow Redlanders.

While we plan get-togethers and barbecues, many of the members who make up the five groups which form the multi-award-winning Redlands SES Unit are planning for the worst.

They have put their hands up to be on call and head out in often dangerous conditions; their only reward the satisfaction of helping their communities when they are needed most

Redland SES Controller Clare Barker said Redlanders were served by arguably South-East Queensland's pre-eminent SES unit, with its less than 200 members boasting an impressive string of awards for being the best in the region.

"But sometimes the fact that these people don't have to be there can get lost as the city relies on them so much," Clare said.

"They are volunteers but they are out there with the fire and emergency services and Council's own fire and maintenance crews in potentially dangerous situations to help others who they may have never met.

"While their contributions have been recognised in state and regional awards over many years, their real achievements are the many and varied ways they have supported and helped our community in real emergencies."

Managing waste during the holiday season

Waste transfer stations

All mainland and island transfer stations (except Coochiemudlo Island) are open every day except Christmas Day (25 December 2017).

Wheelie bins

There is no change to household wheelie bin collection on public holidays.



RECYCLEWORLD

Rethink. Repurpose. Restore.

Our trash and treasure shop at Redland Bay Waste Transfer Station is usually open: Thursdays and Saturdays, 10am-2pm.

Holiday closures:

- Tuesday 26 December 2017
- Saturday 30 December 2017
- Tuesday 2 January 2018

Reopens:

- Saturday 6 January 2018

For more information:
www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste



Of the Redlands five SES groups, the Cleveland and Redland Bay groups are the largest with about 60 members each, with smaller groups on North Stradbroke Island and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, plus an operations group of members which consists of support roles such as volunteer community educators, radio operators and those with specialised technical skills.

They cover the 531 square kilometres of the Redlands, from the hinterland to the bay islands.

"Much of it is rugged or isolated, particularly in the case of the islands, which present significant logistical challenges," Clare said.

"Local knowledge is invaluable in these areas, so we really encourage people who live there to become involved with the SES.

"Our local SES members come from all walks of life. Some are retirees or in a whole range of professions but they share the common trait of being community minded.

"In return, they get the satisfaction of making a difference for their communities, along with skills and leadership development that can benefit them in their everyday lives."

And should a damaging storm wreak havoc or fire threaten this summer, they are well trained to respond. Members start with foundation courses covering areas such as

safety, volunteering and effective assistance, then learn first aid, along with vital skills such as map reading and navigation, search and general rescue techniques and how to use equipment such as chainsaws.

"The SES's sole purpose, whether its response or providing community education, is community safety," Clare said. "The city cannot do without them. They are there 24/7 with their specialised skills and training ready to help. They give up birthdays and other significant special events to make a difference!"

Clare said the city needed more volunteers, particularly on the bay islands.

"The majority of our volunteers live on the mainland, so it is a priority to increase the numbers on the islands," Clare said.

"We take volunteers all year round on the islands, with only one intake a year for the two mainland groups. But you can apply any time. As long as you are 18 years of age and over and 'fit for task', whether that be the ability to undertake leadership or support roles or more physically active roles, we would love to see you."

The SES unit receives funding through the emergency services levy on Council rates.

Get involved

Our local SES crews are always keen to hear from locals willing to join their ranks. Volunteers receive full training and are an invaluable community asset. If it's something you'd like to be part of, call SES head office on 3635 1891 to register your interest. You also can go to www.ses.qld.com.au, then drop down on "Volunteer" and choose "Become a member".

2017-18

Grants and Sponsorship Program

> ROUND 2

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

> REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF)

Applications will be accepted from Monday 29 January 2018 until Friday 2 March 2018.

> COMMUNITY GRANTS & SPONSORSHIP

Opening soon – check website for details.

Redlands Cycling Festival



Apply for a grant or sponsorship today and help invest in your community tomorrow
redland.qld.gov.au/grants



OUT-OF-BOX APPROACH FOR KOALAS

From tree planting through to innovative tracking approaches, Redland City Council is invested in a range of projects that aim to minimise threats to, and achieve better outcomes for, koalas in the Redlands.

Council is working with the University of the Sunshine Coast on an out-of-the box project that uses specially trained tracking dogs to monitor koala transition and health through koala droppings.

This project will allow Council to better track koalas in urban environments, providing more detailed projections of where and how the urban koala is transitioning.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle said there had been numerous koala sightings in the Thornlands area.

“It is also important to maintain traditional conservation measures, such as tree planting, alongside the use of technology,” he said.

“This is why we are undertaking an extensive tree-planting program throughout Thornlands, combined with the purchase of a large tract of land along Cliffrd Perskie Drive, which completes the final piece of a large wildlife corridor,” he said.

“An integrated approach using grass-roots protection methods as well as out-of-the box techniques and devices should cumulatively deliver better outcomes for our koalas.”

Lending a hand to local sporting groups

Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle feels very strongly about local sporting, cultural and community organisations being given a helping hand, supporting a range of local groups through his Small Grants program this year.

The most recent recipient was Redlands Netball Association, which received \$500 to air-condition its clubhouse.

Cr Golle is also working with Redlands Hockey Association to assist them with a grant of \$1000 and Volunteer Marine Rescue with \$500. Councillors’ Small Grants are available to individuals and not-for-profit organisations seeking assistance with items such as equipment or incidental costs.




ON THE TRAIL: Koala tracking dogs are helping to monitor the location and health of local koala populations.

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COURTESY KEY TO SUMMER FUN

With summer holidays just around the corner, courtesy and cooperation are the keys to going out for an enjoyable day on the water from Victoria Point.

Holidays are always a pressure time at popular boat ramps such as Victoria Point, with parking and boat launching at a premium when the weather is good and the fish are biting.

The Victoria Point Volunteer Marine Rescue members probably know better than most just how busy it can get. The VMR has a unique perspective, with the volunteers especially busy on the water over summer.

As well as voluntarily helping to make equitable parking available through flexible signage, they also have the shared experience of busy boat ramps. So much so that they have recently applied to the State Government for a seabed lease for their own pontoon to help get on and off the water quickly. They have also been helped by a grant from local Councillor Lance Hewlett and neighbouring Councillor Paul Golle to buy a heavy-duty trolley jack and weather-resistant lighting for the boatshed.

Cr Hewlett said the key to enjoyment for all during busy times was courtesy and cooperation.

"This includes helping the volunteer rescue service crews launch their service by being patient at ramps," he said. "You never know

when you may need their service like a tow to shore, so it's not a bad idea to bank some credits with these great volunteers. And don't spoil your holidays by arguing with fellow boaters or getting a fine for wrongly parking.

"There has been a marked improvement in parking behaviour at the point but there are still some who ignore the signs. By being patient and courteous you will find your day in the water much more relaxing. Above all, be safe at all times and have a great time on our beautiful bay."

Life's a beach at Coochie

Coochiemudlo Island boasts arguably the best family beaches in the Redlands.

"Only minutes by ferry from the mainland, the shoreline is ideal for keeping an eye on the little children while you relax with family and friends," local Councillor Lance Hewlett says. "While we have earmarked installation of new playground equipment and shelters in the new year and improvement to the toilet amenity block, the foreshore already has great facilities."

Coochiemudlo Island Surf lifesaving Club members proudly patrol flagged beach areas on weekends and public holidays. With 100 members and a strong focus on training nippers from 5 to 13 years, the club is always keen to take on new members. Info: coochieSLSC@bigpond.com or 0417 764 604.



WATER WORLD: Victoria Point and Coochiemudlo Island are popular summer destinations with good reason.

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DIVISION 4

A Straddie for all seasons

Images: Stradbroke Island Photography

Summer is a great time to visit North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah. There's just something about enjoying a locally sourced Christmas seafood lunch, looking out over the azure waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Each year, people flock to the island to enjoy the festive season with the sun at their backs and sand under their toes. There's no doubt that summer is a cracking time on Straddie but the island offers up unique experiences each season.

Tourism is one of eight key growth sectors identified in Council's Redlands Economic Framework to ensure the future prosperity of our city. This is particularly relevant for North Stradbroke Island with sand mining due to end in 2019. Here are a couple of reasons to mark "Get to Straddie!" on the calendar throughout the year.

For many, autumn is the pick of times. As weather starts to cool, calm days on the bay make for great boating trips to the island and stunning kayaking through the extensive mangroves that run along its western side. It's also the time when a cacophony of colour fills the island's skies, as thousands of rainbow lorikeets visit. It's hard not to be awestruck by their noise, colour and aerial aerobatics each afternoon as the sun sets.

For many thousands of years, the arrival of these birds has been a sign to the Quandamooka people that an island delicacy, sea mullet, is on its way. Mullet have been an important part of the Quandamooka people's diet, once hunted in a unique partnership between Traditional Owners and dolphins (buwangan). Mullet continues to hold an important place in community culture. Families who have netted mullet for generations continue this trade,



Enjoy North Straddie oysters this summer

With a harvesting season perfectly timed for festive banquets, here are a couple of ways to enjoy island oysters. Just mix up the ingredients and spread over a dozen of these ocean-fresh delicacies.



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and this fish – high in healthy oils – is eagerly anticipated on barbecues at many island events.

Winter also brings the humpback whales (yalingbila) past the island, which offers some of the best land-based whale watching in Australia. In one trip around Point Lookout's Gorge Walk, it's common to see turtles, dolphins, rays and sea eagles – with whales passing so closely that binoculars are optional.

Connecting winter and spring is the Quandamooka Festival - a three-month celebration from July to September which showcases the cultures of the Noonuccal,

Goenpul and Nughi peoples. Returning in 2018, it gives everyone a chance to come together, make new friendships and celebrate the traditional indigenous culture of the island through ceremony, dance, art and food. It culminates in spring with main event, Kunjiel (Corroboree).

Spring also is a wonderful time to see the island's fauna and flora. If you are keen-eyed and quiet, your chances are high of spotting a kangaroo, koala or even echidna on the move. Wildflowers also flourish. Wedding bush (*Ricinocarpos tuberculatus*) provides a stunning mass display of white alongside local roads and forest boronia

(*Boronia rosmarinifolia*) add their own beauty to the Neemeeba Lookout walk in Naree Budjong Djara National Park (My Mother Earth). Best season to visit Straddie? Summer, autumn, winter and spring!

General tourist and contact information: www.redland.qld.gov.au (take the opportunity to view 'I know just the place: Quandamooka man Matthew Burns,' a short video giving an introduction to Quandamooka Country). Camping and beach permits: www.straddiecamping.com.au. Transport: Gold Cats (passenger service) www.flyer.com.au; Stradbroke Ferries (vehicle and passenger services) www.stradbrokeferries.com.au

Champagne tastes

- 1tsp champagne vinegar
- ½ tsp spring onion, chopped finely
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- Pepper to taste

Wasabi wow

- ½ tsp sour cream
- ½ tsp wasabi paste
- ½ tsp lemon juice
- Parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Island produce

Delicious seasonal produce is a highlight throughout the year, with other options including fresh-off-the-trawler prawns and wildflower honey.

If you are looking for inspiration when cooking with these ingredients, local publication *Eat, Drink and Be Straddie* has more than 100 island-favourite recipes as well as background tales of producers (available at several island locations or eatdrinkstraddie.com)

GREEN SEALING AN ISLAND GAME CHANGER

Getting around the Southern Moreton Bay Islands continues to get easier with the sealing of all residential streets on Lamb Island drawing to a close and crews getting ready to start work on 37 roads, or sections thereof, on Russell Island.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said the use of green sealing on residential streets had been a game changer in speeding up Council's delivery of sealed roads on the islands.

"In comparison with standard road treatments, the much more cost-effective green sealing is designed for lighter vehicle use - which is entirely appropriate for these residential streets," he said.

These works include the installation of gravel pavement and the application of two-coat bitumen seal.

Cr Edwards said that with Karragarra Island finished some time ago and Lamb Island due for completion before Christmas, there were just Russell and Macleay islands to go.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE:
A freshly green-sealed road on Lamb Island and, right, members of Redland Bay Men's Shed working on their Christmas stars.

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"Council's 2017-18 budget allocated \$3.4 million to continue the green-seal road program, effectively funding the delivery of the first 37 streets on Russell Island by 30 June 2018," he said. "We expect to tackle the rest of Russell Island and Macleay Island over the next three years but, of course, that is subject to inclusion in Council's annual budget for subsequent years."

Peace on Earth starts with a star

Redland Bay's Men's Shed members have lent their skillful hands to help fellow Redlanders get into the Christmas spirit this year. In collaboration with Council, this group of energetic seniors has designed and built six massive wooden stars which have been on show at the recent lighting of the city's Christmas tree in Cleveland and in Council's mainland libraries.

Redland Bay Men's Shed vice-president Colin Thomson said the stars were in support of the One Million Stars to End Violence project which has led individuals, groups and communities to weave stars to inspire light, hope and peace in the world. Redlander Maryann Talia Pau founded the project in 2012 in response to a tragic violent attack on a young woman in her community. "Our wooden stars serve as a frame onto which members of the community have affixed their own personal stars, created at a number of star weaving workshops at Council libraries," Colin said. Local Councillor Mark Edwards said you could always count on the gents at the Redland Bay Men's Shed to throw their support behind worthy community-led initiatives.



BAYVIEW CONSERVATION AREA SET TO BE A TRAIL BLAZER

Walkers, runners, mountain-bike riders and horse riders will have access to a world-class facility in the Redlands thanks to upgrades now underway at the Bayview Conservation Area.

The area already attracts major national events, including the Bayview Blast National Cross-Country Marathon Series for bike riders organised by RATS Cycling Club and the SEQ Trail Running Series held by Those Guys Events, with improvements to provide an even better race experience for events such as these in 2018.

President of RATS Cycling Club Lisa Toia said Council and community support were contributing to the development of facilities and an expanded trail network.

“The enhancements to the staging area will support a range of major events, and the ever-improving trail network will help link a number of parks and provide key riding opportunities. The future for mountain biking is bright,” she said.

“The Bayview Conservation Area is well on its way to being transformed into a family-friendly outdoor recreation destination for residents and visitors, and will cater well for young kids, school-age children and both the social and serious adult competitors who take part in our events.”

The ground work has literally been done on the Bayview Conservation Area upgrade, with earth and road works now complete and the area ready for the installation of infrastructure.

The next stage of the upgrade to Redland Bay’s much-loved recreational spot will include the installation of a large covered barbecue area, signage, picnic tables and seating, a bike wash-down area, horse and bike stations, toilets and access to power and water.

Access will also be improved with a sealed dual-lane entry and exit road, horse float parking area and a sealed carpark.

A new mountain-bike skills area, two new shared-use trails and a new all-abilities access walking trail have also been designed to deliver a world-class day-use area that will attract trail users from elite sportspeople to families.

Works began in July and are expected to be completed in March next year in time to welcome visitors for the Commonwealth Games.

You can find more information about the park and how to get there by going to www.redland.qld.gov.au and clicking on “Parks, venues and facilities” and then “Track parks and conservation areas”.



FLYING: Bayview Conservation Area is helping the Redlands boost its reputation as a top-class mountain-biking destination.

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DIVISION 6

Carrying the torch for Redlands

Thornlands' George Hill and North Stradbroke Island's Delvene Cockatoo-Collins are among the Redlands' proudest residents with starring roles in the lead up to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) next year.

After being named to carry the Queen's Baton through Cleveland as it makes its way to Gold Coast, George is hoping the Redlands will rise to the occasion and line the streets from Cleveland Point to Raby Bay Harbour Park for the event on Saturday 31 March.

"When I found out I was very proud," the dedicated surf lifesaver recalled.

"It will be such a great chance to represent my surf lifesaving family and club, Point Lookout, my own family, my late parents who got me into surf lifesaving and my community. And hopefully it will showcase Cleveland and the Redlands to the world."

George, chief operating officer for Surf Life Saving Queensland and a life member who started as a nipper in 1975, said the baton relay was a great opportunity for the Redlands to be part of a "once in a lifetime" event.

"And it's a chance for our community to get closer together," George, 52, said.

George will join sportspeople such as Tatiana Grigorieva, Jade Edmestone and Daniel Fox, as well as locals such as Johaan Kaa and Kieron Douglass for the Cleveland leg of the relay (full list opposite).

Delvene will leave a lasting impression on the Games after being commissioned to design the medals to be awarded to athletes.

"The medal design represents soft sand lines which shift with every tide and wave, also symbolic of athletic achievement," the Quandamooka artist said. "The continual change of tide represents the evolution in athletes who are making their mark."

She said the medal ribbons represented the woven strand of the freshwater reed, yungair - a traditional skill handed down through generations.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said she was immensely proud of Delvene's stunning designs as well as the role of local batonbearers.



Take care of your home these holidays

Holidays are a time of celebration and relaxation. Don't let thieves ruin your time away.

Follow these simple tips to reduce the opportunities for crime:

- 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.

For more information www.redland.qld.gov.au/CommunitySafety

**TOP TIPS
TO DETER
THIEVES!**





Batonbearers for the Cleveland leg are:

- Deborah Acason
- Jack de Boer
- Kieron Douglass
- Jade Edmestone
- Daniel Fox
- Tatiana Grigorieva
- Luke Harvey
- George Hill
- Jamie Hiscock
- Rod Hutton
- Ari Jelekaianen
- Johaan Kaa
- Christine Kidd
- Jade Lucey
- Leon McNiece
- Claire Rickard
- Dawn Rubie
- Mark Urquhart
- Edwina Wordsworth



INSPIRED: Quandamooka artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins and her stunning medal designs.



THRILLED: Local surf lifesaving stalwart George Hill will proudly carry the Queen's Baton.

"Community-nominated, our batonbearers showcase Australians who have reached great heights and achieved remarkable things - from sporting successes to dedicating their lives to improving the lives of others," she said. "It is also wonderful to see the involvement of local heroes such as George Hill, who has dedicated much of his life in the service of surf lifesaving, and Delvene, whose inspired designs will leave a lasting impression."

For updates on the community celebration, check www.redland.qld.gov.au

REPORT GRAFFITI ONLINE WITH VANDAL TRAK

Council's graffiti reporting system

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. It's your community. Report graffiti vandalism with VandalTrak, so together we can look after our communities and neighbourhoods.

Online form

Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au and register for Vandal Trak. Select *Report graffiti* from the Fast Find menu bar.

Or go directly to www.vandaltrack.com.au and register as a user to upload a photo and log details and location of the graffiti.

Smartphone App

Download your free Mobile App at www.vandaltrack.com.au.

Simply take a photo of the graffiti and follow the prompts to give a basic description of the tag. Vandal Trak will automatically send your graffiti request to Council.

www.redland.qld.gov.au www.vandaltrack.com.au



WELCOME BOOST FOR INDIGISCAPES

Redland City Council has secured state funding for the second stage expansion of its popular IndigiScapes Environment Education Centre.

All up, \$916,137 has been committed to the \$1.53 million cost of stage two.

The decision follows an earlier State Government grant of \$109,800 alongside Council's contribution of \$73,200 toward the completion of the centre's new nursery shed and shade areas.

Division 7 Councillor Murray Elliott said the investment in the IndigiScapes project would significantly boost both its environmental and tourism potential.

"The funding of the new stage two works marks another exciting part of the larger project ambitions for the centre," he said. "This funding recognises that this project



EXPANSION: Redland City Council's IndigiScapes Environmental Centre is helping to drive tourism growth.



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will help create as many as 16 full-time equivalent jobs and boost economic activity through increased tourism at what already is a popular spot with visitors and locals.

"The five-year \$3.7 million expansion of IndigiScapes will also play a big role in meeting the city's environmental commitments."

IndigiScapes has built a reputation as a quality environmental education facility, with the second stage of the visitor centre facilities set to enhance its popularity and importance. Stage two includes expansion of the café and providing better bush tucker experiences.

Cr Elliott said the new work was set to begin in early 2018 and be completed by May 2019. It will include construction of a "Welcome to Country" space featuring interpretation of the Quandamooka people's cultural heritage.

Stage one work included a bigger and better native plant nursery.

"Future planned work will include a new theatrette and expanded gardens and garden walkways," Cr Elliott said.

"This completed IndigiScapes project will have enormous benefit in cementing the centre's role as a landmark environmental education resource centre and visitor destination."



PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

A schools competition backed by Redland City Council is helping to better prepare local students for the jobs of the future.

An initiative of the QMEA/Alexandra Hills State High School Centre of Excellence in Automation and Robotics, the competition aims to inspire and excite younger students about STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and maths).

Planning for the next INNOVATE - Redland City STEM Competition is now underway following the success of the inaugural event during Science Week recently.

Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges said the competition proved a fun, interactive and educational showcase of the work of top STEM students.

“The recent competition, of which Council was the main sponsor, aimed to develop and encourage STEM-related skills of students in Years 5 to 8 through science investigations, video game development projects and robotics challenges,” Cr Huges said.

“According to the Federal Government, about three-quarters of jobs in the fastest-growing industries during the next decade will need STEM skills.

“This competition fits very well with Council’s strategies to better position the Redlands for the shift away from traditional jobs to those which will be in greater

demand into the future. Our economic development strategy and search for innovative ideas to create local jobs is designed to benefit young Redlanders such as those attracted to this competition.”

Cr Huges said feedback from the inaugural INNOVATE - Redland City STEM Competition had encouraged organisers to work towards an expanded competition in 2018.

“Students from 11 primary and secondary schools competed, with five different schools winning a competition category,” she said.

“As well as the competition events, students participated in engineering challenges, interacted with robotic arms and virtual reality displays and viewed a show of exciting science experiments.

“Deputy principal of Alexandra Hills State High School Clint Beutel and his team did a wonderful job of coordinating the event, with Clint’s drive contributing to the success of the event and securing its future.”

The winning students were awarded medallions, with the winning schools getting robotics or electronics resources provided by Redland City Council. All participants received event bags containing items donated by other event sponsors.



A CLASS ABOVE: Local students had fun while preparing for their futures when they competed in the recent INNOVATE - Redland City STEM Competition.

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DIVISION 8

Dreaming of a green Christmas

**Your guide to holiday
season recycling**



Between Christmas, New Year and Australia Day, Redlanders produce more waste than at any other time of year, with much of it recyclable.

Amid the fun and festivities, it can be a challenge to know what goes in the yellow-lid recycling bin and what goes in the red-lid general waste bin or can be taken to the waste transfer station.

The ever helpful team at RedWaste offer these tips and advice to help make this a “green” Christmas.

Where it goes

Wrapping paper, glossy cardboard	Recycle Bin 
Paper covered in sticky tape (remove excess tape)	Recycle Bin 
Cardboard with cellophane	Waste Bin 
Plastic plates and cutlery	Recycle Bin 
Bubble wrap (this can be included with other soft plastic packaging and taken to Coles)	
Plastic ties	Waste Bin 
Styrofoam containers, beads (large pieces of Styrofoam can be recycled at waste transfer stations.)	Waste Bin 
Firm plastic packaging	Recycle Bin 
Ribbon	Waste Bin 
Christmas cards and gift tags (as long as they are mainly cardboard/paper.)	Recycle Bin 
Batteries (Recycle at ALDI/Battery World)	

After the party is over ...

- If you are lucky enough to receive a new gadget such as a mobile phone for Christmas, don't forget to recycle your old phone. You can search for local drop-off locations at www.recyclingnearyou.com.au
- Don't throw out unwanted gifts, instead donate them to charities or hold a garage sale and make some money to pay off that credit card!
- Useable items can be taken to Council's mainland transfer stations or RecycleWorld free of charge.
- Christmas cards can be donated to your local kindergarten for use in craft activities.
- Excess cardboard, bottles and cans from Christmas/New Year's celebrations that don't fit in the recycle bin can be disposed of at Council's transfer stations free of charge.
- Polystyrene can be taken to Council's transfer stations for recycling.

Shop for the planet

- When selecting wrapping paper, avoid foil-wrap and cellophane as these can't be recycled. Instead, opt for fully recyclable wrapping or containers that can be re-used.
- If you do buy gift wrap, choose recycled paper options.
- Kids' artwork also makes great wrapping paper for gifts for proud grandparents.
- When buying a Christmas gift, consider gifts with minimal or no packaging. Check to see whether packaging is recyclable.



FUN TIMES AHEAD FOR REGIONAL PARK



KIDS' STUFF: Capalaba Regional Park is a growing outdoor recreational attraction for the Redlands, with two new family attractions on the way.

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There is plenty of outdoors fun as well as “screen time” on its way to Capalaba Regional Park.

One of the jewels in the Redlands’ outdoor recreation crowns, the park is set to become the home of two innovative family attractions.

Division 9 Councillor Paul Gleeson said both would build on the park’s diversity and popularity.

“Youngsters will love the new embankment slides that we have planned for the park,” Cr Gleeson said.

“We are looking at building two slides protected by shade sails down one of the park’s slopes.

“They will certainly add another fun dimension to the active elements for kids in this great space.

“Council expects construction to start by mid-next year, weather permitting.”

Cr Gleeson said Council was also in the process of acquiring outdoor cinema equipment to support future “movies in the park” events for families.

“The project is currently in the planning stages, with outdoor cinema events expected to be offered within Capalaba Regional Park adjacent to the existing performance shelter in future years,” Cr Gleeson said.

“I have secured funding for the screen and will keep you up to date as Council moves closer to finalising plans for our park cinema.

“We are fortunate to have a great climate for outdoor activities and Capalaba Regional Park is the perfect spot, with plenty of space for picnics and barbecues and for the kids to burn off some energy.”

Cr Gleeson said the annual Bayside Blues Festival had underscored the park’s credentials as an outdoors music, festival and movie venue.

“There is plenty of scope to bring more family-orientated entertainment to Capalaba Regional Park in the future,” he said.

Christmas clue from Sherlock

Meet Sherlock, an adoption success story of the Redland Animal Shelter and one of the stars of its 2018 calendar.

Sherlock was photographed by Paw Prints pet photographer Amanda Whelan, who visits the shelter weekly and takes most of the animal photos that appear on the shelter's web and Facebook pages.

"Like everyone who works at the shelter, I am passionate about caring for animals and giving them a great quality of life," Amanda said.

"And I am proud to volunteer my time to take the photos for the shelter and its annual calendar to be able to help them find forever homes for all their wonderful animals."

All profits from the calendar go directly towards helping care for animals waiting to be adopted and supporting the ongoing operations of the Animal Adoption Program at the Redland Animal Shelter.

They are available at the Redland Animal Shelter and all Redland City Council Customer Service Centres and mainland Redland libraries. You can buy one for \$12 or two for \$20.

Info:
Pawprintspetphotography.com.au
www.redland.qld.gov.au

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2 for \$20



PARK A PARADISE FOR KIDS



FUN BY THE BAY: Popular Aquatic Paradise West Park will soon get new play equipment like that pictured for local and visiting youngsters.

Local youngsters are in for a treat with an exciting new playground planned for Birkdale's Aquatic Paradise West Park.

The new play area will include a double swing, hammock swing, multi-deck play structure with slides and feature sandstone blocks and boulders.

Local Councillor Paul Bishop said new shade sails and additional seating opportunities would be included.

"The new playground will replace the existing structure and is sure to be a real highlight of this very popular family park," Cr Bishop said.

"If you have any questions or comments relating to the playground replacement works, I encourage you to contact Council or myself we would love to hear your feedback. The Redlands is very much about

lifestyle and enjoying the environment, so Council has a program of replacing playground equipment as it ages to ensure we offer the latest fun, challenging and safe play structures available.

"The city has some awesome bayside parks like Aquatic Paradise West, with magnificent views. This makeover will make it even more attractive for locals as well as visitors from across the city and region."

Cr Bishop said work at the park was expected to start mid-next year, weather permitting,

"Disruptions at the park will be kept to a minimum during construction," he said.

The park, off Commodore Drive, boasts shaded picnic and barbecue facilities, bookable space for community functions and events, toddler play spaces, walking and cycling paths and an unfenced dog off-leash area.

"It's a great base for a long walk, run or ride along Queens Esplanade on the edge of the bay," Cr Bishop said.

"It's an awesome spot for families and get-togethers with views to match.

For information of Redland parks or how to book space, go to www.redland.qld.gov.au and click on "Parks, Venues and Facilities".

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Giving pests a spray

Mosquitoes are endemic in our coastal environment and it is impossible to eradicate them completely but residents can take simple steps to assist Council's efforts to reduce numbers.

Council conducts regular ground and aerial treatments, as well as field surveys for mosquitoes. And with rain, coupled with warmer weather, providing ideal breeding conditions, inspections of known breeding sites has increased.

Council also encourages residents to inspect their own backyards. People are often surprised how little water it takes for mosquitoes to breed – even the water at the bottom of a pot plant base is enough.

To help the fight against mozzies, you should check your yard, emptying water pooling in items such as toys, boats, fallen palm fronds, blocked roof gutters and old tyres. It's also timely to check your insect screens are in good condition and, in areas where mosquitos and biting midges are

particularly prevalent, consider treating screens with a UV stable insecticide.

So far this financial year, there have been six aerial treatments and these will continue throughout the breeding season when surveillance identifies breeding occurring in treatment areas. Council conducts ground treatments whenever breeding is identified in accessible areas.

Council's mosquito team targets mosquito larvae or "wrigglers" before they can fly and bite and has an inspection program to monitor larvae numbers and the efficacy of our treatments.

However, they are unable to treat biting midge larvae, as their prime breeding grounds are natural coastal habitats where it is illegal to spray with the required insecticides.

There are no products registered in Australia for the control of intertidal biting midges in natural habitats such as

mangroves. And, unfortunately, there are no other scientifically proven, environmentally appropriate and cost-effective ways to manage biting midges.

Thankfully, unlike mosquitoes, midges are not known to transmit any human diseases in Australia.

While biting midges are small enough to get through normal flyscreens, treating flyscreens with a water-based, UV-stable insecticide such as bifenthrin every six weeks can offer an effective barrier. Fine-meshed screens designed to keep midges out are also available. Mosquito coils, lanterns and space sprays are all effective provided that there is little air movement.

There is more detailed information about mosquito management and a very informative video about midges on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Go to "community health and safety", then "health risks and regulation". You also can call Council on 3829 8999.

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, blocked roof gutters, bird baths and old tyres.



It's peak
Mosquito
breeding
season

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



VILLAGE PLAN SET TO BOOST ECONOMY

Wellington Point's streetscape consultation day in June showed the community's priority is to revitalise the Village Green so it becomes a well-planned space for activities, events, play areas and fun.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said the input from hundreds of people has informed plans to make the Village Green the new, accessible heart of Wellington Point Village.

"There'll be new coastal-style shelters with seats, a children's playground and a grassed amphitheatre facing a covered stage," Cr Boglary said.

"People said they wanted an area to host concerts, exercise classes or movie nights, and this area will be perfect for these activities. There were also calls for more accessible amenities, so plans include a new toilet block, as well as new trees and a multi-functional plaza area which could be used for markets and other events."

Despite the changes, Cr Boglary reassured residents there'll be no overall loss of parking in the village. "Once the new toilet block has been built on the Village Green, we expect the old toilet block in Pye Lane to be demolished to create new parking spaces," she said.

Signs were posted in the village to show how consultation influenced the new concept for the Village Green. People have been encouraged to check the plan and provide further feedback. Council also posted an update to the Wellington Point streetscape Your Say page, along with the design concept. You will find it at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au. The plan will now go to the design phase, expected to be finalised in early 2018, with staged construction expected to begin in mid-2018.

Protecting and expanding wildlife corridors

Council has been working hard to strengthen the important Ormiston-Wellington Point wildlife corridor through mass planting along the banks of Hilliard Creek.

In the past couple of months, Council has added more than 6600 plants and trees to the area, including koala food species.

Local Councillor Wendy Boglary said the Redlands' natural environment was one of its greatest assets, giving the city its wonderful lifestyle and character.

"This has the potential to attract more tourists to the area and help build the local economy," Cr Boglary said.

She said a second planting further south along Hilliard Creek's bank was planned for early in the new year, with the area identified as an important koala habitat.



GROWING: See what's ahead for the Village Green in detail at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au. Right, Cr Wendy Boglary with Jan and Robin Tunks at Hilliards Creek, where more trees are being planted.



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AQUATIC CENTRE MASTERSTROKE

Planning has begun for a \$71 million surf lifesaving centre of excellence and emergency services precinct in Cleveland.

It follows the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding recently by Redland City Council and Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ).

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said the Australian-first project would include a new state headquarters for SLSQ and a redeveloped aquatic centre for the community.

“Under this agreement, SLSQ will relocate its headquarters to Cleveland with the facility to include a centre of excellence to provide hands-on training for tomorrow’s surf lifesavers,” Cr Mitchell said. “It will be co-located with the new Cleveland aquatic centre, which will get four new public pools and potentially other community facilities such as water play areas.”

Cr Mitchell said the centre would bring economic benefits to the city as well as being important to North Stradbroke Island’s transition from sand mining, which is due to end in 2019.

“Straddie’s surf beaches and points will be used for white-water training, including the rescue of people from difficult areas such as off rocks,” Cr Mitchell said. “With access to plenty of open water, it makes Cleveland the perfect place for such a facility. There is also the potential for

the project to include emergency services organisations already located at the Cleveland site.”

He said Council would like to see Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Ambulance Service and State Emergency Service be part of the project.

“This would allow for joint training exercises, leading to improved coordination and collaboration between agencies, enhanced communication and better community safety and disaster outcomes,” Cr Mitchell said.

He said Council was seeking state and federal funding for the project in recognition of its benefits both regionally and nationally.

The project is expected to receive the green light by late 2018, with work to get under way mid to late 2019.

Get connected

Council is committed to providing free public access to technology through our libraries. The latest branches to benefit are Dunwich and Point Lookout.

These Straddie libraries have joined Cleveland, Victoria Point, Capalaba and Russell Island libraries in offering free wi-fi. With generous download limits and a simple signup process, it’s a great new resource for the island community.

Info: Redland.qld.gov.au/library



LIFESAVER: A planned surf lifesaving centre of excellence in Cleveland could become the home of emergency services training for the region.

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DIVISION 2

Musical Melodies back in the swing

Redland Performing Arts Centre's popular Musical Melodies Concert Series celebrates 10 years in 2018 with five superb concerts.

A fabulous line-up has been booked to transport concert fans back to the glitzy golden age of the silver screen, have you rolling in the aisles with laughter and singing along to unforgettable classics.

You can start the year on the high seas with the return of the sell-out show *The Pirates of Penzance* on **Wednesday 14 February at 11am**. On their 21st and final tour, don't miss your chance to see these swashbuckling, singing, side-splitting buccaneers in action, when the entire smash-hit musical is brought to the stage with a cast of just six.

Returning to RPAC on **Saturday 12 May at 2pm** is the talented **Sharon Rowntree** (*Dusty and the Divas*) joined by renowned Gold Coast entertainer **Glenn Shields** in the dazzling *Tribute to the Stars*. The pair will be performing some of the greatest duets of all time, including *It Takes Two*, *Summer Nights* and *The Prayer*.

You can then look forward to a trip back in time as **Greg Aspeling** (*The Kings of Swing*) is joined by **Rhydian Lewis** and **Sebastiaan Scholtens** as they take to the stage as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr

and Dean Martin in *The Rat Pack*. Travel back to the times of Ol' Blue Eyes in this wise-cracking stage show packed with history on **Saturday 23 June at 2pm**.

The timeless classics of The Carpenters will then push away the winter blues when *We've Only Just Begun* performs on **Wednesday 12 September at 11am**. Australian music theatre star **Angela Lumicisi** will channel Karen Carpenters' unique style as she performs *Top of the World*, *Close To You*, *Yesterday Once More* and other Carpenters' favourites.

Redland Libraries Connecting to You!

Free
children's
event



Join us at the Pop up Libraries for a fun filled morning of storytelling, craft and other activities. Bring a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle. Suitable for children up to five years, with older siblings welcome.

Thursday 4 January, 9.30–11am at Cleveland Aquatic Centre

Monday 8 January, 10am–2pm at Victoria Point Shopping Centre

Thursday 11 January, 9.30–11am with Mobile library stop, Main Rd, Wellington Point

Wednesday 17 January, 8.30–11.30am at Capalaba Central Shopping Centre

Friday 19 January, 9.30–11am at Cleveland Point Reserve

Thursday 25 January, 9.30–11am at Victoria Point Reserve

For times and dates go to www.redland.qld.gov.au/library and go to "What's on at your library".

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STAR POWER: The Rat Pack's Sebastiaan Scholtens, Greg Aspelng and Rhydian Lewis and, right, We've Only Just Begun's Angela Lumicisi.



BIG FINALE: Just a Couple of Song and Dance Men Shay Debney and Joe Meldrum.



“
Musical Melodies concerts sell out quickly so make sure you book early.
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Finishing the season will be *Just a Couple of Song and Dance Men* on Wednesday 24 October at 11am. Joe Meldrum (*A Fine Romance*) and Shay Debney will bring the exciting dance routines and fabulous songs of Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Bing Crosby,

Bob Hope and others to the stage, including *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, *Be a Clown*, *Blue Skies* and *That's Entertainment*.

Musical Melodies concerts can sell-out very quickly, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets: seniors/

pensioners \$23 (groups of 10 or more \$20), seniors/pensioners booking for all five shows \$20, adults \$29. Bookings: www.rpac.com.au or call the RPAC Box Office on 3829 8131 (booking fees are \$5 online and \$4.10 by phone per transaction).

**WASTE NOT WANT NOT
— THIS CHRISTMAS —**

Did you know that the average Australian household throws away more than \$1,000 worth of food every year? Locally about 20 per cent of what goes in our bins is food waste - that's about 1,050 waste collection trucks full of food wasted every year.

DON'T FORGET: You can take excess cardboard, bottles and cans to Council's transfer stations free of charge - see opening times on pg 8.

Thanks for doing your bit!

www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste

Redland CITY COUNCIL

Help reduce the financial and environmental costs of food waste this festive season.

- Curb over-indulgence - consider the number of people you are catering for and only buy what you need.
- Plan portion sizes and use a shopping list.
- Send leftovers home with guests, eat later that day or freeze.
- Turn leftovers into new creative meals the next day - Google 'Christmas leftovers' for some great ideas.
- Compost your food scraps or give your worms their own Christmas feast.



Summer of fun

Ensuring your kids get plenty of holiday fun and adventure while preparing for the new school year has a name: Summer Reading Club.

The annual Redland Libraries school holiday program promotes the fun and enjoyment associated with reading to help youngsters avoid the “summer slide”, continuing to improve their literacy through stories, activities and competition.

Continuing to 31 January, the worldwide program has at its heart the message that reading during the extended break from school over summer is vital for young minds. Studies have shown that the cumulative effect of losing two months of valuable reading time - referred to as the “summer slide” - means that, by high school, children can fall up to a year behind their peers in literacy levels.

By joining the Summer Reading Club, youngsters get to exercise their minds without realising it. Best of all, youngsters have the excitement of competing for prizes and joining activities while finding fun and adventure through the pages of a book. There are age groups for pre-school, primary and high-school children.

This year the theme is “Game On”, linking with the excitement that is building ahead of the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast in April.

Redland Libraries will also be running a book cover design competition in December, with artist Aaron Pocock



For more information pop into one of the libraries or email youngpeople@redland.qld.gov.au

giving children tips on illustrating covers with a session called “Fantastic beasts and how to draw them” from 10am on Wednesday 13 December at Cleveland Library. The competition closes on 20 December and there will prizes for different age groups for children before Christmas.

You can channel your inner novelist through the libraries’ short story competition, with author Christine Bongers talking at Victoria Point Library from 10am on Thursday 14 December and Paula Weston hosting a writing workshop at Capalaba Library from 2pm on Tuesday 19 December. The competition closes on 20 January.

Youngsters also can win prizes by filling out a reading passport that puts them in random draws during the holidays.

All details of the competitions can be found at the libraries or on the library website. You can download lots of fun resources associated with the Summer Reading Program, such as the activity book for each age group, passports and colouring sheets. Or just head to your local library to collect all you need already printed and ready to go.

The final draw of passports will be in early February with some terrific grand prizes in all age groups that include books, games and vouchers.

Also planned is a Book Trailer introductory workshop from 9.30am on Thursday 18 January at Capalaba Library for kids and teens.

Joining in is easy, either visit a Redland library or check out the webpage for more information.

Triple Treat



Games celebration

Monday 8 January 2018

Be on North Stradbroke Island for the Commonwealth Games Queen’s Baton visit from 2pm-4pm. Seven’s *Sunrise* sports presenter Mark Berretta will MC this event at Headland Park, Point Lookout, which will include an indigenous focus with Quandamooka entertainment, workshops, art displays and activities.



Aussie run

Friday 26 January 2018

Bayside Vehicle Restorers’ Club’s Australia Day Run is one of Queensland’s largest rallies, with more than 500 classic vehicles expected. Leaving from Ormiston State School and supported by Redland City Council, entry is open to all enthusiasts. Check the details at baysideclub.org.au



Day on the Green

Sunday 25 February 2018

Day on the Green returns to Mount Cotton’s Sirromet Winery with a monster line-up – Spiderbait, The Fauves, The Lemonheads, The Living End, Tumbleweed and Veruca Salt. For more details on this massive musical event and to book, go to www adayonthegreen.com.au



ARE YOU READY REDLANDS?

Storm & bushfire season is here!

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and down pipes
- Securing loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch
- Identify a safe place to shelter in a storm or to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan

Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies
- If you don't know who owns the property next door call Council on 3829 8999 for their details
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning 1300 885 698


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