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Message from the Mayor

Many of you probably know of someone affected by the torment, lies, harassment, abuse and downright bullying that seems to be accepted in the world of social media.

Well I don't accept it. Or the lack of respect that seems to have become the norm for those who hide behind anonymity or who seem to dissociate themselves from reality as soon as they log on.

Outrage, abuse and outright threats now often come in place of reasoned and respectful debate or commentary for anyone who chooses to express their views online. Those doing it seem to ignore the fact there is a heart behind even the thickest of skins.

Redland City Council believes it is high time that something is done to stem this insidious trend through changing attitudes to social media use. We can start with ourselves – let's get back to leading and teaching our kids by example. How can we encourage children to stop online abuse if they continually see adults disrespecting each other?

Following the tragic death of "Dolly" Everett, the 14-year-old Akubra girl who took her own life under the weight of online bullying, the state and federal government have moved to action.

But it is important that change is driven from a community level and Council will create a climate for that to happen.

We have launched the #Pledgenot2sledge campaign which aims to foster respect on social media by making people think about how they would like to be treated. It encourages people to think about the impact they are having on others ... and how they would feel if it was done to them. It will open access to advice on how parents can manage their children's social media use.

We are urging the Local Government Association of Queensland to run with it through all councils in Queensland. And, as part of the campaign, we also will be looking for community champions. This is where you come in: we want you to get on board and help to push the message.

This is something tangible that we can all do now to encourage change. Social media is useful - it helps people connect and communicate and can alleviate social isolation for people who live remote from their families and friends. It is here to stay - although platforms will no doubt evolve. How we use it, however, also must evolve. We cannot allow social media to be hijacked by those who would never speak as condescendingly or nastily to someone face to face.

I am cautiously optimistic that we can effect change. Dolly's suicide has led to worldwide debate about the perils of social media. Many parents have no doubt been jolted into reassessing their kids' social media access. There also is growing acceptance by social media providers that something must be done.

Changing attitudes to social media use doesn't mean that we have to agree with and "like" everything. And this certainly is not about limiting people's freedom to speak their minds. But no one has the right to harass, abuse and peddle malice. Robust debate should be encouraged – but it should be based on respect.

When Apple CEO Tim Cook recently urged parents not to let children use social media, he said something which needs to be shared: "Measure your impact on humanity not in likes, but in the lives you touch," he said. "Not in popularity, but in the people you serve."

If you need help, call Lifeline on 13 11 14 or Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

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It is events like this that shape communities for the next decade...

Local stars embrace special honour

A group of special Redlanders will soon write themselves into history ... again.

They are among the members of the crew who will welcome – and in some cases carry - the Queen's Baton to a special community celebration at Raby Bay Harbour on Saturday 31 March as it makes its way to this year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

As batonbearers and hosts of the community event, they will become part of local Games folklore ... although for some, such as community champion and ultra-marathon runner Kieron Douglass, it is another "privilege" on a long list of accolades.

"Having been selected to represent the Redlands for the Queen's Baton Relay on such a grand scale is without a doubt the greatest of honours ... what a privilege," Kieron says.

"And not only do I get to represent my city, but I get to do it while doing something I love... running. I would have run from Cleveland to the Gold Coast if they had asked me! I will hold that baton up high thinking about the cause I am running for 'Juiced TV' and I will think to myself 'how lucky I am to be a part of something so incredible as this."

For Paralympic swimmer and fellow batonbearer Daniel Fox the Redland event will be an opportunity to inspire others.

"I'm so honoured to be involved in the Queen's Baton Relay in the Redlands as I've lived here my whole life. I remember as an 8-year-old watching the batonbearer relay through Cleveland for the 2000 Olympics, never for a minute realising that I would get that opportunity one day," he says.

"I love the thought that I could inspire a young person to follow their dreams and believe they can do it and have this same honour one day.

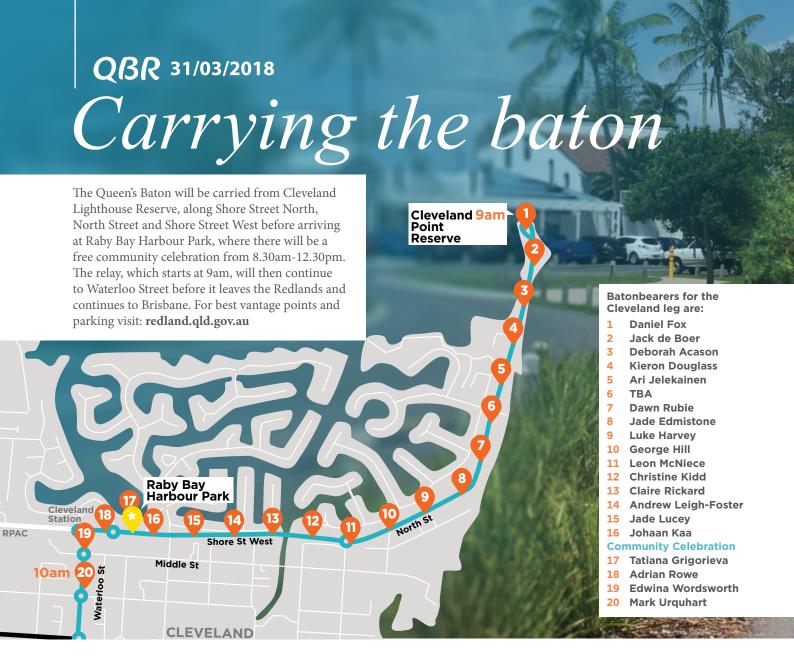
"To have the baton relay in Cleveland is so special ... let's hope it encourages tourists from all over Australia and the Commonwealth to want to visit the beautiful city that I was lucky enough to grow up in."

Olympic gold medalist Natalie Cook OAM and her fellow event co-host, Redlander and TV personality Lincoln Lewis, have described it as "awesome" to be involved in what they say is a great honour for their home city.

"To be a part of a community welcoming the baton and the Games to the Redlands is so exciting," beach volleyballer Nat says.

"It is events like this that shape communities for the next decade. There are not many events that can inspire all like this one. I am excited for the athletes, the spectators and the Gold Coast also, as this is a special time. It truly is greatness rarely seen on all fronts - from the venues, the volunteering, the festivals, the baton relay and, come April, the competition."









About the relay

From youngsters to some of Australia's most accomplished legends, the Queen's Baton Relay recognises the achievements and aspirations of Australians from all walks of life.

Collectively across the country, batonbearers will take more than a million steps to bring the Baton to its final destination, the Games' Opening Ceremony on 4 April 2018.

The uniquely designed Baton started its Australian journey on 25 December 2017, 100 days before the Opening Ceremony.

It started its journey at Buckingham Palace in London on 13 March 2017.

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While Dîner en Rouge provides a sumptuous banquet with lots of fun and entertainment, it also emphasises the need for a community effort to tackle the insidiousness of domestic and family violence

Mayor Karen Williams said funds raised from Dîner en Rouge would lead to a significant boost in crisis accommodation in the Redlands' region.

"There are only seven crisis accommodation units across the bayside catering for a population of more than 150,000 but they are in high demand, so we want to build at least another four," Cr Williams said.

"Dîner en Rouge continues to be part of a fundraising effort which shows the commitment of the Redlands community to ending family violence.

"Hopefully this will entice the State Government to join with us and local advocates for more crisis accommodation in the city."

The location of Dîner en Rouge, which has a red and white theme, is kept secret until the night to recognise that domestic and family violence often occurs in secret.

Dîner en Rouge is supported by Rotary Club of Cleveland, Zonta Clubs of Wynnum Redlands and Brisbane East, Soroptomist International and the Redland Foundation.

For more information, go to:

@redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge

It's a good day for boxing

Or maybe something more chilled like Yoga or 'Walk & Talk' is more your style?

Try these and more for FREE during the Redlands Healthy & Active Program, every week in parks around the Redlands.

For a full timetable and instructions on how to register visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap













Everybody needs good neighbours

Meg O'Driscoll knows the benefits of neighbourly love. Together with her husband Barry, she organises regular gettogethers at Alexandra Hills' Nandeebie Retirement Village.

"Those among us who live alone just love the chance to share a cuppa or a meal – it's mostly about the company and getting out," Meg says. "We look out for each other and might cook a meal or pick up some groceries when someone's in need."

If you don't know your neighbours as well as Meg does, Neighbour Day on the last Sunday in March is a great time to change that. Supported by Redland City Council, it encourages people to connect with those who live nearby. You can join in by inviting neighbours, especially the elderly and vulnerable, over for a cuppa, barbecue or picnic, or by simpy offering them a message of support.

Redland City Mayor and Local Disaster Management Group chair Karen Williams said it offered an ideal opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and make new friends. "Neighbours are important because good relationships with others can and do change communities," she said.

"It is especially important that we look out for each other when we are threatened by extreme weather events and the like."

In support of Neighbour Day, Council - in partnership with Southern Moreton Bay Islands Community Hub - will host an outdoor movie and community event on Russell Island for neighbours and families to come together.

Deputy Mayor and Local Recovery Group chair Wendy Boglary said the event, at the Bay Island Sport & Resilience Hub on Union Street from 4pm on Saturday 24 March, recognised that island residents were more at risk of being isolated in times of emergency such as floods, storms and fire.

"It's particularly important for members of these communities to get to know each other as it's your neighbours who are most likely to come to your aid when you need help most," she said.

See below for information on where to download a "Know your Neighbour" card to fill out and give your neighbours.



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Wild times: Victoria Point Egret Colony Wetlands are being well cared for by the local Bushcare group, aided by IndigiScapes' Bushcare officers.

SHELTER UPGRADES A WIN FOR RESIDENTS

Victoria Point residents who catch the bus between Victoria Point Shopping Centre and Benfer Road now have access to two new, safer bus shelters.

Local Councillor Lance Hewlett said delivery of the improved bus stops along Cleveland-Redland Bay Road was a big win for residents and followed extensive lobbying of the State Government.

He said Victoria Point stops 92 and 237 – one 120m north-west of Creekwood Street and the other 75m south-west of Magnolia Parade – were now disability accessible.

"The work has included road widening to ensure that buses can now pull over safely along this busy stretch to allow for passengers with wheelchairs to get on and off," Cr Hewlett said.

"After Council presented a compelling case to the Department of Transport and Main Roads, it fully funded one of the stops and substantially funded the other with Council, so this is a real win for the

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area! The work involved replacing the existing bus shelters with Translink 4A shelters and upgrading paths and kerbs to ensure all passengers could use the bus easily and safely."

Meanwhile, work is underway along the Thompson Beach foreshore at Victoria Point. The beach nourishment, construction of stormwater pipe/groyne control structures and stormwater drainage relocations is expected to be finished by July.

PROTECTING OUR BUSHLAND

The Egret Colony Wetlands in Victoria Point are being well cared for by the local Bushcare group, which is committed to protecting the Redlands' bushland and wildlife.

This particular group of 10 or so members was established in 1995 and has been working with Council since then to control weeds, monitor wildlife and restore habitat by planting local native plants. They meet on third Saturday afternoon of the month.

Local Councillor Lance Hewlett said being involved with Bushcare was "great for a healthy mind, body and soul". "You'll enjoy the company of the other volunteers, have access to free training and resources and continually learn something new about the local environment," he said.

Information: **redland.qld.gov.au** or contact a Bushcare officer at IndigiScapes on **3824 8611**.



PARTNERSHIP DELIVERS COMMUNITY SPACES

Known as the camel paddock, the swathe of grassy bog on Boundary Street at Redland Bay has been a blight on the landscape for many years.

That has now changed with a local builder working with Redland City Council to improve the site as part of a 99-lot development. The builder had several challenges to overcome, particularly the storm water flow through the land. Council's Priority Infrastructure Plan had also identified the need for a substantial community park in the area.

Councillors Mark Edwards (Division 5) and Julie Talty (Division 6) worked closely to maximise community benefits at the former camel paddock which straddles their divisions.

"It was a tough ask but the partnership between Council and the builder to develop the parkland has delivered a better result for residents," Cr Edwards said. "The required 1.5ha parkland is now set within a 4.5ha open-space corridor that includes existing native trees, turfed areas, extensive revegetation and waterway planting."

Together with Council officers, the Councillors negotiated for 6000sq m of park along Falkirk Parade plus a 4500sq m turfed recreational area.

"The builder agreed, seeing the changes as mutually beneficial to the community and the development," Cr Talty said.

"A nice feature is the camel foot imprints in the playground to reflect the past use of the land. This means local sports groups, dog walkers, families and other community groups have a fantastic, new open space right at their back door."

Cr Edwards said the result was a win for ratepayers. "It's great to have such a beautifully designed open space for the community to use," Cr Edwards said.

Both Councillors are now seeking further facilities for the new park.

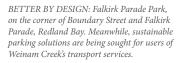


Redland City Council recently acquired Moore's Farm at Redland Bay's Weinam Creek to help deliver a sustainable parking solution for the community.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said Council had identified the land as a potential carpark a few years ago and had been negotiating with the owner to secure the site for the community.

"The provision of additional car parking at the site will assist in alleviating the demand, while meeting the needs of the local community and Southern Moreton Bay Island residents," Cr Edwards said.

"This carpark would be one of the solutions Council is looking at to assist in improving transport and connectivity for the community at Weinam Creek. Preliminary work on the design of the new carpark has started and residents will be kept up to date on progress."



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DIVISION 5

Libraries prescribe Words for Wellbeing

Research shows that self-help books in combination with support from health professionals can help people better understand and manage their health conditions.

With three mainland Redland libraries, four island libraries and a mobile library, what better way for Council to get involved and expand its services into a program that provides ongoing support for local community health and wellbeing.

The recent launch of the Words for Wellbeing program - part of an exciting new partnership between Redland City Council, Redland Hospital and health professionals - is a "books on prescription" initiative through which Redland Libraries are providing free access to books and recommended websites prescribed to people by their doctors.

Director of Medicine at Redland Hospital, Dr Joel Iedema, advocates self-help when it comes to managing a chronic health condition and says that understanding your condition is the first step in self-managing, with reading books a common way to learn more.

"Early and ongoing supported self-management of chronic conditions has been shown to reduce the need for hospitalisation and improves quality of life for those living with chronic medical conditions."

"Early lifestyle changes can assist in reducing the progression of many chronic diseases. It is important for those at risk or living with chronic disease to learn about their conditions and what they can do to prevent becoming more unwell as well as how to live a normal life at home.

"There is more information in the world today than anyone could possibly hope to read and so it is really valuable to know there are books available that have been recommended by Australian health professionals."

The new program will see health professionals recommend resources from an ever-increasing range on a Words for Wellbeing prescription flyer and talk to them about reading to improve their health awareness. Patients can then access those resources for free through their local library.

For more information, visit **www.redland.qld.gov.au** or your local Redland library.



Understanding your condition is the first step to self-managing "



TURN THE PAGE: Health professionals such as Redland Hospital's Dr Joel Iedema, below, have joined with Redland Libraries to help help residents read their way to better health.



Fab Four



SMBI fun Saturday 24 March 2018

Free event organised by Redland City Council in partnership with the Southern Moreton Bay Islands Community Hub for all islanders, the ferry. Activities start at 4pm at Bay Islands Resilience Hub, 2 Union Street, Russell Island, with a movie at 6.20pm. Bring your picnic rug, camp chairs and nibbles. Food available.



Easter Family Festival

Monday 2 April 2018

Head to Cleveland's Norm Price Park - Redland Showgrounds for a free family day with rides, entertainment food and refreshments. Sponsored by Redland City Council, it attracts about 15,000 people, making it one the largest annual events in the Redlands. Info:

www.redlandschurches.org



In harmony Until 21 April 2018

The Donald Simpson Community Centre at Cleveland celebrates harmony and multiculuralism with a range of events from arts, dance and wellness to fine fare. It includes Children's Harmony Day on Monday 9 April and the Multicultural Festival of Song and Dance on Saturday 21 April. Info: www.donaldsimpsoncentre.com.au



Simply amazing Sunday 8 April 2018

Form a team and race around the Redlands completing fun activities and following the clues to find the golden gnome. There are great prizes to be won at this Redland City Council event! Register online by Wednesday 28 March. Go to www.redland.qld.gov.au and search for Redlands Amazing Race.



ON TRACK: Rats Cycling Club members are thrilled with the upgrades to Bayview Conservation Area and, right, the new half-court at Liriope Place Park.

PROJECTS DELIVER LIFESTYLE BOOST

A host of major Redland City Council projects and community facilities have been opened or are about to be launched across Division 6.

Redland Bay's Weinam Creek Park now boasts new skate, play and dog off-leash areas, with sealing of the carpark on the way.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said the next major milestone would be the opening of Bayview Conservation Area's new facilities from 7.30am on Saturday 24 March.

"Meanwhile, Liriope Place Park at Victoria Point now has a new half-basketball court following input from the community, with the dog off-leash area nearing completion," Cr Talty said.

"The Redand Bay Men's Shed is also nearing completion and the new facilities at Mt Cotton Park are proving popular, with good attendances at the Healthy & Active classes every Monday."

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Cr Talty said the \$1.3 million upgrade of the day-use area at Bayview Conservation Area, at Redland Bay, would make the area one of the region's premier destinations for outdoors lovers, particularly walkers, mountain bikers and trail riders.

"The trailhead entry off German Church Road has been transformed into a family-friendly outdoor recreational destination for residents and visitors," she said.

"There's now 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 to the area and parking also has been improved, all in time to welcome visitors associated with the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

"This project has provided world-class facilities for all trail users, including walkers, runners, mountain bike riders and horse riders, as well as major trail events. Bayview Conservation Area is a well-used and much-loved recreational spot in our city, and this work will only boost its growing popularity."

Council also has created a new mountain bike skills area, two new shared-use trails and a new all-abilities access walking trail.

Cr Talty said Council was planning to add 24,000 plants to the area as part of its One Million Plants Project.

You will find more information on Bayview Conservation Park and how to get there at **www.redland.qld.gov.au** – go to Parks, Venues and Facilities and then Track Parks and Conservation Areas.



INDIGISCAPES IS BLOOMING

Capalaba's popular IndigiScapes centre is growing its support for local native plant species, with the environmental education centre's new nursery now operational.

Division 7's Cr Murray Elliott said the new nursery off Runnymede Road had increased IndigiScapes' capacity to produce a greater diversity of native plants for the community.

"The large, improved nursery can accommodate shade houses and outdoor areas so we can provide a more diverse range of native plant species, as well as ongoing support and information for local native gardeners," Cr Elliott said. "It is allowing the centre to boost its propagation and seed collection services, supporting the work of IndigiScapes' wonderful band of volunteers."

Cr Elliott said relocation of the existing nursery would allow for stage two of IndigiScapes' expansion project to start.

"This is expected to include refurbishment of the existing centre and construction of new garden spaces, theatrette and better public amenities and administration facilities."

Project generates jobs for locals

The townhouse project Ava Terraces, in Alexandra Hills, is nearing completion, with local trades from the Redlands playing a key role in the construction phase.

More than 20 Redland electricians, carpenters, plumbers, civil contractors, aluminum fabricators and others have been involved in the project.

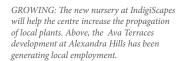
Local Councillor Murray Elliott said the jobs generated by the Council-led project were positive for the economy and community.

"It keeps jobs local, with Redlanders not needing to leave the city for work," he said.

Construction for the Ava Terraces project at 9-11 Oaklands Street, which started in August last year, is expected to be complete in May. The development has attracted strong interest, with three of the 13 terraces having sold with a further two expressions of interest.

Last year, Council decided to provide a quality townhouse project, with the potential to deliver quality homes for the Alexandra Hills community. The project is well located, with shops, schools and public transport all within walking distance.

For more information about the project, go to avaterraces.com.au.



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The *War On Waste* ABC series has inspired a new wave of individuals and families to do what they can to reduce their impact on our planet.

This movement has excited Redland community members such as Margaret Sear, who has been passionately encouraging others to make these simple daily changes.

Margaret has been recycling, reusing and repurposing for years. Her interest in green living evolved organically from her passion for gardening and the environment.

"I started teaching little children about environmental topics as a kindergarten director," she recalled.

> INSPIRED: Redlander Margaret Sear, above, has been encouraging others to care for the planet.

"We would bury rubbish in the ground each year and at the end of the year the children would dig it up to discover what had happened. My passion to make a difference simply flourished from there."

After Margaret started implementing sustainable practices in her kindergarten, she then brought them home and repurposed old fabrics, turning them into reusable produce and carry bags and beeswax wraps.

"I remember seeing a video on how to make my own beeswax wraps, probably on Facebook, and I thought my friends and I could do that quite easily," she said. "We came together and made a stack of them. You'll be amazed how many ways you can use them!"

Margaret also joined Redland City Boomerang Bags, a recent Australia Day award nominee, and community-driven movement tackling plastic pollution.

WHAT'S ON AT **REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**



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on sale.



"It was Sharr Ellson's vision and I joined in because it gave me heart and hope. I also love to sew bags and I know each bag will replace many, many plastic bags over the years," she said.

"I often wonder why people don't spend a small amount of time changing their behaviour to help make a difference. Perhaps it's too confusing, perhaps conservation fatigue or because there are so many products out there that give you a false sense of doing the right thing. Often, it's just a case of forgetting to bring them from the car, so you just go along with accepting plastic."

Psychologist Dr Andrea Quinn of local company BayPsych says that behavioural change could be more difficult than we think.

"People can be caught up with self-blame, and then 'guilt' themselves into staying stuck

- it's a lot more complex than that," said Andrea, who presented a workshop at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre on how to break bad habits.

"Getting some perspective on the challenges of changing behaviour can help us be a little more gentle on ourselves, so we don't get caught in the cycle of self-recrimination - or worse, give up!" Dr Quinn said.

If you're interested in learning more about sustainable living, head to Council's Green Living Expo at IndigiScapes on 24 March or call IndigiScapes on **3824 8611**. Also check out boomerangbags.org/community/redlands/

Sharr leads the way P27

Council's renowned Good Gardening Expo just got bigger, broadening its focus on sustainability beyond the garden to the impact of waste on our ecosystems.

Rebranded as Redlands Living Green Expo, this year there will be emphasis on the cycle of waste and how that affects the ecosystems in which we live and play. Environmental and horticultural experts will also be on tap for advice at free workshops, along with plenty of tips on how to live sustainably.

It's on from 9am-2pm on Saturday 24 March at IndigiScapes Environmental Centre, off Runnymede Road, Capalaba. Info: indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov. au or 3824 8611.



To learn more visit (W) www.redland.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes or (2) 3829 8999

GILBERT FORSY TEAM FIRST: The crew at Redlands Rubgy Union Club embrace allcomers "with open

MUDDIES A GAME CHANGER FOR COMMUNITY

The Redlands Rugby Union Club, in the heart of Division 8 at the Judy Holt Sportsfields, is proving itself an outstanding example of a diverse and supportive community group.

Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges, who has supported the club through her grants program, said the Muddies "rugby family" was having a significant and positive impact on the lives of locals, particularly those with disabilities and their families.

"Its GingerCloud's modified rugby program, in particular, embraces young boys and girls, men and women with learning or perceptual disabilities," Cr Huges said.

"Parents find that they have the support of their Muddies' family as their children progress through life thanks to the fun, fitness and social interaction that the club and its members provide.

"Muddies prides itself on being the club for everyone ... boys, girls, women, men, those with a disability, everyone.

"All are welcomed with open arms to participate in the game and the club. Even if you cannot get on

the field, there is a place for you at Muddies. It makes Muddies far more than just a sporting club ... it's an organisation with its community at heart, whose members do a wonderful job making the Redlands a great place to live for all."

The club supports inclusiveness with participation from the age of three until Golden Oldies (over 35s). It has a successful women's team that includes Australian representatives in multiple forms of the game – including the cocaptain of the national 7s rugby team, Shannon Parry, who won gold at the Rio Olympic Games and is looking to do it again at this year's Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

A spokesperson for the club said its modified rugby program was a world-first, modified form of touch-only rugby, specifically developed to allow girls, boys and young adults with learning and perceptual disabilities to play rugby and belong at Muddies.

"Each participant has their own player/mentor from Muddies on the field supporting them," the spokesperson said.

"Player/mentors are club volunteers specifically trained to help participants experience the sheer thrill of playing rugby, often for the first time."

For information or to get involved, go to redlandsrugby.com.au.

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PCYC A KEYSTONE OF COMMUNITY

The Redlands PCYC's popularity - and importance - is continuing to grow through an expanded range of community programs as well as a 24/7 gym.

Division 9 Councillor Paul Gleeson said the Council-owned Capalaba centre had become one of the most-utilised public facilities in the Redlands, with a membership of 2500 and up to 15,000 visits a month.

"The PCYC crew led by Sgt Graham Pearse really is phenomenal and has set a benchmark for community groups which want to become self-sustaining," Cr Gleeson said. "I have watched our PCYC grow with great interest over many years as it has adapted to community needs. The work it does to improve our community's health and wellbeing through social programs, sport and fun is quite exceptional."

The centre, on the corner of Mt Cotton and Degen roads, hosts a wide range of activities from basketball and badminton to gymnastics, martial arts and tai chi. It also recently opened access to its gym 24/7.

Cr Gleeson said the centre had a role in the lives of many local families though sport and vital services such as vacation and before and after school care.

"But what many in the community do not see is the incredible work Sgt Pearse and his team at the PCYC do in the areas of youth development and crime prevention," Cr Gleeson said.

"The Deep Blue Line program they started, with Council's support, for local youths at risk of running off the rails has been so successful it has been adopted by just about every other PCYC in the state.

"Project Booyah, a closely aligned program, has been a massive success in turning young Redlanders away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

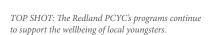
"The centre now also has a RUBY (Rise Up Be Yourself) fitness program which helps women and their families affected by domestic violence. These programs alone have done so much to make our community a great place to live."

Sgt Pearse said the modernisation of the centre's foyer, which Council assisted in funding, would be followed by a facelift for the front of the building.

For information about programs and membership, go to pcyc.org.au/Redlands

Cross safely to school

Redland City Council has completed safety improvements at Coolnwynpin State School pedestrian crossing on Ney Road, Capalaba. Local Councillor Paul Gleeson said the safety improvements involved the installation of four kerb ramps, relocation of the pedestrian crossing and fencing, as well as new line markings. "This is a busy area when school is in, so I am pleased that we could get it done in time for the new school year," he said.



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DIVISION 9

Future of transport on show

Autonomous shuttles have been trialled in the heart of the Redlands as part of Council's planning for the city's future transport needs.

Council worked with international high-tech company EasyMile, which specialises in software-powered autonomous vehicles, and local bus operator Transdev to present a driverless shuttle "road show" in Cleveland's Middle Street in March.

A Council spokesman said the trial was an opportunity to show the potential for autonomous vehicles to provide efficient services in locations where traditional bus services were unsuitable.

"Already used in cities such as Darwin, these 'smart mobility' solutions are suited to short runs to and from specific destinations where parking is problematic," the spokesman said.

"An example would be between ferry terminals and off-site carparks, to and from health or shopping precincts or in confined areas, such as on islands.

"The Easy Mile software technology has been powering autonomous shuttles for a decade now and the Cleveland 'road show' demonstrated the massive potential of driverless buses to provide efficient transport when and where it is needed most here in the Redlands.

"People had an opportunity to get on board an experience the future of urban transport."

During the trial, an autonomous shuttle



was used in the heart of Cleveland. The aim of the road trip event was to show the community that there were real alternatives to traditional transport modes that were well suited to cities such as the Redlands.

"The shuttles ran at just 5km/h during the trial but can travel at up to 45km/h when required," the spokesman said

Transdev Queensland managing director Tilly Loughborough said it was great to be able to show what was possible in the "here and now".

"The autonomous shuttles are operating

on public roads in several countries around the world already," she said.

"At Transdev, we're already part of that journey and we believe the future of transport is travelling at PACE – it's Personalised, Automated, Connected and Electric – with these self-driving vehicles being a great example of how connectivity and accessibility can improve public transport for a community such as Redlands."

For the "road show", Council also partnered with Optus to install a temporary "smart" precinct in the Cleveland Library court yard area



to display work being done to raise the Redlands' credentials as a connected city.

The driverless shuttles use virtual tracks along a pre-defined route that can be easily configured to accommodate shifts in demand. The service operator can set up new timetables and create new virtual stops as needed. They use sensors, cameras, GPS and other technology such as collision-avoidance systems to guide them along the pre-redefined routes. The driverless shuttle can detect stationary or moving objects and people, adjusting its path and speed to ensure safety.

Once the route is mapped, the vehicles

– which have five seats but can carry

14 passengers – can operate completely independently.

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



FUN BY THE BAY: Paddling is set to become even more popular in the Redlands and, right, Birkdale's Agnes Street Park is

GATEWAYS TO FUN ON MORETON BAY

Keeping fit and having fun afloat is now easier in the Redlands with canoe and kayak launch points stretching from Tingalpa Creek to Redland Bay.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop, whose area includes the Redlands' popular northernmost foreshores, said the facilities would help locals and visitors make the most of the area's exceptional paddling waters.

"The recent addition of launch points and totems which make them easy to identify is great news for kayakers, canoe-enthusiasts and anyone who wants to try it for health and fitness," Cr Bishop said.

"With Council having installed a canoe totem pole and set-up bench at Jack and Edna Finney Park on Tingalpa Creek and at Aquatic Paradise East at Bath Street, Birkdale, access has become much easier to our wonderful part of Moreton Bay. "They link with existing parks and ramps to make this one of the premier destinations for paddlers in the region. It is another step in enhancing visitors' experience of our foreshores and Moreton Bay. Tingalpa Creek, in particular, is rated one of the best kayak spots in the region."

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now more appealing for

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The network along the Redlands' northern shores will also be boosted by the construction of a new, purpose-built canoe and kayak launch pontoon at Raby Esplanade Park, Ormiston. Council initiated the pontoon project last year in response to community demand, with construction expected to start soon.

The network of specifically designed paddling facilities includes Cleveland's GJ Walter Park, Victoria Point's Wilson Street Esplanade and Les Moore Park and Redland Bay's Sandy Cove Park and Sel Outridge Park.

"Take your canoe down to the water easily, and enjoy our beautiful Redlands waterways," said Cr Bishop, who is patron of the dynamic Wynnum Redlands Canoe Club. More than 80 paddle craft from across South-East Queensland recently participated in the annual "Thorneside Trot" which finished under the Capalaba bridge.

Parks get a boost

There's great news for parents and carers with two Division 10 parks getting new playgrounds.

Local Councillor Paul Bishop said new play structures were being installed at Aquatic Park West Park, with shade sails and exercise equipment added to Birkdale's Agnes Street Park. "These are fantastic upgrades to help local families and visitors get active and healthy," Cr Bishop said.

Sharing ancient culture

Three upcoming Redlands exhibitions offer stunning interpretations of storytelling and connection to country by renowned Aboriginal artists.

Salt Marsh Whispers at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland from Saturday 31 March to Sunday 27 May, shares a selection of works by Jo-Anne Driessens, a photographic artist who for more than 20 years has documented people, communities and country of South-East Queensland.

Salt Marsh Whispers runs concurrently with The Search for Warrajamba by Commonwealth Games 2018 medals designer Delvene Cockatoo-Collins. The Search for Warrajamba honours the generational oral story of the mermaid Warrajamba and celebrates family, country and storytelling.

Connecting National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) and NAIDOC Week (8 – 15 July), *Gadal Gajal Bujongja Quandamookajen* runs at Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba from Saturday 26 May to Tuesday 10 July. Translating to *Bushes and Leaves: Flora from Quandamooka Mother Earth* this exhibition sees Salt Water Murris



Image: Shara Delaney, Colours of Quandamooka Country 2017, synthetic polymer paint on canvas. Courtesy of the artist and Salt Water Murris Quandamooka Inc.

Quandamooka Inc artists pay respect to the significance and spirit of Quandamooka Country flora.

Redland City Council proudly supports National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week, offering events such as these exhibitions and a free Isaiah Firebrace concert at Redland Performing Arts Centre on Sunday 8 July. For details of community events, check Council's What's On online calendar. For gallery exhibitions and floor talks, go to artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au



Host your own get-together: BBQ, picnic in the park, cuppa or a chat.

Get to know your neighbour

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community, bringing together the people next door or across the street. It's the perfect day to meet your neighbours or say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed a hand! Research shows that good neighbours help us feel safer and happier... and it's more likely to be a neighbour or passer-by – not emergency services – who'll come to our aid first in an emergency.



Visit **neighbourday.org for free printable invitations, calling cards and more**

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COMMUNITY: 2018 Ormiston House board members, from left, Jouni and Julie Stroja, Andrew Collis, Duchesne Barry, Ross Wakelin, Robbie Mason, Cr Wendy Boglary and Vern Di Salvo.

ORMISTON HOUSE SHOWS VALUE OF HERITAGE TO LOCAL ECONOMY

With a new complement of board members driving a refreshed program of special events at Ormiston House, 2018 is looking bright for the local economy.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said that while Ormiston House was a historical landmark and a tourist attraction in its own right, it also boosted Redland businesses and helped sustain a vibrant economy.

"The new panel of board members at Ormiston House, with their diverse range of backgrounds and networks, have organised a range of fantastic events for 2018 that will appeal to a broader audience of people – the aim is to attract more day-trippers and weekend visitors, not just to the heritage-listed site but to the Redlands region," Cr Boglary said.

"In addition to exposing visitors to Redlands' heritage, these events will need the services of local business to help make them a success and this provides great opportunities for a range of industry operators from food and beverage through to garden services."

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Ph: 3829 8619 M: 0408 543 583 E: wendy.boglary@redland.qld.gov.au Cr Boglary commended Ormiston House for its community-minded thinking when planning its 2018 program of events and for playing a part in boosting tourism in the Redlands, supporting the local economy and strengthening the community.

"We are all entwined, and while preserving Ormiston House for future generations is the vision of the 100-plus family of volunteers, it is important that we understand that to make our economy thrive, everyone has a part to play – whether it be buying local, preserving our history and heritage, celebrating our culture and diversity, nurturing our natural environment and wildlife or supporting local business," she said.

"It all contributes to attracting people to live, work and play in the Redlands."



What's coming up

"Ormiston House is a place of historical and educational value to Redlands and we are certain our new exciting events will attract more visitors to the House so we can share its story." - Ormiston House Administrator Duchesne Barry

June- September – Concours d'Elegance: A range of events for car enthusiasts.

8 July - Christmas in July: Three-course sharing plate feast.

26 August – Choral Showcase: Picnic while enjoying the outstanding choirs from the Redlands Eisteddfod.

28 October – Disney at Ormiston: A family afternoon of Disney song and dance

June- September – Concours d'Elegance: A range of events for car enthusiasts.

For opening hours, tours and more information, go to ormistonhouse.org.au

First 5 Forever helping to grow young brains

The Redland Libraries' First 5 Forever program is providing early literacy development opportunities for parents and caregivers.

It is based on research showing that most of a child's brain development happens in the first five years (up to 90 percent) and it is vital that parents and caregivers do all they can during this time to give children the best possible start in life.

Redland Libraries' early literary specialist Petra West says that talking, singing, reading and rhyming with your baby from birth can help brain growth. "Babies learn language by being immersed in languagerich environments and our First 5 Forever sessions provide this environment as well as giving participants the tools and ideas to continue at home," she says. "First 5 Forever sessions cater for children from birth to five years, and are also a great way to bond with your child as well as socialise with other young families."

Singing, rhyming, sharing stories, playing and art and craft are included in the range of programs and library staff are also on hand to talk about the great books available for babies and children.

For session times and locations, go to "What's on at your library" at redland.qld.gov.au/library.



Redland Libraries



Baby's Day Out

Ages 0-12 mths

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



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. Siblinas welcome.



Story Corner Ages 2-5 yrs

Join us for our favourite

stories and rhymes. Siblinas welcome.



Tiny Tots Time

Ages 0-2 yrs
A morning of bouncing, dancing and rhymes.



Ready to Read Ages 18 mths - 4 v

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: (w) redland.qld.gov.au/library and go to "What's on at your library".

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KYLING CORNER LIVES UP TO ITS NAMESAKE

The revitalised Kyling Corner, on the corner of Middle and Waterloo streets in Cleveland, is living up to its namesake.

Leona Kyling, a successful businesswoman, worked tirelessly for the benefit of her community until she passed away in 1975. She campaigned for a Redlands hospital and donated land for community services, among other good works.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said the recent efforts of Cleveland business owners showed this spirit of community was still strong.

"The renewal and revitalisation of Kyling Corner has been an 18-month partnership between Council, dedicated business owners and the State Government," Cr Mitchell said.

"Just two years ago, Kyling Corner was still held as State Government road reserve – so a lot of hard work has gone into creating a new community space.

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BETTER: Cleveland's Kyling Corner is being revitalised thanks to a business

partnership with Redland City Council. Right: Remember to swim

between the flags on Straddie.

"By transferring the permit for the land to Council control, installing fencing and planting hedges, we've been able to assist local businesses in creating new outdoor dining spaces – and they've jumped right in and got to work.

"The newly installed statue of Leona Kyling holds pride of place outside these businesses, serving not only as a beautiful piece of community art but also a reflection on what has been achieved.

"I'd like to congratulate the business owners on their efforts and encourage everyone to get along to support them by having a great dining experience.

"Kyling Corner is becoming quite a focal point for Cleveland diners, especially those taking in shows at the Redland Performing Arts Centre."

Straddie gears up for Easter

After a bumper Christmas season, North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah is once again preparing to welcome visitors for Easter school holidays. If you're planning to head to the island, help us care for Straddie by being mindful of the local community and environment. Observing road rules, watching out for wildlife and disposing of waste correctly can help ensure your stay is a great one.

Heading to the beach? Help our lifesavers, and yourselves, by swimming between the red and yellow flags. Stay safe and enjoy beautiful Straddie!



SHARR SUPPORTS SUSTAINABILITY

Thornlands resident Sharr Ellson is doing her bit for the planet while helping local Redlanders connect in a meaningful way.

Passionate about her community, Sharr aims to bring together people who may be isolated through local projects.

One such project, Boomerang Bags, was recently nominated for the 2018 Redland City Australia Day Environment and Sustainability Award.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Gollè, who caught up with Sharr recently, said she used material normally headed for the bin to make reusable "boomerang bags", helping to reduce land fill.

"You can pick up a free boomerang bag at Wrays Organic Store in Cleveland, after which you'll always have a reusable everyday shopping or beach bag," he said.

If you would like to help out Sharr and learn more about sewing, contact her via boomerangbags.org/community/ redlands/

Rugby girls kitted out

Redlands Rugby League has received a welcome boost with a \$1000 grant courtesy of Division 3 Councillor Paul Gollè to help buy new uniforms for the girls teams this season. Cr Gollè said that as a former league and rugby player he recognised the value of organised sport for children and was delighted to be able to help.

Emerging artist to watch

Budding young Thornlands artist Sarah Elliott was honoured for her commitment and dedication to the local arts scene through a nomination for Council's 2018 Redland City Australia Day Cultural Awards.

At just 16, Sarah already has a swag of awards to her credit.

"Last year she took out first prize in the Year 10-12 Student Painting category of the Yurara Art Society Youth Award," local Councillor Paul Gollè said.

"And as a member of the International Baccalaureate program at Cleveland District State High School, Sarah provides inspiration for other young students to strive for excellence and follow their dreams."



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with BoomeRang Bags' Sharr Ellson and, above, presenting a cheque to Redlands Rugby League's Bill Rowland

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DIVISION 3











Finishing off the music concerts for the year will be Ensemble Trivium, who will bring together Brisbane's most virtuosic classical and jazz musicians for a diverse and colourful program of new compositions in *Locally Sourced*.

If you are looking for drama, don't miss the chance to experience Bell Shakespeare's latest stunning production where it is all laid on the line for Rome in *Julius Caesar*.

You also can get a glimpse into the lives of the first actresses on stage when April De Angelis' *Playhouse Creatures* performs, while Hannie Rayson's award-winning play *Hotel Sorrento* will reach into the heart of family relationships and what keeps them together ... or drives them apart.

The ensemble at indelabilityarts will also bring their new production *Love Me*; to the stage to help unpack the stigma surrounding mental illness and provoke conversation about mental wellbeing.

If comedy is more your thing, then don't miss the outrageous Babushka when they return with their new comedy-cabaret *Happily Ever After* to tell you some very grown-up bedtime stories.

Later in the year, *Death by Soprano* will take you through a tongue-in-cheek A-Z of operatic occupational hazards in a show that has a higher death toll than a Hollywood blockbuster.

Anyone with young children is in for a treat with *Yo Diddlle Diddle*, bringing Tony Wilson's hilarious rhythm and rhyme book *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* to life and also the very welcome return of *The Gruffalo* to the RPAC stage.

The 78-Story Treehouse, George's Marvellous Medicine and Around the World in 80 Days are also set to bring much-loved stories and characters to life for families to enjoy.

People of all ages will be blown away by the energy and athleticism of the acrobats in Circa's *Humans* and Flipside Circus' *Wasteland*. If your preference is to be part of the action on the stage then don't miss the *Beast Camp Krump* intensive workshops and battle night.

Throughout the year there are indigenous and multicultural events to enjoy, including a free NAIDOC Week concert headlined by *X Factor* winner Isaiah Firebrace, *Balka Bitni* as part of the Quandamooka Festival and our first ever Polish festival when *PolArt 2018 Brisbane* brings the largest festival of its kind outside of Poland to the Redlands.

Another first will be an Australian film series with six films to enjoy over three weekends, with captioned and noncaptioned screenings available for all.

For more details or a free season brochure, phone RPAC on **(07) 3829 8131**, visit the Box Office (2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland) during opening hours or visit:

www.rpac.com.au



Members of Redland Libraries' funloving Young People's Services team have been channelling their "inner child" again to come up with a great selection of Easter holiday activities for local kids.

From virtual and augmented reality to wild encounters and wonderful stories, there is a diverse selection of exciting and absorbing activities on offer for tots through to teens.

With a finger on the pulse of pop culture, team members are constantly developing fun activities to encourage kids to leave their screens and head to their local library.

Activities are organised to reach as many Redlands' families as possible, spread across the city and gender and age groups.

Blending new trends with old favourites, the team's goal is to ensure activities strike a chord with each age group and, above all, that they are fun.

REDLAND ART GALLERY



31 MAR - 27 MAY

THE SEARCH FOR WARRAJAMBA DELVENE COCKATOO-COLLINS

The Search for Warrajamba is the culmination of Quandamooka artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins' Doctor of Philosophy research in Indigenous Perspectives (Creative Arts) at the Batchelor Institute. Through installations, prints and ceramics, Cockatoo-Collins explores identity and artistic mediums as part of an inquiry into a generational oral story of a mermaid named Warrajamba – a cultural figure first introduced to her by the words of her grandmother. Responding to historical accounts of Warrajamba by Archibald Meston, a 'former protector of Aborigines for Southern Queensland,' the exhibition honours an important cultural narrative whilst celebrating family, Country and story-telling.

Delvene Cockatoo-Collins was engaged to design the artwork for the Gold Coast 2018 XXI Commonwealth Games medals. To coincide with the Queen's Baton Relay on Saturday 31 March and in support of Delvene and her achievement RAG, Cleveland has extended its opening hours over the Easter long weekend.

SALT MARSH WHISPERS JO-ANNE DRIESSENS

Over the past 20 years, photographer Jo-Anne Driessens has been creating intimate, spirited and powerful imagery that documents people, communities and Country from across South East Oueensland.

Salt Marsh Whispers draws on her existing film archives and new works to translate history, life and dreams of place. Focusing on local stories and affirming the ongoing cultural existence of people, this exhibition celebrates the contemporary importance of photographic mediums within Aboriginal culture.





Here's a selection:

Virtual Reality – Tuesday, 3 April, 10am–11.30am, Victoria Point; Thursday, 5 April, 10am–11.30am, Cleveland; Wednesday, 11 April, 10am–11.30am, Capalaba

Take a leap into a virtual world where you can explore everything virtual reality has to offer. Bookings essential.

Family Fun Day – Friday, 6 April, 10am–noon, Dunwich Hall, North Stradbroke Island

The library will be hosting a special family day in the Dunwich Hall with special guest Geckoes Wildlife, where families will be able to get up close and personal with some amazing animals.

Cheeky Monkeys – Tuesday, 10 April, 9.30–10.30am, Cleveland Library; Wednesday, 11 April, 9.30-10.30, Victoria Point Library

Join Cheeky Monkey for a morning of laughter and fun.

Augmented Reality Scavenger Hunt – Tuesday, 10 April, 10–11am, Victoria Point

Join us for a treasure hunt with a difference! Using a phone or tablet, youngsters can be part of a scavenger hunt where every clue comes to life! Bookings essential.

Mr Yipadee Show – Thursday, 12 April 10am–11am, Capalaba; Thursday 12 April 2pm–3pm, Victoria Point.

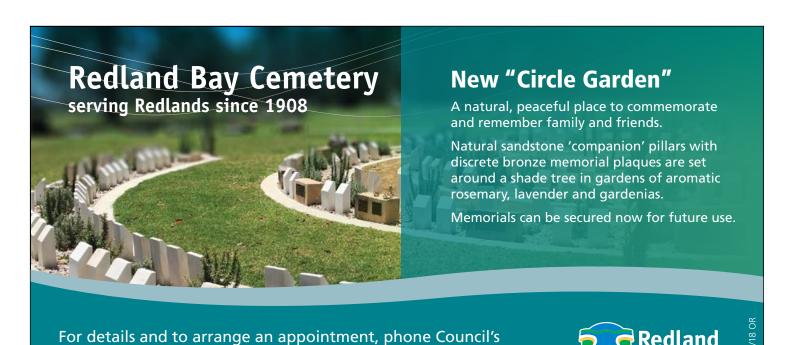
Bestselling children's musician and author Mr Yipadee will be performing songs and reading stories.

Island Fun Day – Friday, 13 April, 10am–12pm, Jackson Oval, Russell Island

The library will be hosting an outdoor event with obstacle courses, stories and craft.

Find out more

There will be other craft, storytelling and activity sessions in our libraries which Redlanders can check out via **redland.qld.gov.au/library** and by going to "What's On at Your Library". Activities are free and no bookings are required unless otherwise indicated. **Bookings: www.redland.qld.gov.au/library** and go to "What's on at your library" to select your session.



Cemetery and Interment Services on (1) 3829 8999

Dîner en Rouge

Mayor's fundraiser for Redlanders affected by domestic and family violence

Join us at Redlands' Largest Dinner Party!

The event has raised \$220,000 since its inception in 2014 for Redlanders affected by domestic and family violence.

The event will feature live entertainment, inspirational speakers, silent auctions, raffles and a sumptous banquet.

The unique location of Dîner en Rouge is a secret until you arrive.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY

12 MAY 2018

visit: redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge for tickets and information

