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Message from the Mayor

Thank you to all the locals who helped Council to develop our exciting new city brand - "Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful".

Adopted by Council as our new city brand last month, "Redlands Coast" was the clear favourite to emerge from consultation with almost 5000 residents, business owners and visitors.

This new place brand neither replaces the Redland City Council logo nor official name of the city. It is a promotional brand which will support business, attract trade and investment, open tourism opportunities and build on our already strong community pride.

It really does capture the character of the Redlands, which rivals any South East Queensland city for natural beauty and tourism attractions.

Until now, we have lacked a clear and recognisable identity, something that defines us from our neighbours and helps us to fly our own flag, both domestically and internationally.

It's time we were out loud and proud as a vibrant coastal region of mainland coastline and island communities, and put Redlands on the map properly.

"Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful" will do that - reflecting what, who and where we are ... especially our affinity with our almost 335km of coastline, an area from Thorneside to Redland Bay and fringing seven magnificent islands which is known for its naturally "wonderful" diversity.

The term "Redlands Coast" was coined by community focus group participant Lucas Bolton, of Birkdale, and subsequently garnered significant approval from community and

visitors. During the branding public consultation our water-based lifestyle is what residents told us was the best part of our city, what differentiated us from other places, what attracted them to the area and what grounded them here. Those that we spoke to during the engagement told us it was our coastal lifestyle that made us unique and needed to be celebrated through the brand.

I am exceptionally proud of the Redlands Coast and our "naturally wonderful" way of life. And I am excited by what lies ahead as the word spreads about what we offer.

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MEETING CITY'S KEY PRIORITIES

Redland City has adopted an “achievable and affordable” budget for 2018-19

Affordable
Priorities Deliverable
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Low debt
Community
Priorities
Affordable
Unanimous Low debt
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Community

This year's Redland City budget has struck a balance between keeping rates to a minimum and meeting the expectations of residents against a backdrop of continued hefty increases in the State Government's bulk water charges and cost of waste management.

It also delivers a \$66.9 million capital works program that focuses on the renewal of vital community infrastructure such as roads and parks while keeping debt low.

Mayor Karen Williams said that under the \$289 million budget, a typical Redland household – that's a category 1a residential owner-occupied property with a property land value of \$241,305 – would see a modest increase of 3.99 percent for their Council rates and utilities, excluding the State Government bulk water and emergency management charges.

Cr Williams said part of the average rates increase was linked to Council's environmental and community safety obligations.

“The city's environmental levy will rise by \$6.48 a year to allow for the strategic acquisition of strategic land such as the Commonwealth land at Birkdale, for which we are negotiating with the Federal Government,” Cr Williams said.

“We also have allocated over \$1.1 million to our Koala Conservation program to fund

on-the-ground research and develop science-based actions to protect koalas and their habitat.

“Changes to the Australian recycling landscape have also led to an increase in waste charges to ensure the Redlands continues to be proactive in promoting best-practice recycling.”

Cr Williams said the 2018-19 budget allowed for a small projected operating deficit of about \$2.35 million – a significant improvement on last year.

“For the fourth consecutive year, we have maintained our water retail charges at the same rate as 2015 to offset the continued substantial rises in the state bulk water price,” Cr Williams said.

“The state's water rise accounts for 72 cents a week or nearly \$37.40 a year based on average 200kL consumption.

“This is something over which Council has no control, along with the higher cost of managing the city's waste and recycling.”

There also has been a change to Council's rating categories to take in the new system for funding the city's canal revetment walls.

“Canal and lake dredging and maintenance will be funded through general rates after recent community consultation, including a Citizens' Advisory Panel,” Cr Williams said.

Budget at a glance

- A typical Redlands resident owner-occupied household (category 1a with a property value of about \$241,305) will see a modest increase of 3.99 percent on Council rates and charges, excluding the State Government bulk water and emergency management charges.
- The increased state bulk water charge equates to about 72 cents per week or nearly \$37.40 a year.
- Council's retail water costs maintained at 2015-16 prices to help offset the State Government bulk water cost increase of 7.3 per cent from 2017-18 to 2018-19.
- General rate increases for commercial properties on par with residential properties.
- Capital expenditure totalling \$66.9 million.
- New borrowings for intergenerational projects of \$2.5 million as compared to the forecast revenue of \$319 million.
- A projected operating deficit of about \$2.35 million.
- Pensioner rebate maintained at \$335 per year for a full pensioner or \$167.50 for a part-pensioner.
- Environment levy increases \$6.48 a year to help fund purchases of strategic land for the community.
- State Emergency Service levy to rise by \$2 to \$7 a year to cover the cost of supporting SES volunteers.
- Koala Conservation program funding of \$1.1 million to deliver on-the-ground research and science-based actions to protect and improve koala habitat, reduce koala deaths and improve community education around koalas.
- End of Southern Moreton Bay Islands transport levy from December 2018.



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Major individual projects

Collins Street and School of Arts Road upgrade, Redland Bay
\$4.5 million

Aquatic Paradise canal trench blocks, Birkdale
\$3.1 million

Weinam Creek parking and development project commencement, Redland Bay
\$3.1 million

Groyne renewal, Raby Bay
\$1.1 million

Masters Avenue barge ramp, Victoria Point
\$699,175

Charlie Buckler Sportsfield carpark renewal and expansion, Redland Bay
\$622,240

Revamp of Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, Capalaba
 Includes a new environmental education interpretation terrace, an expanded café, a new theatre and meeting centre, outdoor amphitheatre, new southern gardens incorporating "caring for country themes" and a new administration building

\$2.1 million

Three Paddocks Park carpark and public amenities, Birkdale/Wellington Point
\$552,000

Station Master's Cottage project, Cleveland
\$501,983

Village Green and streetscape upgrades, Wellington Point
\$388,026

Masters Avenue seawall, Victoria Point
\$357,139

David Parr Park renewal, Alexandra Hills
\$371,131

Cascades Gardens water feature renewal, Victoria Point
\$200,000

Willard's Farm restoration, Birkdale
\$100,000

Seeana Drive Park renewal, Mt Cotton
\$168,435

Wimborne Road Park renewal, Alexandra Hills
\$164,175

Capital expenditure program at a glance

\$22.9 million for roads projects including the Green Seal Program, Regional Road Alliance Program and resurfacing and rehabilitation programs.

\$16.6 million for infrastructure including bus shelter and seat renewals, footpaths and expansion of the Redlands IndigiScapes Centre.

\$7.9 million for marine and foreshore projects

\$6.3 million for water, waste and wastewater projects

More than \$4.1 million to go towards renewing playgrounds, parks and sports fields

\$1.9 million for community and cultural development

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Redland City's 2018-19 budget invests heavily in the renewal of existing road, transport and community infrastructure such as parks.

About \$13.8 million has been set aside in the \$66.9 million capital works program to reseal local roads as part of almost \$23 million allocated to mainland and island transport and traffic projects.

Mayor Karen Williams said this year's works program was aimed at ensuring existing community infrastructure was in tip-top shape, which would save the city money in the longer term.

"The commitment includes \$22.9 million for road rehabilitation, including \$4.5 million for the Collins Street and School of Arts Road upgrade at Redland Bay and funding for the continuation of Council's successful Green Seal Program on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands," she said.

"Another \$847,000 will be spent on footpaths and \$992,500 on bus shelter and seat renewals."

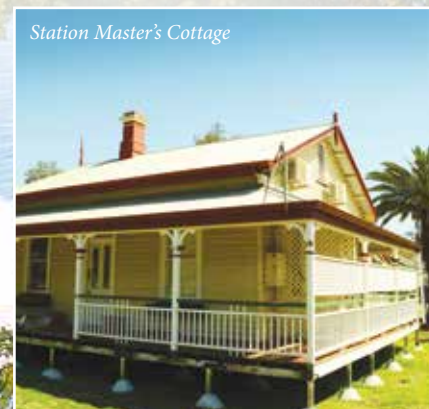
With more than 330km of coastline, the Redlands Coast relies heavily on land-side marine infrastructure, which will be a key part of this year's capital program.

"However, marine infrastructure is expensive, more so for a council of our size, so we have been seeking a commitment from the State Government, which has responsibility for marine projects, to fully fund and maintain future marine transport work," Cr Williams said. "This decision allows us to invest in local projects, including \$3.1 million for Redland Bay's Weinam Creek transport and parking project, and a further \$7.9 million for the city's land-side marine infrastructure and foreshores."

Parks and conservation are major beneficiaries.

"This budget includes funding for the Wellington Point Village Green and streetscape upgrades, as well as providing \$2.1 million for the expansion of Redlands IndigiScapes Centre at Capalaba to cater for growing demand," Cr Williams said.

More than \$4.1 million will go towards renewing playgrounds, parks and sports fields across the city.



Savings at the tap

While the cost of water rises across the state, what Redland City Council charges to ensure clean water runs from your tap has remained the same since 2015.

STATE'S BULK
WATER PRICE

↑ 7.3%

COUNCIL'S
WATER PRICE RISE

0%

CITY'S WATER MAINS

1298km

REDLAND WATER
WORK REQUESTS

300+

A MONTH

WATER METERS

58,328

RESERVOIRS
MAINTAINED

5

The State Government's bulk water price rise, determined by the Queensland Competition Authority, represents the entire increase in what ratepayers pay for water with their rates bills.

The state's bulk water price has increased by 7.3 percent for 2018-19, on the back of similar increases in the past few years.

This year, that represents 72 cents a week - or nearly \$37.40 a year - for Redland properties based on average 200kL consumption. Since 2013-14, bulk water costs have increased from almost \$344 to nearly \$512 based on 200 average consumption.

At the same time, Council's water component - what it charges for ensuring a safe and reliable supply - has remained the same, with no increase for the fourth year running.

Redland Water crews respond to more than 300 customer work requests each month on average, as well as operating and maintaining 1298km of water mains connected to 58,328 water meters, both domestic and commercial. Routine maintenance includes regularly flushing the water mains to ensure they are in full working order.

Redland Water also operates and maintains five reservoirs on North Stradbroke Island.

Council's 2018-19 capital works program includes more than \$6.3 million to fund water, wastewater and waste projects, including wastewater treatment plant and sewerage pump upgrades.

“The network operations team at Redland Water provides a 24/7 service with teams on call every day of the year.”

Getting back to nature

The Redlands' IndigiScapes environmental centre is getting a budget boost to provide its essential environmental care and education for the city.

The centre's visitor centre will be expanded this financial year, with \$2.1 million allocated along with continued support for programs such as Bushcare, Environmental Partnerships, Indigi Schools and the Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service.

After a neighbour suggested he join one of IndigiScapes' programs recently, Redlander Mick Bould, pictured, said couldn't believe the support he had received from the IndigiScapes crew.

“The expertise of officers in Council's Environmental Partnerships (previously Habitat Protection) Program was fantastic,” Mick said.

“With their help we've removed a lot of palms and some dead trees on our property, and replaced them with native koala food trees.

“I just think even the smallest contribution helps our local flora and fauna.”

The Habitat Protection Team partnered with more than 390 private property owners last financial year, helping them to identify, protect and improve the environmental values of their properties.

Bushcare alone, and its thriving community of more than 40 Bushcare groups, put 11,198 native plants in the ground. With about 300 volunteers on the books, they are actively protecting many urban bushland areas in the Redlands.

Last year, Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service, a program coordinated by Council for 20 years and operated by volunteers 24/7, received more than 5655 calls for assistance with sick, injured or orphaned wildlife.

Redlands Wildlife Rescue co-ordinator Lisa Bailey said the service was highly regarded by wildlife hospitals and organisations throughout south-east Queensland.

“It is testament to the volunteers'

dedication and commitment to assist our native wildlife,” Lisa said.

IndigiScapes' free Redlands schools program engaged with more than 3227 students in hands-on and interactive environmental education and recycling lessons last financial year, educating future generations on the value of the environment.

The IndigiScapes expansion will include a new environmental education interpretation terrace, an expanded café, a new theatre and meeting centre, outdoor amphitheatre, new southern gardens incorporating “caring for country themes” and a new administration building.



Redlands Healthy & Active program is on again!

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



Weekly outdoor activities are on offer in parks throughout the Redlands for just \$5 per session.

- 10 week program starts on 16 July with School Term 3
- Activities to suit all ages and abilities – including the popular yoga, zumba and bootcamp
- Wet weather contingency for most classes



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



2018-19 Grants and Sponsorship Program

> ROUND 1

> COMMUNITY GRANTS:

OPENS: 16 July 2018 CLOSES: 17 Aug 2019

> SPONSORSHIP:

OPENS: 6 Aug 2018 CLOSES: 7 Sept 2019

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





Redlands Coast – a brand new identity

The Redlands is emerging with an exciting new identity after Redland City Council endorsed a place brand for the city ... Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful.

From bay to bush, Redlands Coast is a naturally wonderful destination of diverse villages, seven gorgeous islands, approximately 335km of coastline, pristine surf beaches, mangroves brimming with marine life, great fishing spots, an abundance of bushland parks and conservation areas, and so much more.

Most importantly, Redlands Coast is the place we proudly call home.

Mayor Karen Williams said the brand would showcase the best Redlands Coast had to offer across all sectors and increase its renown as a tourist destination.

“We are excited to be embarking on a new journey to deliver a Redlands story that will support business, attract trade and investment, open up tourism opportunities and build on our already strong community pride,” Cr Williams said. “Establishing a place brand for the Redlands is an investment in the city’s future prosperity and growth.”

Redlands Coast’s business community and tourism operators are also enthusiastic about the economic development opportunities the new brand will create for the city.

Management and staff of the Coast’s biggest tourism operator Sirromet Wines expressed their pleasure at hearing news of the branding, with the Mount Cotton winery’s head of sales and marketing Michael Munza saying the business was “excited with the announcement”.

“With our focus on driving tourism in the area and showcasing the naturally wonderful experiences the region has to offer, we are hopeful the rebranding will

further drive growth in tourism in the area,” Mr Munza said.

Bacchus Brewing Co owner Ross Kenrick agreed, saying the brand would help more people realise how beautiful the Redlands is.

“Promoting the region as a tourist destination will bring more people into the area and have them spending their money here, which is what we want,” he said. “I follow some sites online where British people seek advice on where the best places are to live here and, almost invariably, people are saying the Redlands is the place to be. It’s the lifestyle – it’s close to the water. The branding is an excellent idea. It will let more people know what a wonderful destination it is.”

Cr Williams said the new brand followed consultation with almost 5000 locals, business owners and visitors, who clearly indicated the brand name and tagline was their preferred choice. She said the brand was for the city as a destination, not for Council, and formal promotion of Redlands Coast would start soon.

Redlands Tourism Subcommittee member and Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation CEO Cameron Costello said he was excited about the new Redlands Coast brand, developed in consultation with Quandamooka Elders and artists.

“The brand provides a platform to promote all the city has to offer, including Quandamooka culture, which has the potential to be an international drawcard,” he said.

Information: www.redland.qld.gov.au

Loving the lifestyle

While Lucas Bolton never expected his personal impressions of the Redlands to make history, the unassuming Birkdale resident is delighted they have.

Lucas, who grew up in Newcastle, NSW, said he suggested the term ‘Redlands Coast’ as a brand name for the city during community consultation during the brand’s development.

“I was in one of the focus groups and we were discussing names and what we liked about the Redlands,” he said. “I put ‘Redlands Coast’ forward, not expecting anything. It’s just what resonated with me and why I thought people would come here – the coast and the bay is why I came here.”

Lucas, pictured, who also owns a wedding decorations business with his wife Vanessa, said the brand would help grow businesses such as theirs.

“I’m excited that we have a place brand now,” he said. “It will encourage more people to bring their weddings here. That will also help other local businesses, such as reception venues, photographers, even accommodation venues. It just makes sense.”



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RedFest turns 60



RedFest will sparkle with diamond celebrations this year as the event reaches its 60th anniversary.

To mark the occasion, Redland City Council is planning a special photographic exhibition at its RedFest stall, and we need your help.

Formerly known as the Strawberry Festival, the event is a major highlight on the Redlands Coast annual calendar.

Many long-term residents would recall the colourful floats parade with the Strawberry Queen front and centre, the Strawberry Ball and the many wonderful events the festival has brought to the Redlands every year.

Do you have photos of RedFest’s yesteryears that you would like to contribute to Council’s exhibition?

If so, we would love to hear from you. Please email digital files of your images, with a brief description of what they are of, to redlandscost@redland.qld.gov.au

REDLAND ART GALLERY

**CL 22 JUL – 26 AUG BETWEEN SIN AND NATURE
DAVID GRIGGS**

David Griggs explores the darker undercurrents of human existence. His work, predominately portraiture, focuses on the human condition; drawing on political imagery, underground media, local histories and personal experience. His work is often collaborative, engaging directly with communities while remaining sensitive to the ethical and moral obligations this demands. For the last 10 years Griggs has resided in the Philippines and has created a significant body of work traversing painting, photography and film that reveals the social hierarchies and underground culture of his adopted home.

OPENING EVENT AND FLOOR TALK

6.30pm Friday 20 July
Exhibition opening followed by a floor talk from exhibiting artist David Griggs

A Campbelltown Arts Centre exhibition presented nationally by Museums & Galleries of NSW. This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.



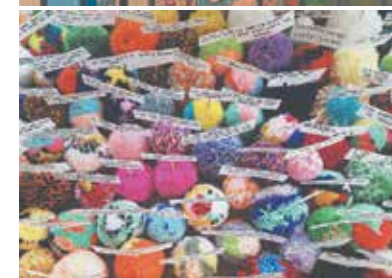
Images: David Griggs, *Frat of the Obese 14* (detail) 2011, synthetic polymer paint on canvas. Courtesy of the artist and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery, Sydney. Rachel Burke, *Apomogy* (detail) 2015. Courtesy of the artist.

**CA 14 JUL – 21 AUG APOMOGY
RACHEL BURKE**

Saying sorry has never been so crafty. *Apomogy* is an ongoing community art project about saying sorry with a pom pom. The *Apomogy* project began in 2015 when creator Rachel Burke attached an apology to a pom pom as a genuine gesture to say sorry to the people in her life. After photographing and sharing her apomogies online through social media others began sharing their own apomogies with her. Since then, Burke has received and made over 1000 apomogies from around the globe.

OPENING EVENT AND ALL AGES WORKSHOP

10am Saturday 14 July
Join us for morning tea and make your own *Apomogy*!



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:
gallery@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



FUTURE: The Weinam Creek master plan includes significant infrastructure to enhance what is a busy local community hub.



DIVISION 5

WEINAM CREEK MASTER PLAN SET TO TRANSFORM COMMUNITY HUB

Redland City Council has unveiled a new master plan for the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area which is designed to transform the waterfront of Redland Bay and enhance the amenity and functionality of what is a busy local community hub.

Council's decision to develop the precinct follows a collective decision not to proceed with Walker Group's proposal for the area.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said Council was working to ensure the plan included significant public infrastructure.

"The master plan, being developed by Council for delivery in stages, has been based on community feedback provided during the initial public consultation period for the PDA project," Cr Edwards said.

"The final master plan will include additional ground-level carparks, increased secure parking, and multi-deck carparks."

Other features include improved drop-off and storage facilities for Southern Moreton Bay Island residents, more than 21,000sq m of new open space, the rejuvenation of 46,920sq m of existing parkland, new pedestrian and cycle ways and construction of a new boat ramp.

There also will be mixed-use and medium-density residential development and retail and commercial amenities, including cafes and restaurants as well the potential for a health precinct for mainland and island residents.

Cr Edwards said the Council-planned project was a valuable opportunity to showcase Weinam Creek as a community focal point and a regional gateway to the islands, as well as support economic development in the region.

"Council looks forward to working with the State Government to ensure this important project delivers the infrastructure the community has been calling for, and delivers on economic development and jobs growth for our region," Cr Edwards said.

"This project will deliver the infrastructure the community needs to access and ensure the precinct's success into the future."

The total area of the Weinam Creek PDA is approximately 42 hectares, including 36 hectares over land and nearly six hectares over water.

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FROM EYESORE TO EYE-OPENER

The transformation of the land known as "the camel paddock" on Boundary Street, Redland Bay, is well underway.

An eyesore for many years, the development of the area on the boundary of Divisions 5 and 6 includes a community nature park with paths, trails and outdoor activities.

With the project progressing, Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said it was time to give thought to what the park should be called.

"While long known locally as the camel paddock, the park is still to be officially named and I and Division 5 colleague Cr Mark Edwards are interested in hearing residents' suggestions," Cr Talty said.

"Council has naming guidelines and the final decision would have to be consistent with those but we are really keen to hear what residents think is appropriate."

Redland City Council has been working with a local builder to improve the site as part of a 99-lot development, with the builder having to overcome a number of challenges, particularly the storm water flow through the land.

The 1.5ha park is set within a 4.5ha open-space corridor that includes existing native trees, turfed areas, extensive revegetation and waterways.

Councillors Talty and Edwards worked closely to maximise community benefits for the land which services residents from both divisions.

"What was something of a wasteland is now

going to be an exceptional place for local residents," Cr Talty said.

"Local sports groups, dog walkers, families and other community groups will have a beautifully designed space right at their back door.

"The majority of the park's features have been constructed and they're destined to become very popular."

On the right track

Local adventure seekers have been getting a range of new facilities to help them enjoy the Redlands' wonderful trails and conservation areas. Following the installation of the new trailhead facilities at the Bayview Conservation Area, Redland City Council has added new trailheads at Scribbly Gums Reserve in Redlands Track Park and at Sandy Creek Reserve.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said the Redlands was gaining a well-deserved reputation with trail users throughout the region for its great walking, bike and horse experiences.

"The new trailheads include maps of the great trails which have been developed through these exceptional bushland areas," Cr Talty said.

Information: www.redland.qld.gov.au. Go to "Parks, venues and facilities" and then "Track parks and conservation areas".



NEW LOOK: Redland Bay's old camel paddock offers a new natural outdoor space, with consideration now turning to whether it needs a new name.
Photos: Angus Martin.

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DIVISION 6

FUN TIMES AHEAD WITH PARKS' MAGIC MAKEOVERS

Alexandra Hills' O'Gorman Street Park has undergone an awesome transformation which is sure to increase its popularity with local families.

Local Councillor Murray Elliott said the expansive neighbourhood park had been turned into one of Division 7's premier outdoor play spaces.

"The transformation is almost complete at O'Gorman Street Park, with some wonderful features making this an awesome space for local families," Cr Elliott said.

"There is a great new playground including nature play elements and colourful shade sails, as well as picnic facilities and amenities to make it a great place for families to spend hours enjoying the area and its many shady trees.

"There's also a small multi-purpose court for the older kids, pathways and carparking."

Cr Elliott said the park was one of many across the division which had already been upgraded or was due for work this financial year.

"Our area is blessed with neighbourhood parks, with quite a few getting upgrades to make them more enjoyable for local families," Cr Elliott said.

"Alexandra Hills' Heffernan Road Park is looking great with its colourful new play area, while the equipment in Capalaba's Chantelle Court and Alexandra Hills' Workington Street and Burwood Road parks has also been upgraded recently.

"There's also a great play area at the Rise development at the end of Kinross Road at Thornlands.

"The new basketball half-court at Lorikeet Drive, Thornlands, is already being put to good use, while work is on the way for David Parr Park, George Street Park and Wimborne Road Park at Alexandra Hills."

Redland City Council's capital works program for 2018-19 focusses on the renewal of vital community infrastructure such as community parks.



FULL OF FEATURES: The transformation of Alexandra Hills' O'Gorman Street Park and, right, Heffernan Road Park, provide residents with engaging outdoor family spaces.

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Don't give trees a clip

Well-meaning Redlands' green thumbs have been urged not to dump lawn clippings around the base of street trees as it puts them at risk of suffocation, disease and death.

Dumping garden waste in natural areas owned by Council is not only illegal but can cause serious damage to the trees and native wildlife.

Grass clippings can contain many thousands of grass seeds and cuttings that will grow wherever they are dumped. Most of these grasses are not native and can become bush invaders or get washed into storm water drains, causing blockages and further spreading unwanted weeds throughout the Redlands.

High-value mulch material should be used around trees no higher than 100mm from the natural ground surface, with a gap left between the trunk and the mulch to allow air flow.

Grass clippings should be placed in a bag prior to disposal in your general waste bin (red lid) or placed without a bag into a dedicated green waste bin (lime-green lid). Do not blow grass clippings onto the streets as this can also lead to the spread of weeds along local waterways and is not a legal way of disposal.

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



CREATING AN ENCHANTED PLACE

Local resident Edna Searle was so inspired by the recent Cleveland makeover that included a community library that she contacted her local Councillor Tracey Huges to find out how she could make a similar project happen in Wellington Point's Montgomery Park.

Cr Huges met with Edna and then shared Edna's vision with the crew at Alexandra Hills Men's Shed, who supported the project with talented member Chris Mirow taking charge of the manufacture of a metal library for the park where residents could borrow a book and replace it with another.

This was enabled by a \$2800 grant from Cr Huges to the Men's Shed to buy the equipment needed to complete the fabrication, a valuable addition to the shed that will also support many similar projects into the future.

"The Men's Shed donated the materials and Chris donated his time to the project, which were received with a hearty thanks," Cr Huges recalled.

"The library is large and extremely heavy, with a three-man lift required to erect it onto the wall."

Redland City Council jumped on board to support the project and, as part of a new approach to tackling graffiti in city parks, local artist Ben Strand was commissioned to enhance the wall.

In collaboration with Cr Huges, they came up with the vision of a mystical fairytale theme of books and an enchanted garden.

"It is complete with a beautiful fairy that was requested by a little girl watching Ben paint," Cr Huges said.

"It was a truly magical moment of community inclusion that has surrounded the free library. Ben's talent was awe inspiring, with locals literally stopping to chat and watch during the two days of painting to complete the story."

Residents are encouraged when visiting the newly upgraded Montgomery Park to take the time to borrow a book and replace it with another, sit and enjoy a magazine in the beautiful surrounds or read a child a story.

"I would like to thank the many hands and conversations that helped to bring this project to life," Cr Huges said. "I am overwhelmed by the encouraging feedback and engagement of my community, knowing that this fantastic collaboration will enhance the park for many years to come".

If successful, the anti-graffiti approach will be incorporated in other similar park projects in the Redlands.



INSPIRED: Local resident Edna Searle was a driving force behind the make-over for Wellington Point's Montgomery Park.

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Ignoring dog rules costly

\$261 – that's what you will be fined in the Redlands if you are caught letting your dog off the leash in public.

Reports of dog attacks are treated with the highest priority. If your dog attacks or frightens people or other animals, your dog may be declared a menacing or dangerous dog, and you may also face prosecution.

Council proactively patrols the city to ensure compliance with its local laws and state legislation, as well as investigating complaints from residents.

Patrols are also increased in response to complaints of dog owners ignoring the requirement to keep their pet on a leash at all times in public, unless in a designated off-leash area.

There has been a concerning increase in reported dog incidents and, in the year to 30 June, Council received 384 complaints of dogs either acting aggressively or dogs that had attacked a person or another animal – up 13 percent on the previous year.

Residents who are concerned about straying dogs or those left to roam can report it to Council on 3829 8999.

There are currently 22 fully fenced dog off-leash areas across the Redlands and another nine unfenced or partially fenced areas for owners to exercise their dogs.

You can find full details on Council's website at www.redland.qld.gov.au by searching for dog parks.

Redland Libraries

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- AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
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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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Redland CITY COUNCIL

Keeping furry friends on track

Redlands residents are being asked to play a significant role in helping to protect and improve koala habitat and reduce koala deaths.

Redland City Council has provided \$1.1 million in funding to its five-year Koala Action Plan, which is a critical step towards a better understanding of our Redland koalas.

Under the program, residents can register for a visit from a koala detection dog as part of a unique scientific tracking program.

If you see or hear koalas in your own backyard or have a koala tree on your property, you can register for a visit by contacting the Koala Population Assessment Register at IndigiScapes on 3824 8611 or email indigiScapes@redland.qld.gov.au.

redland.qld.gov.au. Once registered, a staff member will be in contact in the following weeks.

Council is investing heavily in scientific programs to help protect our precious koala population.

Current research to broaden knowledge on koala abundance and health, population size, survival rates and population genetics is designed to help Council with conservation planning and to identify important koala habitat, both existing and potential.

These programs are strongly aligned with Council's koala management plan and will focus on mitigating the five key threats to koalas: habitat loss and fragmentation;

road mortality; dog attacks; disease; and changes to climate.

Council is committed to protecting, enhancing and restoring the natural values of the Redlands for koalas and other native animals and plant populations, and to providing core habitat areas as sanctuaries for wildlife and safe wildlife movement across the landscape.

Council also has plans for a comprehensive community engagement program that will focus on the role we all can play in helping to protect one of Australia's most important coastal koala habitats, particularly the Redlands' significant urban koala population.

For more information about Council's Koala Conservation Action Plan and our Koala Conservation Strategy, visit: www.redland.qld.gov.au.

“Remember to look up when you're walking around Redlands ... you never know who you might see!”

Koalas are on the move

LET'S KEEP THEM SAFE

Between July and December koalas are much more active, so expect the unexpected. Here's how you can help keep them safe:

- Stay alert when driving
- Keep pets confined at night
- Keep your dog on a leash
- Install Koala friendly escape devices – poles against your fence and rope in pools

REDLANDS WILDLIFE RESCUE SERVICE
☎ 3833 4031

Spread the word and report and share sightings at wala.org.au
For more information go to redland.qld.gov.au



Straddie's reef riches

Diving and fishing opportunities off North Stradbroke Island are being boosted by a new \$1 million artificial reef.

To be created off Point Lookout by the end of the year, the artificial reef will add to the island's already acclaimed recreational tourism opportunities.

It will be formed from about 40 concrete structures submerged across 30ha at a depth of 10m-12m offshore from Minjerribah Camping's Adder Rock grounds.

To be financed by the State Government's \$30 million marine infrastructure fund, it was planned with input from the Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, Queensland Seafood Industry Association and tourism, fishing, diving and environment groups. It comes as Redland City Council pursues eco, cultural and

adventure tourism opportunities for the island.

Aquatic life is expected to become established within months of the reef skeleton's submersion.

QYAC chief executive Cameron Costello said the reef would help position Quandamooka Country as a globally recognised eco-cultural tourism destination.

"It is exciting to be involved in projects that see our people actively playing a role in creating future fishing and diving opportunities," he said.

Straddie already boasts world-class diving, with Manta Bommie, also off Pt Lookout, ranked in the top 10 dive sites in Australia. The bommie is a cleaning station for migratory manta rays and other large marine life that frequent the area from November to April.

WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



ACOUSTIC GUITAR SPECTACULAR by Red Chair
Get Ready for fretboard fireworks when acoustic guitarists from across the globe come together!
THU 2 AUGUST, 7.30PM
TICKETS: \$20-\$39



HUMANS* by Circa
A night of stunning athleticism and heart-stopping acrobatics
★★★★ ArtsHub
THU 9 AUGUST, 7.30PM
TICKETS: \$25-\$45



Bell Shakespeare's JULIUS CAESAR
By William Shakespeare
Director James Evans
TUE 4 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM
TICKETS: \$20-\$50

*Created by Yaron Lifschitz and the Circa Ensemble.

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

redland performing arts centre
CELEBRATES 10





FUNTIME: Capalaba Regional Park's upgrades continue, enhancing its attraction for local families and visitors.



DIVISION 9

BIRKDALE LAND TALKS RESUME

Redland City Council has urged the Federal Government to expedite the sale of Commonwealth land at Birkdale to the city.

Council has been in talks with the Commonwealth for three years seeking to acquire the land, on the eastern edge of Division 9, for community use but was blind-sided when it was announced in the recent federal budget that it was to be sold for housing.

Local Councillor Paul Gleeson said talks had now resumed and the latest indications from Canberra were encouraging.

"Mayor Karen Williams met with Assistant Minister for Finance David Coleman and Assistant Minister to the Treasurer Michael Sukkar in Canberra recently to push our case," Cr Gleeson said.

"She made it clear that community feedback has essentially ruled out any option for the land other than Council buying it for the community. Council is concerned that with a federal election on the

horizon, acquisition of the land could be further delayed, with a possibility that the process will have to start again. We have asked that the divestment strategy for the land be expedited to avoid this happening with Cr Williams getting a promising response."

Cr Gleeson said it was important that the community's needs and wishes and good planning were respected and that the land did not end up as housing.

"We have made it clear that this land cannot be used for houses and that a sale to Council makes good sense, especially as the land is outside the urban footprint, which shows it is not required to meet South East Queensland's growth," he said.

More fun for regional park

Capalaba Regional Park continues to enhance its reputation as one of the region's best, with a range of fun-enhancing projects completed or underway.

Local Councillor Paul Gleeson said new orange and jazzberry-coloured shade sails had been installed over three existing swing sets, including the Liberty Swing for children using a wheelchair.

"A play cube has also been installed. Additionally, the old-style wooden climbing fort is being updated with two new slides with textured softfall, shadesails and new leaf-imprinted steppers," Cr Gleeson said. "The work is expected to be completed about the time the spring weather arrives. This is a highly valued park which draws families from throughout the city, and Council's work will ensure it continues to meet the expectations of all those who visit and enjoy it."



SUPPORTING OTHERS TO DO GREAT THINGS

Redland City Council provides assistance to a range of worthy local groups through its Councillor Small Grants program.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop said the grants were a small way that Councillors could recognise and help the great work being done for fellow residents by members of sporting, youth, cultural and not-for-profit groups.

"The local families involved in sport, the boaties out on the bay, our artists and those committed to looking after our environment all rely heavily on community groups run largely by volunteers who need a bit of help from time to time," Cr Bishop said.

"As local Councillor I get to see first hand the extent of the grassroots work that is done every day in our community and I know just how much it is valued by residents, so it is important that assistance can be provided when it is needed most."

Cr Bishop said Raiders Netball Club and the Thorneside Community Tennis Association had each recently benefitted from \$3000 grants.

"These grants will support the growth of these great local clubs which do so much to promote healthy outdoor activity," Cr Bishop said.

"Clubs such as these are at the heart of what makes this such a great place to live."

Cr Bishop has also supported The Old School House Gallery, Redlands Netball Association, Cleveland District Girl Guides, Volunteer Coast Guard Redland Bay and the local Volunteer Marine Rescue, Donald Simpson Community Centre, Yurara Youth Art Society and the Wildlife Preservation Society.

Redland City Council also supports community projects from cultural events to wildlife programs through its annual community grants program, which is open for applications until Friday 17 August. Assistance is available under the categories of Organisation Support, Project Support, Conservation Support and Capital Infrastructure.

"Council provides more than \$500,000 in grants and sponsorship each year to help local organisations, community groups and individuals make a difference in the community," Cr Bishop said. "I urge anyone with an initiative that clearly benefits our community to apply."

To learn more about how to apply for grants or sponsorship, visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/Grants, email grants@redland.qld.gov.au or call 3829 8999.

New piece of Paradise

The new play area at Aquatic Paradise West Park is proving a big hit with local families.

Local Councillor Paul Bishop said feedback since the park's completion had been positive.

"It is very important to strike the right balance in an area like ours and while some people might want more and others less, I am pleased that we have been able to strike a balance and create a space that residents feel is just right," Cr Bishop said.

"Aquatic Paradise West Park has been very popular since the new kids play area opened with a variety of stimulating and well-designed equipment."



PLAYTIME: The new play area at Aquatic Paradise West Park is a great addition for the community.

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DIVISION 10



New-look for waste and recycling collection trucks

The new fleet hit the streets in late June, coinciding with the start of Redland City Council's new 12-year waste collection contract with local company J.J. Richards and Sons Pty Ltd.

While you may have seen them, perhaps you haven't heard them. Council's new waste collection trucks are quieter than their predecessors, so if you use the early morning rumble as a prompt to race your bins to the kerb, you might need to rethink your strategy.

All bins need to be out no later than 6am on your current collection day, which will not change.

Designed to be eye catching and encourage residents to make full and proper use of all household bins on offer, there is more to these trucks than meets the eye.

Move over James Bond... we have "j-Track" and "Black Moth"! With this state-of-the-art on-board computing technology and CCTV, Council now

has real-time tracking of vehicles, collections and service performance to aid in ongoing process improvements. New safety features include a wider windshield and additional side mirrors for better visibility, forward collision warning and emergency braking.

Environmental credentials of the new fleet include fuel-saving technology and low Euro 6 emissions with a third of the materials used to build the trucks derived from recycled materials. On top of that, the trucks themselves are about 90 percent recyclable once they come to the end of their lives.

Selecting a contractor with the right trucks is one way Council can lead by example as it continues to encourage residents to rethink their rubbish.

Never miss bin day

Council has an online 'When Is My Bin Day?' calendar, which can be accessed on your desktop, mobile, tablet and is printer friendly. It provides collection information, along with updates to services. You will find it at www.redland.qld.gov.au/binday



Two simple ways to make a difference

- 1 **Recycle right** – make sure you only put the five categories of recyclable items in your yellow-topped wheelie bin to keep Redlands' recyclable product clean and valuable.
- 2 **Use (or sign up for) a green waste wheelie bin to put your garden waste in at home*** – this way, your lawn clippings, prunings and leaves can be recycled into soil and landscaping products instead of ending up in landfill. It'll also save you the trip to the waste transfer station. Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste to order your new green waste bin.

*Green waste service only available on the mainland. Island residents can dispose of garden waste at their waste transfer stations for free.



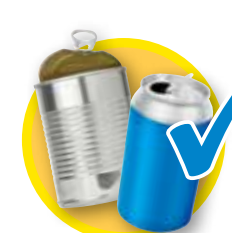
“There is more to the Redlands' new waste collection trucks than meets the eye”

Making recycling easy

Recycling is here to stay in the Redlands. Your recycling bin only loves these five materials:



1. Plastic
Firm plastic containers and bottles



2. Metal
Aluminium and steel tins, cans and clean foil



3. Glass
Glass bottles and jars



4. Paper
Including newspaper and junk mail



5. Cardboard
Including long-life juice cartons and pizza boxes

Recycle right – keep these contaminants out!
No plastic bags, clothing, nappies, styrofoam, food waste or garden waste in your recycling bin



Treat yourself to a larger recycling bin*
*One-off bin establishment fee applies

Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/waste to order yours now and check what's recyclable



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY PLACEMAKING

Wellington Point Village is one of the jewels of the Redlands, with locals urged to support what is becoming an increasingly popular dining destination.

Local Councillor Wendy Boglary said the village's bayside charm was about to be enhanced by an exciting project which will make it more attractive to visitors and increase liveability for locals.

"As a former small-business owner, I have always tried to promote and support our local businesses because when we buy local, money and employment stays local," Cr Boglary said.

"Wellington Point shopping village is attracting visitors from throughout the region as a dining destination, which makes me particularly pleased to announce the streetscape and Village Green revamp and public art project is ready to start."

Following community consultation last year, concept plans have been prepared for the area, with the project scheduled for completion by mid next year. It includes

transformation of the streetscape and Village Green into a well-planned and fun community space in line with local feedback.

"Council consulted the community, with the scope of works including the Village Green. The comments received by the community have informed the designs for what will become inviting places for activities and for adults and kids to play," Cr Boglary said.

"The streetscape will be revitalised through new street furniture and shelters and a wonderful dugong play sculpture. I am especially excited about the captivating stringray sculptures by artist Braham Stevens which epitomise Wellington Point's and the Redlands' diverse marine ecology and bay environment. It will make a really striking entry statement at the Wellington Point roundabout. Nothing is more satisfying than creating an area for community to gather and strengthen."

Cr Boglary said work at the Village Green would include the installation of shelters and a dancing space, improvements to children's play elements, footpath connection and fruit-tree planting to expand on the existing bush tucker garden.

"This is a really exciting time for Wellington Point and will make it a real drawcard for visitors as well as locals. It will really help to boost the local economy while adding to the inherent attractiveness of Wellington Point," Cr Boglary said.

"With about two-thirds of Redland workers leaving the area for their jobs, Council believes projects such as this will help to reverse that trend. Creating local job opportunities, especially for young Redlanders, will also help to reduce road congestion. This project highlights the unique and wonderful environment we have in Redlands."

BETTER BY DESIGN: Wellington Point traders Gary Barrett, Rohit Pathak and Anna Fowke with Cr Wendy Boglary and a model of the planned stingray entry statement and, right, the concept for the dugong play sculpture.

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PUSHING THE CASE FOR STRADDIE

Redland City Council is continuing to advocate for increased funding and on-the-ground projects to help North Stradbroke Island transition from sand mining.

Local Councillor Peter Mitchell said the recent State budget included \$11 million for island projects, with the Queensland Government also releasing a tender to assist with the preparation of a master plan for Dunwich.

"These are all steps in the right direction but a lot more is needed to guarantee the island's economic future once sand mining ends next year," Cr Mitchell said.

"Since the phase out of sand mining was announced by the State Government, Council has been adamant that more is needed to ensure a successful economic transition for islanders and we are well short of that."

The State Government package for the island includes \$4.35 million for national park management, \$1 million for urgent infrastructure at One Mile, \$900,000 for bushfire management, as well as funding for school camps, interpretive signage, recreational trails, a \$1.55 million whale interpretive facility and a \$1.7 million aged-care facility.

"But we still need some significant projects which will create long-term local jobs and help sustain the island economy, along with transport initiatives to make it easier to get to and around the island," Cr Mitchell said.

"There are great opportunities, especially through sensitive cultural tourism, but the State needs to back it with funding ... and soon."

Cr Mitchell said the community would play a key role in the development of the Dunwich master plan, which was vital to the growth of island tourism.

"This is a great opportunity for the community to outline their vision for Dunwich's future. A draft is expected to be released towards the end of the year, with a final plan expected mid to late 2019."

New life for historic cottage

The 129-year-old Station Master's Cottage will get a new lease on life with Council working to open it for community use by mid next year.

The cottage was relocated last year from Middle Street, Cleveland, to the heritage precinct on Little Shore Street after it was gifted to Council by Redlands RSL.

"The next steps are to prepare architectural and engineering documents for tender to renovate the building and bring it up to a standard for a community facility," local Councillor Peter Mitchell said.

"Towards the end of this year we will be calling for expressions of interest from community groups keen to use this historic building. It will be suitable for use by not-for-profit organisations, social enterprise providers or historical societies, as well as a place for museums and galleries or simply as a meeting place."



*LOOKING TO THE FUTURE:
The sheer beauty of North
Stradbroke Island and Cleveland's
old Station Master's Cottage.*

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ACHIEVERS: Young Thornlands country music talent Georgie Taylor and, right, Cr Paul Golle with Aaron Goldwater of Resilience Sailing at the recent Men's Shed Forum.



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MEN'S SHED MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Local Men's Sheds are developing their own Redlands network, sharing information and helping each other to promote men's health and wellbeing.

It follows a Men's Shed forum organised by Redland City Council for Men's Health Week recently which has helped the groups to connect with each other and like-minded services.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle, who attended the forum, said it was hoped the event would lead to greater ties between local Men's Sheds, opening new opportunities and avenues of assistance for their members.

"The forum was organised by Council so members of our local Men's Sheds could get together to share information and build networks, as well as celebrate the Men's Shed movement and its achievements," Cr Golle said. "It was really inspiring to see male leaders in our community talk openly about health and

wellbeing and how the members of Men's Shed and other groups can work together to strengthen health and wellbeing. There was a lot of positive discussion around potential partnerships, such as with Council, and how our Men's Sheds are providing role models for our community.

"By connecting, members will get access to the know-how and mentoring of Men's Shed members across the region and maybe become part of joint projects."

The forum was attended by eight Men's Shed groups from across the bayside. If you would like to join a local Men's Shed, you will find more information at mensshed.org/find-a-shed. You also can call 1300 550 009 or email amsa@mensshed.net.

Georgie's on song

Sixteen-year-old Thornlands singer and multi-instrumentalist Georgie Taylor has a passion for storytelling through her music.

A leading light of the thriving local country music scene, Georgie was named the Redlands Emerging Artist 2017 and Overall Festival Winner at this year's Redlands Modern Country Music Talent Quest.

Local Councillor Paul Golle said Georgie was a special Redlands talent and had been named as a finalist in the Indie Country Music Australia Awards, to be announced next January.

"Georgie is a gifted songwriter and musician and released her first single *Insane* in January, with her debut EP due for release soon," he said. "She is quite an achiever, especially as she has been busy with Year 12. With the Redland Modern Country Music Club based here in Thornlands, music is a big part of our community and something which Council and I have been proud to support."



REDLANDS COMMITTED TO INNOVATIVE AGEING

Did you know that robots are being used to deliver meals and linen in aged-care facilities right here in the Redlands?

In a growing industry that suffers from staff shortages, technology can ease the burden of "heavy lifting" and leave staff free to do what they do best – care.

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett said the use of autonomous robots in the aged-care sector was just one of the topics being discussed at a series of industry events Council was delivering in association with Advanced Queensland, Global Community Resourcing, Community Care Smart Assistive Technology Collaborative and

Renaissance Retirement Living, which has a wonderful village at Victoria Point.

"With the Redlands one of the fastest ageing communities in the region, positive local and regional partnerships and innovation within the aged-care sector are vitally important," Cr Hewlett said.

"September's Innovative Ageing Summit will bring together thought leaders in the future of sustainable, client-centred aged and community care. Topics will include how co-design with older people is reforming the options available and issues relating to ageing in island communities."

No easy solution to managing midges

Biting midges are a source of annoyance along much of coastal Queensland but unfortunately there is little that can be done to control them.

Redland City Deputy Mayor and Councillor for coastal Division 4 Lance Hewlett said residents regularly asked what could be done to mitigate midges.

"But while they come with the territory in coastal Queensland, often extending far inland, the fact is that, unlike mosquitoes, there is little Council can do about them," Cr Hewlett said.

"While we can spray to control mosquitoes there are no midge-specific insecticides available. Even if there were, it is nigh on impossible to treat midge larvae as they live in mud and don't breed in water like

mozzies. The control we use for mozzies just don't work on midges. As our intertidal habitats and mangroves are protected under State Government legislation, general insecticides cannot be used as they are highly toxic to fish and crustaceans and could easily lead to kills.

"There are simply no products that we can use to control biting midges in natural habitats such as mangroves – and unfortunately science has yet to come up with proven, environmentally appropriate and cost effective way to manage them. While you can get barrier sprays to treat around your house, you cannot treat the midges where they breed in the tidal zones."

Information: www.redland.qld.gov.au under "Community health and safety" – go to "health risks and regulation".



SOLUTIONS: Redland City Council continues to pursue solutions for issues as diverse as the needs of older Redlanders and how to deal with midges.

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An adventure to far off places

Over the next few months, join Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) and travel across continents and glimpse key moments in history – all from the comfort of a theatre seat.

Arguably the best regional theatre in the south-east, RPAC is bringing to life great books and legendary plays, as well as music from exotic locations and amazing street dance.

To start this global adventure, come along and see the exploits of the fearless adventurer Phileas Fogg and his faithful manservant Passepartout when they set out to win an outrageous wager to circle the globe. *Around the World in 80 Days* features three actors, 39 characters and seven countries in the original “amazing race”. This is an epic, funny, madcap adaptation of the classic novel by Jules Verne that will be loved by the whole family on Saturday 28 July at 7.30pm.

Then be whisked off to Italy when the high-energy Italian virtuoso Andrea Valeri joins internationally acclaimed Brisbane acoustic guitarist Michael Fix and funky finger-stylist Sarah Koppen for *Acoustic Guitar Spectacular*. Expect fretboard fireworks as the trio come together from across the globe to weave memorable music magic on Thursday 2 August at 7.30pm.



International talent will then be flying in to the Redlands. Get ready to be treated to our first-ever Krump Intensives workshop series when world leading experts in this dance form from the USA and Russia share their skills in *Beast Camp* from Monday 20 to Wednesday 22 August. This is an opportunity for Redlanders to learn from some of the best dancers in the world and then compete at the *Battle Night* on Thursday 23 August for a ticket to the world championships.

Next, step back in time to the UK in 1669, a bawdy and uproarious time when King Charles II causes havoc when he puts actresses on the stage for the first time. *Playhouse Creatures* focusses on five of the most famous actresses, including Nell Gwynn and Mary Betterton. This moving and often comic account of the precarious lives of these first actresses follows their struggle to be considered artists equal to men. It's on Friday 31 August at 7.30pm.

The final stop on this jet-setting theatre season is a return to Italy, where all will be laid on the line for Rome in *Julius Caesar*. After Bell Shakespeare's stunning performance of *The Merchant Of Venice* last year, don't miss the chance to experience the tension between aspiration and ambition, the triumphal entrances and brutal exits as we “cry havoc and let slip the dogs of war” (Act 3, Scene 1) on Tuesday 4 September at 7.30pm.

For full details of these performances and events, plus other great shows coming soon to RPAC, visit www.rpac.com.au or follow RPAC on Facebook (/RedlandPerformingArtsCentre).

CAPTIVATING: *Around the World in 80 Days* (photo: James Terry, 2016 cast), guitar virtuoso Andrea Valeri and Playhouse *Creatures* (photo: Kelly McGannon).

Triple Treat



GreazeFest Kustom Kulture Festival

3-5 August 2018

Join thousands of rockabilly and hot rod fans for a fun weekend of cool cars, rockabilly bands, fashion parades, pin-ups, vintage bikes, art workshops, tattoos, markets and more at this Council-supported event.

www.greazefest.com



RedFest

7-9 September 2018

Redlands' oldest community festival celebrates its 60th anniversary with the return of the community float parade through Cleveland on the Saturday morning. There will be fun for the whole family with great bands, local artists, lantern parade, sideshow alley, fireworks and the world famous strawberry-eating competition. It's proudly supported by Redland City Council

www.redfest.com.au



Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo

21-23 September 2018

Calling all outdoor adventurers. Discover everything you need to explore the outdoors and enjoy our beautiful Redlands at this Council-backed expo.

www.clevelandexpo.com.au



What a week for seniors!

Seniors' Week is the perfect time to reflect on a growing sector of the Redlands community and the key role they play in enriching the lives of so many in our city.



“
... a great way
for seniors to
remain social
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Redland Libraries manager Jo Jones recognises this and is committed to supporting seniors with services, programs and events to help them remain connected to community life and provide them with opportunities for continuous learning.

“Council's Home Library Service makes sure books are readily accessible to all members of the community by providing free delivery to housebound residents living in their own homes, retirement villages or in nursing homes,” Jo said.

“We also host Senior's Chit Chat sessions, which are a great way for seniors to remain social over a cuppa with other members of their local community in a casual drop-in environment.

“Our Ask IT sessions have also proved popular with seniors to help them keep up to date with and connected to the online world.

“Large print collections, talking books, CDs and DVDs are also readily available, which are great resources for people with vision impairment.”

For more information about any of these services and programs visit www.redland.qld.gov.au and go to Libraries or drop into your local branch.

Seniors Week at Redland Libraries

Grandparents Story Time
Come along with your grandchildren to enjoy stories and a craft activity.

Tuesday 14 August,
10-10.30am at Victoria Point Library

Friday 17 August,
10-10.30am at Capalaba Library

Wednesday 22 August,
9.30-11am at Redland Museum

Tea and Trivia

Join us for morning tea and a fun trivia quiz.

Tuesday 21 August,
10-11.30am at Victoria Point Library

Chit Chat Special Event

Celebrate Seniors Week and be entertained by local musical talents.

Friday 24 August,
9.30-11am at Victoria Point Library

A healthy and active Redlands

It's game on for Term 3

There's still time to get healthy and active with low-cost physical activities on offer in parks and outdoor spaces in the beautiful Redlands Coast.

Now in its third term, the Redlands Healthy and Active Program has been a big hit with participants who have expressed a strong desire for it to continue. Drawing inspiration from the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games, its aim is to build healthy, active and engaged communities through increased access to physical activity programs and greater activation of public open space.

During the first two terms it has been successful in getting people active and promoting a holistic approach to health and wellbeing. More than 1300 people participated in more than 20 different activities – with Zumba, yoga and

group fitness among the most popular. Activities – each offered once a week for 10 weeks to coincide with the school term – are delivered by local health and fitness professionals who to this point have been funded through State and Federal grants to initiate the program.

With such public support to continue, Council is transitioning the Healthy and Active Program to a sustainable model. QSuper has also come on board as a program partner for 2018-19 and participants will contribute a \$5 co-payment towards each weekly session.

Again, a broad range of activities inclusive of ability and experience are on offer – most with wet weather contingencies – with online registration through Team App. Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au/rhap for this term's schedule and more information.



BECOME AN ISLAND COMMUNITY CHAMPION

Volunteers are needed for Council's Southern Moreton Bay Islands, North Stradbroke Island and Coochiemudlo Island Community Champions Programs.

Community Champions are permanent local residents who receive training to:

- contribute their local knowledge to assist in all aspects of disaster management,
- provide community education about preparing for a disaster, and
- support their community during and after emergencies.

Community Champions become registered volunteers with Council, Australian Red Cross and Volunteering Qld. Training includes psychological first aid and evacuation, volunteer management and Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements.

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