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Message from the Mayor

What a remarkable year this has been for Redlands Coast! As a community, so much has been done to make our city a better place for future generations.

At this very moment, the first long-term Queensland trial of an automated driverless shuttle is happening on a Redlands Coast road as part of our search for future transport solutions; we have the first of what we hope will be many streets made from recycled hard plastics; and we are extracting gas from a former landfill site which is being used to power homes.

As residents prepare to enjoy the festive season and our naturally wonderful lifestyle, you can do so knowing that our community estate - the area owned and managed by Council for the benefit of the community - is now also much, much bigger thanks to the purchase of 70ha of strategic land for future generations.

Following last year's purchase of the 6.7ha Department of Agriculture and Fisheries property at Alexandra Hills, Council has added the equally strategically important blocks near the historic lighthouse at Cleveland Point and is in the final stages of acquiring the almost 62ha site off Old Cleveland Road East known as the Birkdale Commonwealth Lands.

All provide once-in-generation opportunities - from nature-based tourism to conservation - and

Council will be discussing these with residents.

Our heritage assets have also received a boost. Following Council's acquisition of the pioneering Willard's Farm at Birkdale, a conservation management plan has been completed and heritage experts have prepared detailed records and engineering assessments for the property to ensure its future. The historic Station Master's Cottage, relocated by Council to the Cleveland historical precinct, also has started its new life as home to the Redlands Centre for Women.

Council's investment in community infrastructure can be measured by the joy in local neighbourhoods with almost \$9.5 million invested in parks and sportsfields this year. Work has started on planning the sportsfields of the future at our new Heinemann Road sporting facility at Mt Cotton, while Stage 2 of Thornlands Community Park is underway.

I am also excited by the impact the massive investment in our popular IndigiScapes centre, which is due to fully reopen in February, will have on environmental education and tourism. Another major stride on that front has been the rolling out of the *Redlands Coast - naturally wonderful* brand for our city and the traction that it has gained in such a short time.

While all of the above are significant and tangible

achievements, Council has not rested there. I am also excited by the opportunity a South-East Queensland bid for the 2032 Olympic Games could bring for Redlands Coast, especially through the fast-tracking of the major transport infrastructure projects that we desperately need and the prospect of an Olympic-standard whitewater precinct.

This facility would not only be a breeding ground for tomorrow's sports stars, it would be somewhere local families can play and enjoy all that our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast has to offer. Importantly, it could be the bait we need to hook the State Government infrastructure we have been trying to land for some time. That is why we have been part of the SEQ Olympics journey from the beginning. We believe it will be a catalyst for major transport projects such as the Eastern Busway and Cleveland rail duplication and it supports our efforts to provide for future generations of Redlanders.

You will find stories about many of these initiatives in this edition.

To all residents, please have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Regards,

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The waters of Quandamooka Country have been a paddler's paradise for thousands of years.

The Quandamooka peoples harnessed the tides and the shelter of its myriad islands and banks as they canoed these waters to hunt, meet and trade.

It is a heritage embraced today in Redlands Coast which has become a "must do" destination for canoeists, kayakers, stand-up paddleboarders and adventure seekers who have caught on to what locals have long known ... when it comes to water activities on Redlands Coast you really are spoiled for choice.

Indeed today Redland City Council has established a network of 58 canoe and kayak launch points stretching from Tingalpa Creek to Redland Bay and out to North Stradbroke and the Redlands Coast Southern Bay Islands.

Local paddling and tourism identity Katrina Beutel said Redlands Coast was special as it catered for experienced paddlers and thrill seekers as well as occasional daytrippers and those seeking to get close to nature or simply spend a few relaxing hours on the water.

"Our coastline is vast and varies in every location," Katrina said.

"We are incredibly lucky to live in a bay full of small islands, which are protected by our magical Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island).

"We also have many entry points along the coastline starting at Tingalpa Creek, Beth Boyd Park, Wellington Point Reserve, Cleveland Point, Oyster Point, Pt O'Halloran, Victoria Point, Redland Bay and Point Talburpin.

"The waters around Coochiemudlo, Peel and the Southern Moreton Bay islands and across to Blakesleys make for great day trips to get out on a sea kayak. Among the islands there are also many opportunities to head out for a few days sea kayaking, staying at Peel, Blakesleys,

Adams Beach or Bradburys beaches on Minjerribah."

Katrina said paddling was a special way to get close to the bay's amazing wildlife.

"There are plenty of turtles and dolphins to see in our waters and, on occasion, you may spot a dugong," she said. "Obviously with all kayaking and paddling adventures you need to check the weather and tidal conditions but we are blessed with so many exceptional protected areas."

Council has provided launch points and totems to make them easy to identify, with a purpose-built canoe and kayak launch pontoon at Raby Esplanade Park, Ormiston.

For water craft tours and paddling opportunities call in to Council's Redlands Coast Visitor Information Centre at Raby Bay Harbour or call 1300 667 386 or go to visitredlandscoast.com.au.

You will find a map of Redlands Coast canoe launch points by searching Council's website at: redland.qld.gov.au





GUNDUL/ GOONDOOL – CANOE

The Quandamooka people have been canoeing around the waters of Moreton Bay for 21,000 years.

Quandamooka Coast extends from the south bank of the Brisbane River at the mouth and continues south to the Logan River and west to Chandler also taking in all of the bay islands.

Quandamooka people would travel from the mainland to the islands and from the islands to the mainland in their canoes.

Josh Walker, Quandamooka traditional owner and guide





An exciting adventure precinct!

Imagine an Olympic-standard whitewater facility that contributes \$20 million annually to our local economy, creates more than 80 ongoing jobs and is the stimulus for significant transport upgrades to Redlands Coast.

Add to that an exciting adventure precinct that engages and unites our community in a range of indoor and outdoor healthy living activities and connects to the region's Quandamooka culture whose traditional owners have been travelling the waters of Redlands Coast by canoe for thousands of years.

With potential for a Redlands Coast adventure sports precinct that also includes activities such as high ropes, rock climbing and an aquatic centre, the economic benefit climbs to an annual average of an additional \$50 million into our local economy and 150 ongoing full-time jobs.

This is what Council is working on to make the most of any Olympic opportunities coming Queensland's way. And if we don't get the Olympics, Council is still committed to pursuing such an asset for the city.

Detailed investigations are proceeding for a facility that could be the official whitewater venue for the 2032 Olympics Games should they be granted to Queensland.

It is anticipated that the government will confirm its intentions for the Olympic bid late this year.

Mayor Karen Williams said Council had strongly supported the case for the Games as a major catalyst for regional and local infrastructure investments, especially significant transport infrastructure improvements for Redlands Coast, such as the eastern busway extension and duplication of the railway line to Cleveland.

"Based on existing worldwide examples and international canoeing experts, a Redlands Coast whitewater facility could be conservatively expected to contribute \$20 million or more annually to the Redlands Coast economy over 20 years," Cr Williams said.

"Council has been working with partners to progress the opportunity to deliver this Olympic standard whitewater facility for the Redlands Coast. As well as a major boost for local tourism, a Redlands Coast whitewater and adventure precinct will create new employment, including for the city's young people.

"It will help to inspire future Olympic and emerging adventure sports champions such as Australia's Jessica Fox, the seven times whitewater slalom world champion and greatest individual slalom paddler of all time."

Redland City Council has been a founding partner in the Council of Mayors South-East Queensland (CoMSEQ) study into the feasibility of the 2032 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in South East Queensland

The new low-cost approach by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to the games further maximises the opportunity for major Olympic economic benefits while ensuring lasting community benefits.

Redlands Coast has been home to many international athletes who have represented Australia in sports, including gymnastics, diving, swimming, cycling, mountain biking, BMX, skateboarding, triathlon, basketball and shooting.

Visit redland.qld.gov.au to keep up to date with developments.

Christmas by STARLIGHT

Starlight, stars bright!

Redlands Coast's annual community celebration Christmas by Starlight has become an outstanding showcase of the city's exceptional home-grown talent.

And this year's event at Cleveland's Norm Price Park – Redland Showgrounds on Saturday, 14 December will be no exception, with an awesome line-up of local stars set to help residents and visitors sing in Christmas.

The city's biggest free family Christmas show, which will kick off at 4pm, will be headlined by outstanding Redlands Coast vocal talent Craig Martin, Scott Muller, Leah Lever and Dakota Striplin, along with Brisbane's Greg Moore.

Hosted by Redland City Council, it promises to again be one of the best free community Christmas concerts in Queensland, with plenty of kids' activities again this year with the return of the Starlight Express, a trackless train that will shuttle guests around the event, along with the usual children's favourites. All rides will be free and will run from 4pm to 8pm.

The main event will get underway at 6pm, with our annual Christmas fireworks spectacular to light up the sky to close the event.

While entry is free, people will have the opportunity to make a donation to support Rotary's Drought Relief Program. All funds raised will be used in the provision of aid to drought-affected landholders and their communities.

A variety of food, drink and merchandise stalls will be hosted by local not-for-profit community groups and licensed commercial operators but please remember that Christmas by Starlight is an alcohol-free event.

For more information, go to redland.qld.gov.au/cbs



Report graffiti online with vandaltrak

Every holiday season we see a spike in incidences of graffiti and vandalism. It's not unique to Redlands Coast, 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.

mredland.qld.gov.au







Getting to the big event

By car

Free event parking will be available off Long Street, Cleveland or check out some other parking areas close by. Some changed traffic conditions will be in place so please allow extra time.

By public transport

Travel by bus and train for FREE to Christmas by Starlight.

Translink, in conjunction with Transdev and Queensland Rail, will provide free bus and train travel on selected routes between the hours of 2pm to the last scheduled service on Saturday 14 December 2019.

Trains

Park Road to Cleveland (a free shuttle bus will run on a loop from the Cleveland Train Station to Redland Showgrounds)

Buses

- Route 272 (Victoria Point, Thornlands, Cleveland)
- Route 250 (Redland Bay, Victoria Point, Thornlands, Cleveland, Alexandra Hills, Capalaba)
- Route 252 (Capalaba, Alexandra Hills, Wellington Point, Ormiston, Cleveland)
- Route 258 (Cleveland to Toondah Harbour)
- Route 274 (Victoria Point Jetty to Cleveland via Thornlands)
- Route 275 (Brisbane, Chandler, Capalaba inc Park n Ride, Alexandra Hills, Ormiston, Cleveland)
- Route 282 (Victoria Point to Loganholme station via Mount Cotton and Redland Bay)

You must register to get your valid Christmas by Starlight free public transport ticket at redland.qld.gov.au/cbs

Island shuttle trial a window to the future

The streets of Karragarra Island in southern Moreton Bay have been the scene of a special trial which could help solve Redlands Coast's future transport needs.

The island is hosting a
Queensland-first on-road trial
of a driverless "smart shuttle", a
joint initiative between RACQ
and Redland City Council with
the support of Council of Mayors
SEQ. Residents and visitors are
welcome to step onboard for free
on weekdays until May next year.
Redland City Mayor Karen
Williams said the bus, pictured,
was a step forward for the region

as much as it was for the future of motoring.

"The bus is the first-ever form of public transport for the Karragarra Island community which has some incredibly unique transport challenges that present a need for innovative solutions like this," she said. "There's a strong reliance on private vehicles, and the low-traffic and low-speed environment on the island makes for the perfect opportunity to test this new technology."

RACQ Head of Public Policy Rebecca Michael said the club was



proud to introduce Queenslanders to the next generation of motoring. "It's a critical step in the broader process of integrating this technology more permanently on our roads in future, but it's equally as important that it's trusted by Queenslanders," Dr Michael said.



They say good things come to those who wait and Council is sure that will be the case with the redeveloped IndigiScapes environmental centre.

Although the building is still currently under construction, with the opening proposed for February, the biggest changes have already been made.

Almost immediately, your eye will be drawn up to the roof and the enormous space above your head as you move through the front door. It was big before but it's even bigger now.

There's also a new discovery space that houses interactive activities for adults and children alike. Think touch tables, build-a-garden game and a space to sit back and relax near a window of Coolnwynpin Creek, where you can take in the sights or listen to a podcast.

You will then be ready for a cuppa and your favourite Indigi cake. While you wait, you can enjoy the new outlook, take in the new café space with its indoor and outdoor seating and savour the new bush tucker-inspired café menu.

Just when you think you've seen it all, there's a hidden theatrette behind the gift shop that will show the latest environmental movies and documentaries. This is the perfect place to chill after taking in all the new attractions that IndigiScapes will offer.

The result will be a bigger and better experience for locals and visitors alike in what will be one of Queensland's premier regional environmental centres and a major drawcard for our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast.

Most importantly, IndigiScapes will retain its warm community feel and make you feel welcomed back into the new and improved IndigiScapes family.

The Indigiscapes Expansion Project is a joint initiative of Redland City Council and the Queensland Government.





Help the shelter

Help the Redland Animal Shelter during the busy Christmas period by donating some canine and feline creature comforts for summer:

- Dog treats such as Schmackos, liver treats, dentasticks, pigs ears etc
- Cat treats including Temptations, Greenies etc
- New and used towels and blankets
- Dog and cat toys and enrichment items
- Dog and cat collars, leads and harnesses
- Pooper scoopers, kitty litter trays and cat litter
- Cat food, including dry, wet, adult and kitten
- Dog food, including dry, wet, adult and puppy
- Clam shells and plastic pools
- Craft items tsuch as feathers, bells, pipe cleaners
- New and used dog kennels and beds
- Cat beds and scratching poles

Donations can be dropped off at the animal shelter at 264 South Street, Thornlands, on Mondays and Fridays between 9am and 4pm and on Saturdays and Sundays between 9am and 12pm.

IndigiScapes will continue to offer its environmental extension services such as Environmental Partnerships, Bushcare, Wildlife Rescue and the school program while the building is refurbished.



The botanical gardens are currently open to the public. You can access the gardens from the IndigiScapes Native Nursery, via the Myhorizon driveway on Runnymede Road or via Lyndon Road.



Be the first to know when IndigiScapes reopens by visiting its website and subscribing to its newsletter. indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au



Appy and you know it

Want to know the best deals in your vicinity from a free coffee to a special travel deal?

Redland City Council late last month launched an exciting new smartphone app to encourage spending at local businesses on Redlands Coast, just in time for the Christmas season.

The free Redlands Coast Deals and Rewards App has been designed to support local businesses and encourage local shopping by residents and visitors and will be trialled for three months.

Shoppers can download the app via Apple App store or Google Play for android phones.

If you enable notifications on your phone it will alert you of deals as you walk past shops.

It is believed to be the first time nationally that a local government has delivered an app of this type to support local businesses across an entire city.

It is also the first app initiative by Redland City Council.

To learn more about the app or to sign up your business for free, visit the newly refreshed Redlands Coast website business opportunities page at redlandscoast.com.au/business-deals







UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS







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8 DEC 2019 – 26 JAN 2020

The In-Between

Papermakers and Artists Queensland

CA 26 OCT 2019 – 7 JAN 2020

Broken GlassMatthew Cheyne

Images (left to right): Robert MacPherson, Australia b.1937, 1000 FROG POEMS: 1000 BOSS DROVERS ("YELLOW LEAF FALLING") FOR H.S. (detail, no. 1916) (detail) 1996–2014. Graphite, ink and stain on paper. Purchased 2014 with funds from the Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art Foundation, Paul and Susan Taylor, and Donald and Christine McDonald / Collection: Queensland Art Gallery | Gallery of Modern Art. © Robert MacPherson. Sandra Pearce, Crossing borders (detail) 2018, mixed media. Courtesy of artist. Matthew Cheyne, Copper thieves (detail) 2018, oil on linen. Courtesy of the artist.

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

Robert MacPherson

Boss Drovers

TOURING

Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street, Capalaba Q 4157 For more information and opening hours visit: artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au telephone: (07) 3829 8899 or email: gallery@redland.qld.gov.au









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You don't have to go far to find a fun park or open space in Division 7. Based around Alexandra Hills, the area is blessed with 24 Council parks, including three sports parks and three dog off-leash areas.

And, according to Division 7 Councillor Murray Elliott, that's besides the Greater Glider and Scribbly Gums conservation areas, open walkways, creek corridors, urban habitat and nature refuges which allow families from across Redlands Coast to get outdoors to play.

Cr Elliott said there had been significant upgrades at 10 local parks recently, with more on the way.

"Prime among them is O'Gorman Street Park, which was named one of Queensland's best after its recent Council makeover," Cr Elliott said. "The program for upgrades this financial year included renewal of the playground equipment in Wimborne Road Park, Alexandra Hills, including the installation of shade sails and associated landscape works.

"Sails have now been installed in David Parr Park, Alexandra Hills, to provide shade for the playground, while Hyde Court Park has been landscaped with sandstone seating now installed. Over at IndigiScapes, the massive redevelopment, due for completion in February, continues to make it a real 'getaway' in our own backyard." (See pages 8-9)

He said Council followed the latest trends and research in recreation and play to ensure the city's parks offered an exciting and relevant range of play and recreational opportunities for families, especially youngsters.







PEOPLE'S PARK MAKES ITS MARK

The value of Redlands Coast's network of community parks is well illustrated by the popularity of Wellington Point's Montgomery Park.

This special space, which made headlines last year when local resident Edna Searle inspired the inclusion of a free 'open air' library, has just undergone a \$100,000 makeover to make it even more attractive to families.

Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges said the Council park reflected the area's great community spirit.

"Residents now have a shelter, table and seat with a great barbecue area and a multi-goal post for sports fans," Cr Huges said. "It followed the installation of the new playground equipment, including a rope bridge, climbing frame and tree-bay swing, which have proved so popular. This is a special place where residents are also encouraged to borrow a book and replace it with another or spend some time reading to their children as they take a break from having fun on equipment."

And it seems the park has the approval of locals. Montgomery Drive residents the Cairns family - Graham, Donna, Ryan and Liam - recently enjoyed a barbecue in the new space after Muddies cricket training. Donna, who is president of the cricket club based at Judy Holt Reserve, said the much-

anticipated barbecue facility was a "refreshing" upgrade which would be well used.

Meanwhile Leigh, Sarah and Airlie Mapstone, of Wellington Point, were drawn to the play equipment, while Steve and Thomas Smith, of Ormiston, worked up a sweat during their regular session on the gym equipment, which Thomas uses to complement his Muddies rugby training.

"There's even an opportunity to rack up a few field goals at the kick-about goal posts," Cr Huges said. "This park is now so much more than just a space ... it is a venue for people to train, meet, socialise and, of course, have fun."

Cr Huges said the community was invested in Montgomery Park.

"And that shows," she said. "Council has made Montgomery Park an inviting and engaging space but it is local families who have put life into it.

"I am thrilled by the encouraging feedback I have received and expect it will be a popular place for Christmas holiday barbecue get-togethers and fun-filled picnics in the park.

"The residents who have taken an interest in the park and helped to make it such an important space in our community deserve credit."



EXCITING: Local families enjoy the facilities in the recently upgraded Montgomery Park, Wellington Point.

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PRESERVATION: The Birkdale Commonwealth Lands and associated historical assets, such as Willard's Farm, are being preserved for the community.

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COMMONWEALTH SITE TO OFFER BENEFITS FOR GENERATIONS

Redland City Council will engage with the Redlands Coast community on the best use of the Commonwealth land at Birkdale.

Council signed the heads of agreement with the Australian Government in April this year, securing the 61.78ha parcel of land at 362-388 Old Cleveland Road East for environmental and community purposes.

Mayor Karen Williams said the land purchase, still being finalised at the time of print, would benefit the community for many generations to come.

"The land is predominantly covered by dense bushland with some cleared areas at the centre of the site." she said.

"The bulk of the land is protected for conservation, with a significant area available for community purposes.

"In addition to its ecological values as recognised koala habitat, the land also features a number of cultural heritage sites, including a scar tree, as well as historic infrastructure associated with the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

"It includes a building constructed by the US Army Corp that was used to house a US Army radio receiving station during World War II, and we believe the station received the first message in Australia in August 1945 that the Japanese had surrendered."

Division 9 councillor Paul Gleeson said the land bordered Tingalpa Creek and the historic Willards Farm, which Council purchased in 2016 to maintain its heritage values.

"There was concern in the recent past that the Federal Government would sell the land for housing, so Council was determined to purchase the land to prevent that from happening," he said.

"Over the years, there have been many discussions in the community about its potential use. These include using it for educational purposes, such as a university campus, recreational and sporting purposes, a water park, and environmental reserves."

Cr Gleeson said Council would consult with key stakeholders, neighbouring property owners, and the citywide community regarding the ecological, historical and cultural heritage values of the land.

"Council purchased this land for the entire Redlands Coast community and we remain committed to also engaging with the community to determine the best use of it."

Historic Willard's Farm, owned by Council, adjoins the Birkdale land.

Our SES volunteers continue to shine

The amazing performance of our Redland State Emergency Service volunteers was recently recognised with nine of 14 awards handed out at the 2019 Queensland Regional SES Awards.

Our "orange angels" have an exceptional track record, especially on the ground during and after storms and bushfires, and we are very lucky to have one of the hardest working, community-minded SES teams in the state to protect us.

Division 9 Councillor Paul Gleeson said that to take home nine of 14 awards, including Regional Operational Response of the Year and Regional SES Unit of the Year, was an extraordinary result and followed many similar performances over the past decade.

"We often don't think about how much hard work goes in to training for the SES but you can be assured our local teams are the best," he said.



SPECIAL LAND'S INCREDIBLE STORY

The area known as the Birkdale Commonwealth Lands, which Redland City Council is acquiring for the community, has a unique history. From the Quandamooka peoples to the early European settlers and its war service, the land has a special place in Redlands Coast's history ... and future.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop said the lands off Old Cleveland Road East was as iconic as Cleveland Lighthouse, Ormiston House and the scar trees that still echo their stories.

"The recent passing of the legendary 'figure in the landscape' known as 'The Goat Lady' - or to some locals as Ann Porter - was the end of an era," Cr Bishop said. "This hardy lady was really called Isabella Alcock and her story is part of the fabric of our city. Isabella and her mother lived on the land for 61 years, where they planted a garden of trees and flowers and remained largely isolated from modern life, raising cattle, dairy cows, sheep and goats."

After a fall in 2014, Isabella went into hospital and then spent five years in a local aged care centre. But between 1953 and 2014, Isabella, her mother and grandmother had lived in tin sheds and a caravan, tending goats and other animals for their survival after becoming destitute.

Cr Bishop, who helped Isabella record her story, said that during and after World War II the land she lived on had been off limits to everybody because the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, US Army General Douglas MacArthur had chosen it as the place to build his radio telecommunications receiving station.

"After the battle of Pearl Harbour, the fall of Singapore, the bombing of Darwin and the

Pacific invasion by the Japanese Imperial Army, an elite group of US Army Signal Corps camped at the Capalaba Tavern from 1943-1945 and walked to Birkdale in shifts to work around the clock in defence of the free world," he said. "The official surrender message by Japanese Emperor Hirohito was first received at this Birkdale site in August 1945."

Before the war, James Cotton and his family had moved on to the land and, by 1953, Isabella and her mother were leasing it from him to run their cattle, in return milking his two cows. After some unfortunate events, they became homeless and moved onto the site.

"When Mr Cotton was unable to prove he had continued to use the land after the war, the ladies were given a lease to tend their cattle and Mr Cotton was paid by the Federal Government to transfer the land from private to public ownership. It is for this reason that the land remains undeveloped," Cr Bishop said.

The original pioneers were James and Margaret Willard, who built the first Tingalpa Creek crossing at Capalaba between 1863 and the 1880s using South Sea Islander labourers, who sang with local Aboriginal people some nights.

"There is much to be learned from such a property and I look forward to the stories coming to life as we discover the secrets this site has to reveal," Cr Bishop said. "Isabella's cactus garden and her memory remains an important feature in this landscape. While she leaves no surviving family, the ladies' gift to community was the continued use of cattle on the property, which ultimately saved the land from development. Isabella passed away on 27 September this year and is fondly remembered by many local people."



CONNECTION: Cr Paul Bishop with Isabella Alcock while recording her story and, main, the historic Willard's Farm.

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DIVISION 10

ARE YOU READY

Prepare emergency Plan

BUSHFIRE AND STORM SEASON IS HERE

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and downpipes so stormwater can drain guickly
- Secure loose items around your property and garden
- Trim trees and overhanging branches around your property (check with Council first)
- · Install metal screens or shutters to prepare your home against embers
- Ensure LPG cylinder relieve valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk
- · Make sure pumps or generators are working and ready if needed

Make a household emergency plan

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

For weather and warning updates:

- · Bureau of Meteorology bom.gov.au/qld
- Visit ruralfire.qld.gov.au for more information.



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Make the most of every drop

Redlands Coast residents are being urged to be water wise as South-East Queensland readies for the impact of widespread drought.

With the combined level of drinking water dams at about 60 percent, residents are encouraged to reduce water use to 150 litres a person, per day as part of the regional response to the drought.

You can check dam levels at:

www.seqwater.com.au/dam-levels.

While Redlands Coast is home to the Leslie Harrison Dam at Capalaba and the aquifers on North Stradbroke Island, these water sources are part of the SEQ water grid. So at times we may also receive water from other grid sources. There are some simple things we all can do to be more water efficient, such as:

- Avoid watering in the heat of the day;
- Use a timer if sprinkling;
- Aerate your lawn and improve your garden's soil so it's ready to absorb any rain;
- Wash your car on the lawn;
- Fix leaking taps and toilets;
- Take shorter showers;
- Turning the tap off while brushing your teeth;
- Installing water-saving devices;
- Do full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.

Make it count WE ALL NEED TO SAVE WATER

Redlands Coast is part of the South East Queensland (SEQ) Water Grid. During dry spells, water can be moved around the region to meet demand. But recent dry weather has resulted in our combined dam levels dropping.

We can't always count on the rain, so we need to count on each other to reduce our water use and help stop our dam levels falling. Here are a few small changes we can all start making today.

Check out more water-saving tips at seqwater.com.au/waterwise



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CARE: Community groups and individuals who passionately nurture Redlands Coast's naturally wonderful environment are also supporting its economy. Our migratory birds and bush trails are also great drawcards.

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HOLISTIC VALUE OF OUR NATURALLY WONDERFUL ENVIRONMENT

Redland City Council has been progressing efforts to provide greater protection for the city's environmental assets in discussions with the State Government.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said she was looking forward to a set of draft measures being agreed for future public consideration once they had been approved by the Queensland Minister for Planning.

She said public consultation would give the community the opportunity to review the detail and comment on the proposals before they were brought back to Council for final consideration.

"The measures being developed are designed to ensure Council's commitment to well-connected and protected wildlife corridors outlined in our Wildlife Connections Plan," Cr Boglary said.

"The Wildlife Connections Plan aims to geographically identify and connect a network of habitat and corridors to ensure safe wildlife movement at a city-wide scale, supporting the continuation of viable populations of wildlife, including our greatly loved Redlands Coast koalas."

Cr Boglary said that Redlands Coast's environmental assets, which were celebrated in its "naturally wonderful" brand, were valuable commodities.

"To fully understand their value, one has to look at the dollar value placed on ecosystem services," she said.

"In 2011, the estimated total global ecosystem service value was \$125 trillion per year. This is the value of natural assets in an area that underpin the quality of life and economy. Redlands Coast ecosystem services valuation is \$2.3 billion per year, including coastal ecosystems at \$33 million per year.

"The value of wildlife corridors and conservation areas goes well beyond protecting our fauna – it underpins our economy with a Queensland University of Technology report showing an extra \$40,000 can be placed on a house value if located near koala habitat. Council's Rural Futures Strategy also says that we have to protect and manage uses in corridors to protect environmental values.

"Careful planning is needed to ensure the healthy environment that underpins our liveability is protected and enhanced to enable a prosperous region."

Cr Boglary commended community groups and individuals who passionately worked to enhance the environment.

"Whether as an individual you collect rubbish from the foreshore, join in with plantings or are part of a Council program such as Land for Wildlife or Bushcare, you are securing a sustainable Redlands Coast economy," she said.

"Visitors and tourists come to Redlands Coast for our magnificent Moreton Bay and island experiences, our mountain bike trails through natural bushland, the great bird watching with our migratory shorebirds attracting international visitors and our unique cultural heritage. They inject dollars into our local economy."



OUR 'PLASTIC ROAD' A REAL BOTTLER

The next time you motor along Cleveland's Princess Street, you will be literally driving over thousands of plastic bottles.

In a Queensland first, Redland City Council worked with leading recycler Alex Fraser and Sunstate Asphalt to resurface a 1km stretch of the street with Green Roads PolyPave, an innovative, high-performance asphalt product containing reclaimed plastics.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said he was proud that Cleveland was at the forefront of the pioneering process that turned plastic bottles and other waste into new, high-quality roads.

"This is very much part of Council's vision for our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast and it is fitting that Cleveland is leading the way to greener road building and the environmental benefits it can bring," Cr Mitchell said.

"The resurfaced section of Princess Street is formed from asphalt that includes 720 tonnes of hard plastics, the equivalent of about 90,000 milk bottles or about six months of kerbside recycling collected from that street.

"In keeping with Council's strong focus on sustainability, it is hoped that this trial will be the first of many roads throughout Redlands Coast built and resurfaced using reclaimed materials. Creating such a market for waste plastic can only help our environment."

Alex Fraser managing director Peter Murphy said Council's progressive approach to the use of sustainable materials was an excellent illustration of how local councils could proactively reuse waste to build and maintain their cities while reducing the carbon footprint of their projects by up to 65 per cent.

"The Princess Street project is a prime example of how a circular economy can be achieved with local government, industry and the community working together to recycle problem waste streams, and invest in recycled materials to build new, sustainable infrastructure," Mr Murphy said.

He said that while there had been other "recycled roads" including all sorts of materials, the Princess Street project was the first time hard plastics such as milk bottles had been incorporated in road resurfacing in Queensland.

Artworks create a sense of place

Mirriginpah the sea eagle is set to soar in Cabarita Park at Amity Point (Pulan) before Christmas with the art place marker set to be completed this year.

The striking artwork, which also includes a weather vane, has been created by Quandamooka artist Belinda Close. The impressive eugaries art place marker at Point Lookout (Mulumba), designed by Quandamooka artist Delvene Cockatoo-Collins, is also in its final stages of fabrication with an installation date yet to be confirmed. Council is leading this Minjerribah Futures project funded by the Queensland Government. Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation has been project managing the initiative with Council.



ROAD TO THE FUTURE: Part of Cleveland's Princess Street is now sealed with asphalt which includes reclaimed hard plastics in a Queensland first.

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INNOVATION HELPING FIGHT AGAINST MOZZIES

Redland City Council is assessing a range of new and innovative concepts for mosquito management.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Golle, who is the regional mosquito management committee chair, said these included new "smart" mosquito trapping systems and surveillance

"Mosquitoes are endemic to our coastal environment and unfortunately it is impossible to completely eradicate them," Cr Golle said.

"Council's mosquito management team conducts regular monitoring and eradication programs in a bid to keep on top of mozzie numbers, as well as investigating new control methods as they emerge.

"With peak breeding season here, the team is currently looking at a new intelligent trapping system called BG Counter Traps, which identifies the number of mozzies in different locations automatically and sends live data back to the team so they can immediately target outbreaks.

"We have also kicked off our season of Rapid Surveillance for Vector Presence (RSVP) Ovi-trapping program. This is a joint project between Council and Queensland Health which consists of 55 traps set throughout Redlands Coast.

"These are used for mosquito surveillance throughout the city to identify different types of mosquitoes and ensure we have no exotic mosquitoes present within the community."

Cr Golle said Council spent about \$700,000 annually on mosquito management and so far this financial year there had been four aerial treatments.

"These will continue throughout the breeding season when the team identifies breeding occurring in treatment areas," Cr Golle said.

"The areas we monitor are quite large, so we use helicopters then go into areas that we can access safely to do ground treatments."

Cr Golle said community support was crucial to the management strategy.

"We need residents to also do their bit and check their yards, particularly after storms. You would be surprised how little water mozzies need to breed, so please empty water that pools in pot plant holders and items around the garden, such as bird baths and fallen palm fronds.

"It's also timely to check your insect screens are in good condition and, in areas where mosquitos and biting midges are particularly prevalent, consider treating screens with a UV-stable insecticide."

Cr Golle said that while Council could successfully target mosquito larvae or "wrigglers" before they could fly and bite, there were no approved chemical controls for biting midges.

"Midge larvae breed in sensitive areas and we simply cannot treat them as there are no effective sprays that we are legally allowed to use," he said.

The team's "mozzie machines" were quite a hit during Council's Mighty Machines event earlier this year.

KEAD1: Pest management officer
Kyle Mcguire, left, and trainee Brad
Russell take a break from their
usual duties in the field to connect
with families at Council's Mighty
Machines mid-year school holiday
event and, inset, a mozzie trap

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"GOLD CLASS" CYCLEWAY CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

The Moreton Bay Cycleway through Redlands Coast is on a roll with the latest section opened recently and the next stage expected to be completed about August next year.

It will allow residents to pedal uninterrupted from Cleveland to Victoria Point, connecting with popular community spaces along the way.

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett said the opening of the newest almost 2km section from Victoria Point's Cameron Court Park to School Road was a significant milestone in the massive long-term project to create the east coast of Australia's longest cycleway.

"It really is a gold-class job," Cr Hewlett said of the new cycleway. "And when the next section from School Road to Orana Street Conservation Area is completed next year it will be so much easier and safer for residents to commute to our shopping precincts or enjoy a relaxing ride to our parks and along our foreshores."

"There will be a mostly off-road pathway linking communities between Cleveland and Victoria Point, as well as Coochiemudlo Island."

The cycleway crosses the Pinklands Sporting Complex in Thornlands before diverting behind the Waterline development, then continuing to Beveridge Road, over the Eprapah Creek Bridge and on to Cameron Court Park continuing to School and Pt O'Halloran roads.

"School Road to Orana Street, which will utilise the existing fire trail and includes an upgrade to the existing boardwalk, is planned for stage two which is due for completion next financial year," Cr Hewlett said.

Cr Hewlett said the Moreton Bay Cycleway would progressively be completed to Redland Bay in the future, forming a 150km link from the Redcliffe Peninsula and a major drawcard for locals and visitors.

"This is such a great initiative with Redlands Coast gaining in popularity as a cycling and daytrip destination and a relaxed place to live," he said.

The cycleway is an initiative of Moreton Bay Task Force, a partnership between Redland, Brisbane and Moreton Bay councils, with the State Government sharing the cost.

Top spots made better

Popular Victoria Point parks have benefitted from recent upgrades, with more on the horizon.

Cr Lance Hewlett said Council recently completed the new cricket nets and synthetic cricket turf at Victoria Point's Ern & Alma Dowling Memorial Park in time for summer while, at Les Moore Park, Council recently installed a new shelter and seats within the dog off-leash area.

"A sail now shades the play equipment at W.H. Yeo Park, which is also due for upgrades this financial year, including renewal of the fitness equipment, shelter, drinking fountain and outdoor shower," Cr Hewlett said.

"On Coochiemudlo Island, a shelter is scheduled to be built over the Table of Knowledge on the foreshore."

CONNECTION: Cr Lance Hewlett with Mayor Karen Williams and riders eager to use the latest section of the Moreton Bay Cycleway following its opening recently.

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WEINAM CREEK CARPARK STARTS TO TAKE SHAPE

The new carpark on Moores Road to service Redland Bay's Weinam Creek transport hub is on track to be open next April.

Work on the ground-level carpark, with a boardwalk and a footbridge connecting with the Redland Bay Marina, started in October to ease parking congestion.

Meanwhile, design plans for the overall masterplan and future stages of the project are about to be finalised and will include secure carparks and a multi-deck carpark within the marina precinct.

Local Councillor Mark Edwards said that once the Moores Road carpark was open, work would begin to provide extra car parking at the ferry terminal for both island and mainland residents.

"Council is working to help meet the high demand for car parking in this area," he said.

"The footbridge will provide more direct access to the marina and accommodate bicycles as well as mobility scooters. I expect it will be five to 10 minutes on average to walk from the ferry terminal to the carpark."

Council-owned subsidiary Redland Investment Corporation is working with Council to develop the carpark within the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA).

Cr Edwards said features of the plan for the precinct included improved drop-off and storage facilities for residents, more than 21,000sq m of new public open space, the rejuvenation of 46,920sq m of existing parkland, new pedestrian and cycle ways and the construction of a new public boat ramp.

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

"This is a great opportunity to transform this area into a community focal point as well as a gateway to the islands."

Security cameras watch over Weinam

Security cameras are being installed at the Weinam Creek marina precinct in Redland Bay to deter vandalism and enhance public safety.

It follows an agreement with the State Government to monitor footage from the cameras.

Cr Edwards said the cameras – the result of a Council partnership with Translink and Queensland Police Service – were a welcome addition to the car parking area following concern over vandalism.

"Vandals and those inclined to anti-social behaviour are on notice ... you are being watched," he said.

"Vision captured by the cameras will be shared with police."

Council received a \$49,920 grant from the Federal Government's Safer Communities Fund toward the project.



COUNCIL & COMMUNITY WORKING TOWARDS HINTERLAND FIRE BRIGADE

Moves to form a volunteer fire brigade in support of the community for fire preparedness, education and mitigation for the areas of Mt Cotton, Redland Bay and Sheldon are progressing on the back of strong community support.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said that, after a series of community meetings, a local fire management committee was now being formed with the support of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.

She said the committee - which would include herself, Council disaster management officers and representatives from QFES and local residents – would do the groundwork needed to ultimately seek State Government approval for the brigade.

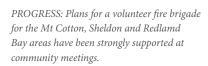
"This strategic committee will look at the roles and functions of the proposed brigade, such as fire mitigation and community education and what resources it will need, before putting a submission to QFES," Cr Talty said.

Cr Talty said Council was supportive of the brigade proposal, which was being driven by locals, many of them keen to volunteer their time. "The residents of southern Redlands Coast live with the risk of fire and know the value of a rural fire brigade and the reassurance it offers," she

"I am sure that QFES will be impressed by the high degree of community support for the proposed brigade. More than 40 people, including some with firefighting experience, have already registered their interest in volunteering and that is outstanding."

Cr Talty said the management committee would meanwhile progress its submission for a special brigade with a focus on fire mitigation and community engagement.

"The actual role of the brigade, including during fire events, is to be determined by the local fire management committee but I am hopeful that it will develop into a fully fledged and resourced unit with strong and active community support," she said. "All going well, it would be ideal to have a recommendation to QFES soon and the opportunity to allow the first volunteers to commence training in time to support the fuel mitigation period through winter next year."



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DIVISION 6

Community gardens

The Redlands Coast Salad Bowl group is forging ahead with the new community garden at Redland Bay's Fielding Park thanks to a \$6000 boost through the Mayor and Councillors' Community Benefit Fund.

The grant will be used to buy an irrigation system for the community garden, including water tanks and pumps.

"I have no doubt the community garden, which will develop over time, will be something special for the southern Redlands Coast community," Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said.

The garden will include areas for both communal and private plots.



Chris and Bob Wolstenholme of Redland Bay are among the thousands of Redlanders who are helping to keep a lid on the amount of green waste that goes to landfill ... a green lid in fact.

They have joined the 15,000 householders who have taken up the option of a green-waste bin, among the more than 1300 who ordered the eco-friendly option during a recent Council promotion.

The additional 1000 bins will save approximately 100 tonnes of green waste a year that may have otherwise been destined for landfill, saving CO2 emissions from being released into the atmosphere. Residents can add in garden prunings, grass clippings, shrubs, weeds and flowers, leaves and loose bark, palm fronds and small branches.

Unfortunately, almost a third of Redlands Coast's general waste bins are filled with green waste, which is even found in recycling bins where it contaminates otherwise clean recyclable material.

The Wolstenholmes and their neighbours decided that Council's green-bin option was well worth it to dispose of the palm fronds and leaves that dropped in their garden.

"We feel this is a great service as it allows us to reduce what goes in our general waste bin and

Green bin benefits:

Affordable at less than \$1.20 a week*.

Convenient – no need to pack the trailer to visit the waste transfer station and bins are collected fortnightly.

Safety – kerbside collection makes it easier to reduce the risk of fire and storm damage posed by overgrown gardens.

Environment – your garden organics will be processed into soil and landscaping products.

*plus a one-off bin establishment fee of \$30, except during special promotional offers

saves trips to the waste transfer station," the Wolstenholmes said. "We love the idea that our green waste is ending up as compost and is given another life."

The green-waste collection service is optional and provided to residents for a small annual charge which covers the cost of collection, transport and composting of the green waste. Info: Redland.qld.gov.au/greenwaste

Redland CITY COUNCIL

2019-20

Grants and Sponsorship Program

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

ROUND 2

COMMUNITY GRANTS:

OPENS: 3 February 2020 **CLOSES:** 2 March 2020

SPONSORSHIP:

OPENS: 17 February 2020 **CLOSES:** 16 March 2020







Think R-E-C-Y-C-L-E

When you hear about "contamination" of a recycling bin, what does that actually mean?

Simply, it is when items that do not belong in the recycling bin are placed with those that do.

At Redlands Coast, the most common contaminants are soft plastics (such as plastic bags), polystyrene, textiles and batteries. While some of these items can be recycled if they are taken to your local waste transfer station, they can't be recycled via your yellow-lid wheelie bin. This is because the Visy Materials Recovery Facility at Gibson Island is designed to sort only paper, cardboard, firm plastic, metal (aluminium and steel containers) and glass.

When it comes to recycling at home, school or work, it's as much about quality as quantity. Think of the word "recycle" and follow these seven principles and you'll be on your way to recycling right.

resist the plastic bag items should be placed loosely in your bin

empty containers of food before placing in your recycle bin

caps on and squish caps/lids can remain on all plastic and glass containers. Squish cartons/plastic bottles first then put the lids on.

your yellow-lid bin loves firm plastic, paper, glass, cardboard, metal

check every room to make sure you're maximising your recycling

leave items out that don't fit the five plastic (firm), paper, glass, cardboard and metal

educate your family and friends to be responsible recyclers



Every little bit counts. Even making the effort to recycle one or two extra items each week, such as the plastic container from last night's takeaway or the empty toilet roll, helps to conserve precious resources from going to landfill.

If you're still unsure about what you can recycle, ask yourself: "What is it made from?" If the answer is paper, cardboard, firm plastic, metal (aluminium and steel) or glass, you can be confident it can be recycled. Even if it does not have the recycling symbol, it can still be put in your recycling bin at home, work or public place.

For more information, see the A-Z of Waste and Recycling guide at Redland.qld.gov.au/recycling





Recycling – it's not a waste

It matters what goes into the yellow-lid bin



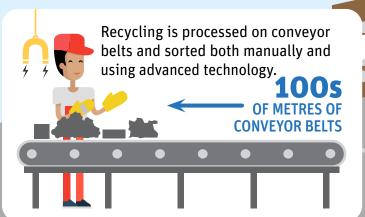
There are 3 sizes of yellow-lid bins in use across Redlands Coast

Recycling trucks visit over 60,000 households on Redlands Coast every fortnight



of recycling is collected from each household every fortnight – that's 12,000 tonnes of recycling a year!

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Council recycling trucks deliver to a material recovery facility



Recycle more of these items



The less waste such as soft plastics, textiles and polystyrene we receive, the more we're able to recycle



TIP! Keep lids on bottles and jars



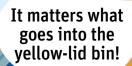








DID YOU KNOW? Batteries are a hazardous waste and can't be placed in any bin. Take them to a battery recycling container instead.













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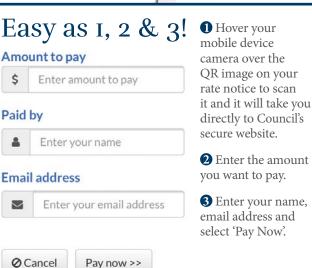
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The gift of music

Musical Melodies to bring joy and laughter









The very popular Musical Melodies Concert Series returns to Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) in 2020 with another great line-up of performances that will have you laughing, reminiscing or singing along.

This concert series is specially designed for local seniors and pensioners and caters for guests with special needs or who require assistance when attending events at the centre. In this year's concert series you can look forward to everything from big numbers from Broadway and famous divas, through to intimate campfire concerts and comedy. Tickets go on sale on Monday, 2 December and will sell fast, so make sure you get your friends together and book early for this fabulous selection of daytime entertainment.

Kicking off the season in February, expect a virtuoso performance on piano with more than a dollop of hilarity in the riotous *Mad Maestros*. Renowned pianist **David Scheel** (*Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only the Piano Player*) will return to the RPAC stage with his new show that celebrates 25 of music's greatest and weirdest personalities on Saturday, 15 February at 2pm. This will be a wonderful mix of true stories and exceptional piano playing not to be missed!

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.
- $\bullet\,$ 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.















We will then pay tribute to the life and the music of one of the world's greatest artists, Neil Diamond, when **Ludy Sigrist** takes to the RPAC stage. Ludy's sell-out performance *Shilo* has been upgraded to a whole new show, *Beautiful Noise – The Life and Music of Neil Diamond* and features a live eight-piece band and more than 30 of Diamond's greatest hits. Not just any ordinary tribute show, Ludy will take you on a journey of Diamond's life as he recounts the life experiences of the man and details the motivations behind each of the songs on Wednesday, 15 April at 11am.

Decades of Broadway will then be combined in one spectacular show, *The Broadway I Love*, on Wednesday, 17 June at 11am. Musical Melodies favourites, **Roy Best** (*Lanza Sings Again*, *Caruso to Carreras*) and **Alison Jones** (*Caruso to Carreras*, *Pirates to Pinafore*), will return with a selection of breathtaking and iconic songs from much-loved Broadway musicals. You can look forward to stunning renditions of music from *Phantom of The Opera*, *Les Misérables*, *The Sound of Music* and *Cats*, to name but a few.

The ever-popular **Sharon Rowntree** then returns to RPAC with her sensational sell-out *Dusty and the Divas* show. This is a fabulous tribute to the divas who shaped the '60s and beyond, including Cilla Black,

Sandie Shaw, Petula Clark, Lulu and, of course, Dusty Springfield. Prepare to be dazzled by interpretations of legendary songs in this fun-filled and diva-licious show on Saturday, 22 August at 2pm.

To finish the year, **Darren Coggan** (*Peace Train – The Cat Stevens Story*) invites you to take a seat by the *Campfire* for a morning of iconic songs. Relax and unwind with a selection of sing-along classics from Glen Campbell, James Taylor, John Denver and Cat Stevens, all beautifully recreated for a fireside experience on Wednesday, 21 October at 11am.

Complimentary tea, coffee and a biscuit are provided before each performance, and guests are encouraged to arrive an hour prior to the show to enjoy a beverage and a chat. The Sundial Café will also be open with a range of drinks and light snacks available for purchase.

Musical Melodies concerts can sell-out very quickly, so make sure you book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are seniors/pensioners \$25, seniors/pensioners (groups of 10 or more) \$22 per person, seniors/pensioners booking for all five shows \$22 per show and adults \$31. For bookings or more information, visit www.rpac.com.au or call the RPAC Box Office on 3829 8131 (booking fees are \$5 online and \$4.30 by phone per transaction).







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Redlands Animal Shelter

Save a life, adopt a pet!



Find your new furry family member online or pop in to meet them at the animal shelter.

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- Desexed
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Animal adoption fees are set to cover these costs and include six months registration.

Remember to keep your pet's annual registration current and microchip them from three months of age.

Redlands Animal Shelter 264 South Street, Thornlands We are open: Monday to Friday: 8.30am - 4.30pm Saturday and Sunday: 9am - 12pm









