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Message from the Mayor

On the western edge of our city is a significant area of land that is steeped in history.

Framed by Tingalpa Creek on one side and Old Cleveland Road East on the other, the precinct includes the 61ha former Commonwealth land at Birkdale, which boasts important military history including a decommissioned US Army receiving station that is believed to have received the first message that the Japanese had surrendered, marking the end of WWII.

Along with its rich Quandamooka heritage, the military history of the property has helped forge our local, national and global identities and has created a deal of excitement in the community.

On the neighbouring property is the 153-year-old heritage-listed Willards Farm, which is a great example of early farming and agricultural life with the original farmstead and dairy providing a glimpse into our region's farming and agricultural past.

These properties hold so many memories for residents, including my own family. It was just down the road that my parents first made a home after emigrating from Eastern Europe in search of a better life.

They lived in what my mother described as a "humpy", a very basic hut with no frills but with plenty of opportunity for my two older brothers to explore these neighbouring properties. Growing up, I heard many stories of my brothers exploring the land, often getting up to no good. Like the time

my eldest brother tied a rope around his younger brother's waist and threw him into Tingalpa Creek to teach him to swim. And then there are their tales of their visits to the Cotton's farm (previous owners of Willards Farm) to play on the property and watch TV, as we didn't have one in our house.

I have heard so many amazing stories of these properties and it is this rich and deep history that prompted Council to work so tirelessly to save them from being turned into another housing estate.

In 2016 we bought Willards Farm on the eve of its demolition for houses and, since then, we have undertaken a number of studies to better understand its rich agricultural history. In 2019, after almost a decade of lobbying the Federal Government, we finally acquired the Birkdale Commonwealth land for the community. This property had been included in a Federal Budget document as a potential housing estate, prompting me to advocate strongly to the Prime Minister and successive Ministers to save it, including presenting Prime Minister Scott Morrison with a petition on behalf of the community when he visited Redlands Coast.

We have an exciting opportunity to create something very special at Birkdale Community Precinct, with Council continuing to try to secure other land in the vicinity which has the potential to increase the precinct size. As part of Council's strategic precinct planning approach, we will use your ideas and feedback to develop a draft vision for the

property. It's rich history and proximity to Tingalpa Creek, other key projects such as the revitalisation of the Capalaba City Centre and its location on the border with Brisbane, provide a great deal of potential.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to deliver a real legacy for our community and I want you to be part of it. To assist, Council has identified five key themes that may form the basis of how the land is used in the future – Education & discovery; Agricultural & rural tradition; Heritage & history; Environment & ecology; and Adventure & recreation. You will find out more about these in this edition.

Years from now other Redlands Coast families will share stories of their connection with this land and you have a chance to help write those stories. In the meantime, the naming of Brisbane as the preferred host for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games has the potential to be another game-changer for Redlands Coast.

There is still much to play out here but bringing the Games to South-East Queensland would be a catalyst for vital transport and other infrastructure upgrades that we need. This would open up Redlands Coast's significant tourism and business potential while accelerating the provision of improved transport links for residents.

Regards,

Mayor Karen Williams
E: mayor@redland.qld.gov.au

Wild walks are spot on!

Redlands Coast residents are being rallied to help improve the health and wellbeing of the local koala population



Residents are being urged to join Redlands Coast Koala Watch, a joint partnership between the community, koala researchers and Redland City Council that allows residents to contribute to koala conservation.

Koala spotting can be a fun family activity and great way to get exercise while contributing to koala research, according to Council's environmental team.

"You can collect information on local koalas by actively looking for them when going about your regular outdoor activities like walking the dog, jogging or picnicking in the park," a team member said.

"You then record the information on our survey. Every recording counts even if you don't see any koalas, it counts.

"You can submit sightings on-the-spot on your mobile phone or tablet. Or you can take a photo and note details, then lodge a sighting later from home."

Wellington Point couple Celia and Alan Moxon, pictured, said koala spotting added an exciting dimension to walks around the area they had lived in for more than 30 years.

"We started noting down when we had seen a koala and became more interested in understanding their behaviour," they said.

"There is something magical about seeing a koala in the wild and, when you can see a number of them on a regular basis, your connection becomes greater.

"If by recording sightings and reporting on sick or injured koalas in our area we can help preserve the species for the next generation, then we all will be winners.

"Being part of Redland Coast Koala Watch and assisting in research studies by the Sunshine Coast University have added a bigger dimension to our daily walks and have generated new interests in caring for the very fragile environment we live in.

"In a small way we are able to give something back to our community and preserve a small part of it for future generations to enjoy as we do."

The information collected will be used by Redland City Council and researchers to develop koala conservation actions and improve local koala mapping.

"Helping us spot and get help for ill or injured koalas quickly will help us get more koalas back home from hospital, happy and healthy," the environmental team member said.

"We have plenty of resources available to help you spot a koala, identify if it is sick or injured and submit a sighting."

It is a quick three-step process to register. For more information: go to **yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch**



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Fire management ensuring safety for all

Community safety and the protection of Redlands Coast's naturally wonderful flora and fauna are key considerations when managing the city's fire risk.

Planned burns are an essential part of the city's fire management program, with an enhanced program of annual hazard reduction burns and vegetation management among the 56 recommendations of the 2017 Fire Review by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, all of which have now been actioned by Redland City Council.

Reducing fire risk by controlled burning of Council-managed bush areas follows a thorough process, according to Council's conservation team.

"We do walk throughs to assess the presence of fauna, including rare and threatened species, during the planning phase and prior to completing burns," a conservation team spokesman explained.

"We need to vary burn intervals for different regional ecosystems, then take into account the time of year and whether the area had previously been affected by bushfire to ensure the burn does not affect the reproductive processes of native plants.

"The intensity of the planned burn also has to be carefully managed to ensure it does not affect native plant regeneration, while we ensure particular vegetation types are excluded from the fire zone, such as creek banks.

"We also conduct our burns in a way that allows fauna to escape and take care to first clear around mature trees with hollows or logs on the ground which may be home to wildlife.

"After burns, Council then has to manage weed control as fire promotes the regeneration of both native and introduced species."

The QFES fire report, which was commissioned by Council following the 2016 fires on the Southern Moreton

Bay Islands, has resulted in significant improvements across the Redlands Coast.

Mayor and Local Disaster Management Group chairperson Karen Williams thanked residents for their very positive support for the improvements.

"Our Southern Moreton Bay Islands (SMBI) communities, in particular, are now much better prepared and supported including through the acclaimed SMBI Community Champions and new SMBI Coordinator role," Cr Williams said.

"Our volunteer SMBI Community Champions especially have demonstrated the vital role that strong local networks have in supporting community resilience and emergency responses.

"Community education and awareness campaigns also have been a fundamental part of the review response, helping to drive property clean-up and hazard reduction efforts and increasing community resilience and readiness in an emergency."

Other fire review responses have included:

- New local area emergency management plans developed across the city and provided to residents.
- GIS mapping undertaken and sophisticated hazard and fuel load technology used to assess and map fire risks.
- Evacuation routes surveyed and updated and emergency signage installed.
- Fire trails inspected cleared and widened and a future program of work identified.
- A new community emergency dashboard warning and alert system developed and in use.
- Vital new telecommunications infrastructure installed and upgraded.
- New fire and emergency services equipment allocated and a new Brisbane Region Fire Mitigation Brigade established.

Opt-in for emergency messages > P29



Echoes of our past Visions of our future

We're listening: Tell us your ideas
for Birkdale Community Precinct

A naturally wonderful opportunity continues for residents to help shape an impressive and vital piece of Redlands Coast.

Redland City Council is seeking further community input into planning for the Birkdale Community Precinct (302 and 362-388 Old Cleveland Road East, Birkdale).

The aim is to create a site that residents, and future generations, can use, enjoy and ultimately be incredibly proud to share.

We've asked top design firms, based on their expertise in landscape and urban design, to come up with some ideas to inspire your imagination.

The approximately 62ha site, pictured, is bounded in part by Tingalpa Creek to the west and south, and by Old Cleveland Road East to the east. It includes the historic Willards Farm site and a former United States Army radio receiving station that was entered into the Queensland Heritage Register in June last year.

Residents will be given the opportunity to tour the precinct and offer their input directly at two open days on April 16-17. Bookings are required through Council's Your Say website where you'll also be able to complete a survey and share your ideas.

Go to: yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said five themes had been identified

to help residents when thinking about the precinct.

"They offer you a framework around what the land represents now and what could be. In saying that, what we really want you to do is consider how the concept of 'community' plays to each of these themes," she said. "After all, it is your community's precinct."

The themes are:

- Education & discovery
- Agricultural & rural tradition
- Heritage & history
- Environment & ecology
- Adventure & recreation

The largest parcel of land in the precinct (61ha) was bought by Council from the Commonwealth Government in December 2019 for \$4.1 million. It followed extensive negotiations to reduce the asking price to a point where it delivered value for money for the community.

The historic Willards Farm (also known as The Pines) was bought by Council in March 2016. It followed community

concern regarding the state of disrepair of the unoccupied property and concern that development approval was being sought for residential subdivision of the 0.82ha site.

"As a result of strategic long-term planning and decision-making, we now have the chance to create an amazing precinct for Redlands Coast that will be loved by our city's residents, visitors and generations to come," Cr Williams said. "We are excited to hear people's views and visions as to how this precinct could be used, enjoyed and developed for them."

Did you know?

Council's acquisition of the Birkdale Community Precinct is part of an almost \$16 million investment in bringing strategic land back into community ownership in recent years. Other sites include the proposed Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct on Heinemann Road, Mount Cotton, bayside land at Cleveland Point and the former Department of Agriculture and Fisheries site at Alexandra Hills.





WHAT DO YOU THINK?
 See the ideas that 5 top designers have come up with and the thinking behind them **P9-13**

Thinking big

Driving past the site it is hard to get a handle on its size. It's actually almost 10 times the size of The Gabba. Here's a quick comparison:

62ha	Birkdale Precinct (entire site) <i>In addition, Council continues to look to purchase further land, which could increase the area.</i>
57ha	Lumphini Park, Bangkok
45ha	Victoria Park, Brisbane
41ha	Sydney Park, Sydney
25ha	Sea World, Gold Coast
22ha	Ekka Showgrounds, Brisbane
17ha	Southbank Parklands, Brisbane
6.5ha	The Gabba, Brisbane

Talk to us

March 16

Birkdale Community Precinct project is launched. Go to yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au where you can fill in a survey giving us your ideas for the Birkdale site. Alternatively, you can complete a hard copy survey at a Council Customer Service Centre at Cleveland, Capalaba or Victoria Point.

April 16-17

Community Open Days onsite at Birkdale.
Register: yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

May 4

Formal community engagement period through yoursay closes.

Designers' ideas are in, now it's over to you ...

The Birkdale Community Precinct offers a broad range of possible uses. Top designers have given us their ideas as thought provokers. There is so much space available that many projects and visions can be accommodated.

A conservation zoning on a significant portion of the land means the precinct's unique habitat and wildlife, including koalas, will be safe and the community keeps the beautiful greenbelt they now see wrapping around the curves of Tingalpa Creek.

Possible within the zoning are some low-impact and environment-respectful projects such as nature walks, natural environment-based education facilities, wildlife-spotting tours, maybe even eco-friendly camping or glamping.

A community facilities zoning on much of the rest of the land could

allow for Redlands Coast's Adventure Sports Precinct that may include an exciting recreational water park for the community as well as an Olympic-standard pool and white-water kayaking facility. There's plenty of room for other concepts and some of the ideas coming in include educational facilities, such as a university campus or an environmental resource and education centre.

The precinct also includes the heritage-listed World War II radio receiving station which presents unique potential; and the Willards Farm dairy shed and

farmhouse which evoke ideas such as paddock-to-plate farm tours and dining experiences; a heritage centre; and museum of some sort.

These are just a few possibilities. We hope they inspire you to really think about the precinct and tell us what you would like to see there.

The five themes designed to generate discussion are included on the following pages along with the the designers' thoughts behind their creations.



Moments in time

Key points in the post-European history of the Birkdale Community Precinct

c1865

Land is registered to the Willard family for farming

c1876

The farm house is believed to have been built at this time



c1941

Cotton Family buy the farm, by then known as The Pines



EDUCATION / DISCOVERY



Three principles underpin our theme. Respect. Restore. Educate. Respect for the natural environment and for the cultural history. Restoration of the landscape and management of sensitive environments and ecosystems. Educate through a range of activities that could include bush walks, guided tours, day and night activation, and seasonal activation, incorporation of outdoor classrooms, seasonal environmental signage displays, and the provision of perhaps a Discovery Hub which could provide information, bookings, learning and site management facilities.



Design Firm: Vee Design
Designers: Trish Menzies and David Hatherly



1942

After Australian Government asserts possession of most of the site, the US Army Signal Corps builds radio receiving station and transmission towers



1945 AUGUST

Radio station receives message that the Japanese have surrendered and the war is over

2016 MARCH

Council buys Willards Farm



2019 DECEMBER

Council buys the adjoining 61ha

AGRICULTURE / RURAL TRADITION

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Willards Farm could provide an opportunity to integrate food production and nature conservation through management practices that regenerate the environment, observing nature’s principles of diversity and balance.

It could be a hands-on working farm featuring an arboretum, mixed livestock, small-scale cropping fields, restored creamery, orchards, ornamental gardens and museum (the original house and various agri-based machinery) where visitors could be invited to freely explore the grounds. It could be an ideal venue for events and an educational hub and a gathering place for the entire community.

Design Firm: Urbis Pty Ltd

Designers: Michael Stott and Lorena Garcia Martin



Embraced by the spirit of the land



The Birkdale Community Precinct delivers a rich and diverse heritage from both cultural and historical perspectives. Quandamooka Peoples have lived, traded and camped on and around this part of Tingalpa Creek for tens of thousands of years. It is an area to which its Traditional Owners have strong connections.

“Everybody has a beginning, and cultural heritage establishes who you are,” said Quandamooka Elder Uncle Bob Anderson, pictured, as he sat in the shade of an acacia tree on the Willards Farm back lawns recently. He explained

that walking the precinct’s land was a way to access a sense of belonging. “In Aboriginal society everybody has a place. And it is through that system of belonging that we are embraced by the spirit of our land,” he said.

Fresh water and food sources were plentiful, which gave the area rich potential as a hunting and camping ground. It was also most likely an area for traditional ceremony. Tingalpa Creek, which curves around the western and southern borders of the precinct, not only gave canoe access to Moreton Bay but also inland into wetlands that

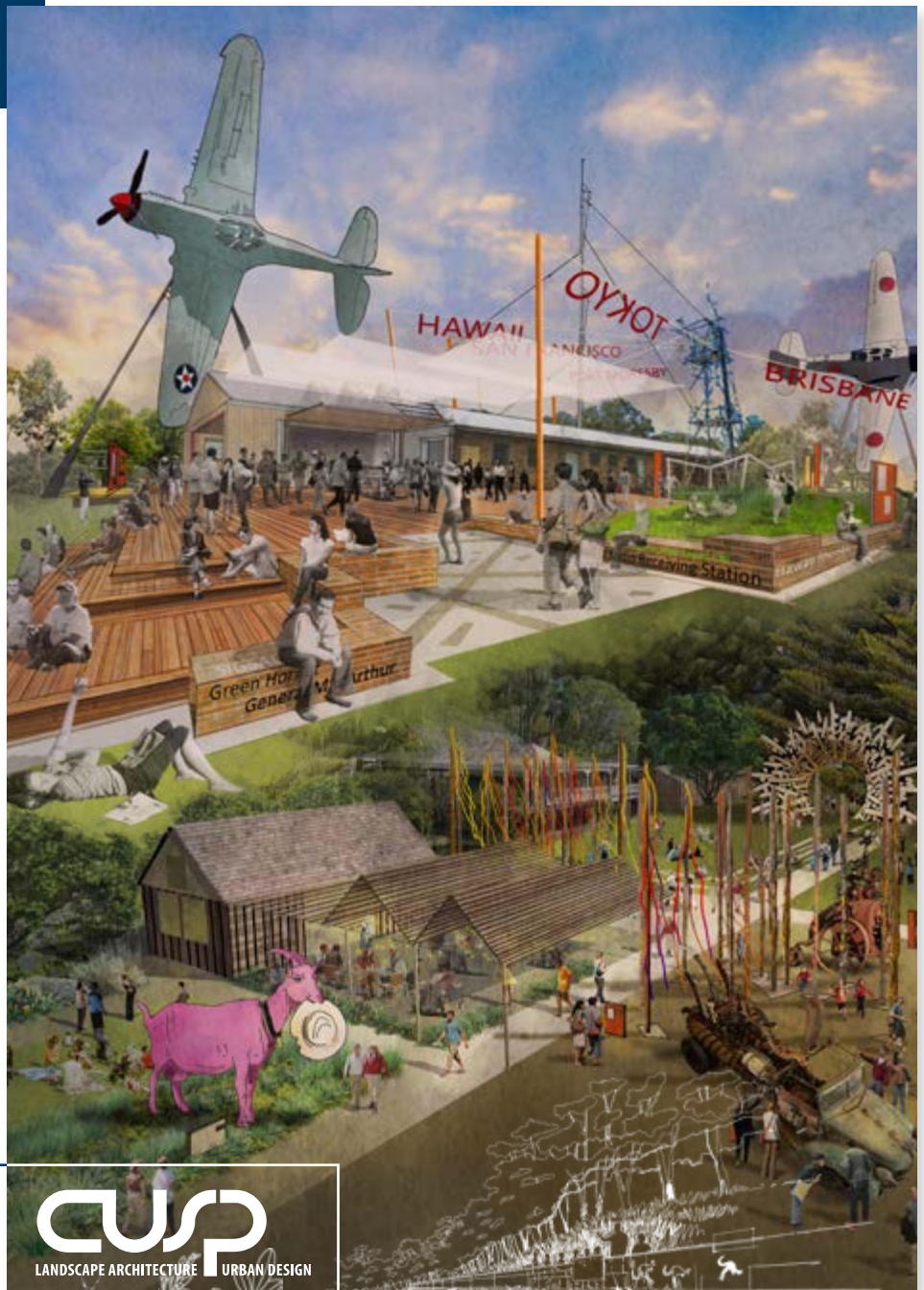
HERITAGE / HISTORY



A place's heritage is built on the flow of time that connects now with then. It contains the myriad of stories that provide an insight into how people interacted with each other and the surrounding environment they lived in. It also provides a wider appreciation of the culture, society, hardships, and governments that shaped their lives, as well as a better understanding of the world we live in today. Our approach imagines a way in which the unique history of the site can be celebrated, acknowledged and expressed, to tell the inherent stories, while providing the character and background for new stories to evolve into the future.

Design Firm: Cusp

Designers: Andrew Tomlins
and Stephen Pate



existed long before the Leslie Harrison Dam came along.

After Redland City Council bought the land from the Commonwealth Government in late 2019 it commissioned studies into the site's Aboriginal cultural heritage. Specific areas of significance were mapped and identified for protection. Also on the precinct is the former World War II Radio Receiving Station. The heritage aspects of the US Army-built facility have been described as "incredibly rare", while the part they play in the future of the site will be "integral".

Heritage expert Benjamin Gall, managing director of Australian Heritage Specialists (AHS), was part of a team engaged to prepare a Conservation Management Plan, which was delivered in July last year. Although having been aware of the site and its history for a long time, last year was the first time Mr Gall, as lead consultant, had stepped foot on the land.

"I was very excited to see the former-Commonwealth land and understand its connection with the early history of Redlands and the World War II effort," he said.

"I was immediately impressed with the intactness of the receiving station complex and being able to piece together the story of the rhombic aerials and surviving infrastructure. This is the only US Receiving Station that I've come across. The thing that hit me was, wow, we have really got something unique and special here that represents not just Australia's history in the war but a key component of the Allied Forces' war effort in the Pacific. It is incredibly rare. And it is right here on our doorstep in Redlands Coast. What a fantastic site for the community into the future."

ENVIRONMENT /
ECOLOGY

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Reconnecting with nature is consistently the most popular request from the communities that we work with – and it has become even more critical in recent times as we travel less and focus more on our own back yards. This site presents an incredible opportunity to connect locals and visitors alike with the unique, largely unknown ecological attributes of this stretch of Tingalpa Creek. It could be home to a community hub of some sort that sets up an immersive experience with nature – perhaps a natural swimming lagoon. It could be focused on all age groups and community sectors but with particular appeal to children – the future custodians of this place.

Design Firm: Lat27

Designer: Damian Thompson



A splash of aquatic adventure

There is an opportunity for the Birkdale Community Precinct to include the highly anticipated Redlands Coast Adventure Sports Precinct.

Redland City Council is committed to delivering a water-based venue that creates a lasting community legacy.

The idea is to create an integrated facility that includes a regional aquatic centre; adventure sports and water play equipment;

and an Olympic-standard white-water course.

The white-water facility could be an ideal venue for kayaking slalom events for a 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games, which is now a step closer to reality.

As well as being able to be used for other international, national and state competitions and emergency services training, it would be a legacy facility for the community for generations to come.

ADVENTURE/ RECREATION

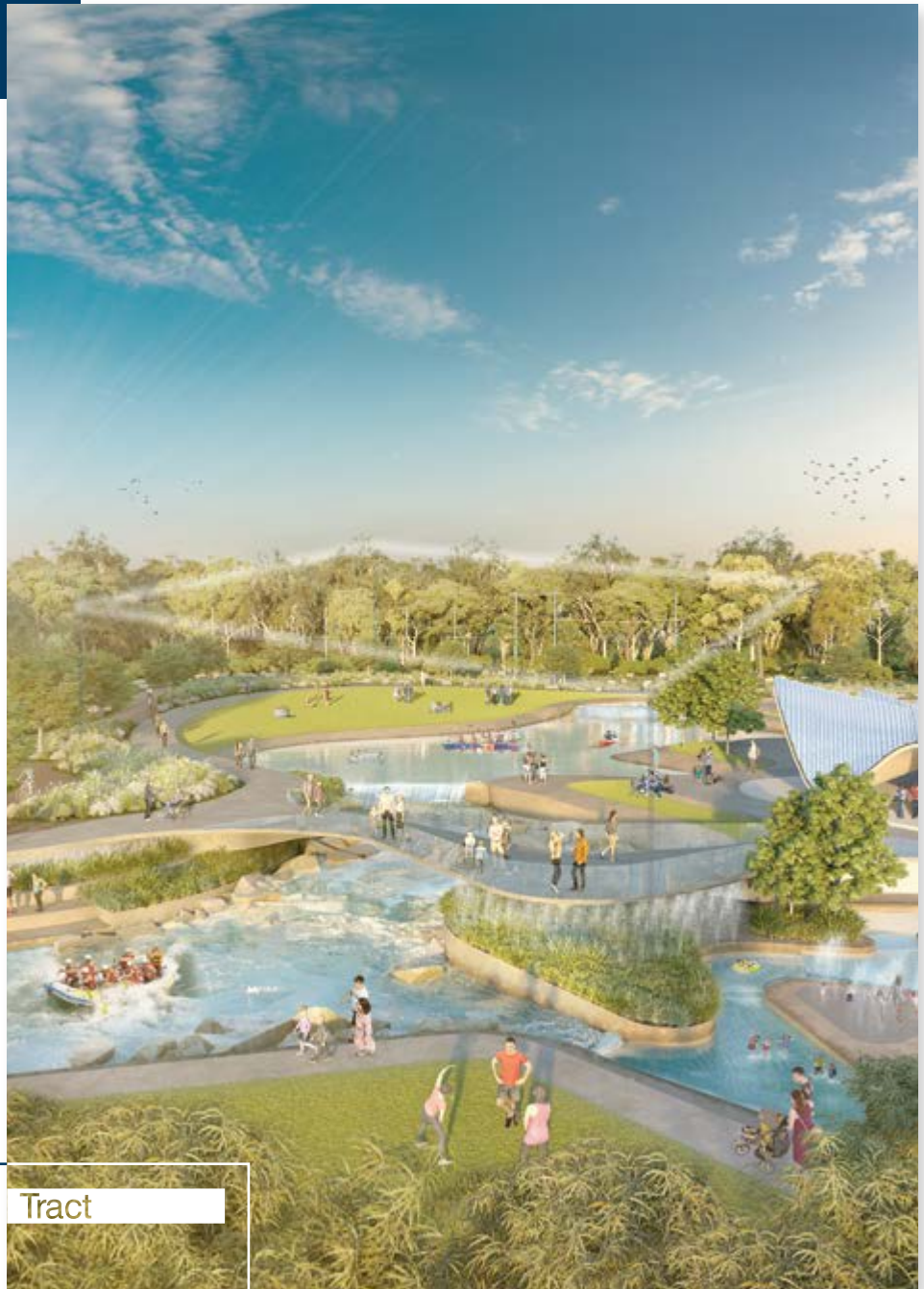


The Birkdale community hub that we have designed could be a thriving and energised adventure precinct. Through a sensitive balance of built and natural environments, the oscillating curves of radio frequency waves could form the ground plane. While overhead, each precinct could be connected by artistic lights representative of the original rhombic antennas constructed on site during WWII. This world-class facility could capitalise on sustainable and renewable energy solutions, together with a strong focus on the conservation and restoration of its ecological habitat and systems.

Design Firm: Tract

Designers: Paul Morris, Taneile Nixon, Graeme Harvison

Tract



The integrated facility is projected to create 152 jobs and contribute \$52 million annually to the local economy, while Council would seek to offset capital costs through grants, partnerships and private investment.

If selected as an event venue for a 2032 Brisbane Olympic Games, this opportunity could deliver significant economic, community and cultural benefits, as well as give impetus to much-needed transport upgrades.

The public aquatic centre could include a FINA world championship-level 50m pool, while the adventure sports facilities could accommodate high ropes, zip lines, rock climbing, professional skateboarding and a natural amphitheatre.

The precinct would have the potential to host competitions, events and festivals with which the community could directly engage and enjoy.





Come find me

Introducing Redlands Coast Koala Watch

Imagine helping a koala just by spotting one. That's what Redlands Coast Koala Watch allows you to do. Help improve the health and wellbeing of our koala population while you're out on a walk, going for a jog or a ride. It's simple. Once you're registered you'll be able to log in simple details about what you see or didn't see. That helps big time.

Redlands Coast Koala Watch is a joint partnership between key koala researchers and Redland City Council that allows all of us to contribute to koala conservation.





ENDURING: The Dunwich cricket team (back from left: Archie Newfong, Sid Campbell, Jim Iselin, Charlie Campbell, Barney Delaney, Jim Newfong, Harold Iselin. Front: Milton Costelloe, Toby Campbell, Collie Enoch, Bill Martin, Percy King) and Alfred Martin and Ginta King on the Karboora, approaching Dunwich from Peel island c.1934. Photos: State Library of Queensland.

Getting Equal

Straddie Museum marks Australia's first successful Aboriginal wages case

The North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah (North Stradbroke Island) will soon launch *Getting Equal*, an exhibition that will share the story of the “Aboriginal Gang” of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum and their fight for equal wages.

What became a 25-year campaign was successfully achieved almost 20 years before anywhere else in Australia, with the fight still continuing for some Indigenous Queenslanders.

Museum secretary and exhibition spokesman Howard Guille said the remarkable story of the asylum’s “Aboriginal Gang” would now be told 77 years later.

“The Benevolent Asylum was at Dunwich for 80 years. It was the sole public institution providing shelter and care to the poor and needy of Queensland from 1865-1946,” Howard recalled.

“Over its life, 21,000 inmates were taken across Moreton Bay to the asylum, which relied on the labour of Aboriginal workers. They campaigned industrially and politically for cash wages, not rations, and for equal pay and finally, in 1945, the Aboriginal workers at the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum got the Queensland Government to agree to pay them according to the awards applying to non-Aboriginal workers. This was the first time Aboriginal workers anywhere in Australia got equal pay.”

With support from Redland City Council, North Stradbroke Island Museum will this year stage a major exhibition looking back at the workers' fight and associated "sharing the knowledge" events, including interviews with family members of those who struggled for fairness from the 1920s to 1940s.

“The aim is dialogue and sharing - mixing scholars, practitioners and, most

critically, the community whose families experienced the asylum,” Howard said.

“The tone is inquisitive; across a range of topics including work and labour, aged care, social equality, race and racism.

“We are seeking people who had a connection or had contact with the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum from the 1920 to 1940s to assist us to piece together the story. Our research team is made up of staff, committee and volunteers from the museum, including Aunty Evelyn Parkin, Karen Rylance, Stephanie Parkin, Tegan Burns and Elisabeth Gondwe. The museum would also like to acknowledge the support of a Redland City Council Regional Arts Development Fund grant to help bring this exhibition to life.”

If you want more information or can assist, contact info@stradbroke-museum.com.au or go to stradbroke-museum.com.au

Your library in the palm of your hand

Redlands Coast residents can now put their local library in the palm of their hands through a new smart phone app.

The new app essentially turns your phone into a library card which can be used to manage you and your family's library needs as well as access library products and services anywhere, anytime.

Available for free download, it is an exciting innovation which can connect users to their library 24/7, a Redland Libraries spokesperson said.

"Via the app, you can keep track of loans and reservations for multiple users and renew items online, as well as search the

entire catalogue and 'click and collect' your chosen items at any branch," the spokesperson said.

"That means easy access to eBooks and eAudiobooks, along with the considerable resources Redland Libraries have available.

"Essentially, it is an easy-to-use 'one-stop shop' for everything we have to offer.

"The app allows use of your phone camera to scan the ISBN barcode of any book to see if we hold it, as well as stay up-to-date with latest events, programs and children's activities."

The spokesperson said the app was perfect for all device-using age groups.

"It is great for seniors who want the convenience of accessing library services anywhere, anytime - such as while on holidays, at cafes and at home," the spokesperson said.

"It also is ideal for commuters who can't get to libraries during usual opening hours and residents who are keen to read in their free time as long as they can access books immediately when they feel the need, maybe at the beach or in a park on the weekend."

WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



ESCAPE FROM TRASH MOUNTAIN

The whole family will be captivated by this puppet show with sustainability at its heart. Featuring 17 different puppets and a transforming trash mountain.

You can also get hands-on at the puppet-making workshops.

FRIDAY 9 - SATURDAY 10 APRIL
TICKETS: \$20-\$25



THE ONE DAY OF THE YEAR

By Alan Seymour

Generations clash in this classic Australian play that explores the universal theme of father-son conflict against the backdrop of Anzac Day.

First staged in 1960, this landmark comedy-drama still resonates today.

SATURDAY 24 APRIL, 2PM
TICKETS: \$10-\$20



GRIGORYAN BROTHERS

A Boy Called Sailboat

Acclaimed guitarists Slava and Leonard Grigoryan perform the soundtrack to the award-winning movie *A Boy Called Sailboat*. Enjoy this heart-warming movie screening and it's Latin-themed soundtrack performed live.

SUNDAY 2 MAY, 2PM
TICKETS: \$20-\$35

Bookings: **3829 8131** or www.rpac.com.au

Booking fees: \$4.50 by phone and \$5.20 online per transaction



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performing arts centre

The app can even direct users to their nearest library or help them get in contact. You can find it by searching “Redland City Council Library” in the App Store or Google Play.

Once downloaded you can either scan the barcode on the back of your library card or type in your library card number and your four-digit PIN number. If you aren't already a member, you can join via the app and, if you need any assistance, the team at your local library branch is always happy to help. Info: visit a branch, email library@redland.qld.gov.au or search "library" at redland.qld.gov.au



UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS



CL 28 MARCH – 9 MAY

Recent Acquisitions

Works from the RAG Collection

Singing Up Spirit of the Land

Opening events

6.30pm Friday 26 March 2021

Floor talks and morning tea

10am Sunday 18 April 2021

Bookings essential. To secure your place, visit:
artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au/programs/public-programs

Image: Uncle Bob Anderson in front of a portrait painting by Jo Fay Duncan, *Walking Country Once More* (detail) 2020. Synthetic polymer paint on canvas. Courtesy of the artist and Dr Robert (Uncle Bob) Anderson OAM.

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

For more information and opening hours
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email: gallery@redland.qld.gov.au



**REDLAND ART
GALLERY**

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

JOIN THE TOUR FOR THE RIDE OF YOUR LIFE

One of Australia's biggest cycling events will be rolling through Redlands Coast in April, giving locals and visitors an opportunity to see and cheer on riders in the ultimate Sunday ride.

More than 6000 entrants are expected for the Tour de Brisbane, taking on a fully closed course which stretches more than 110km from Brisbane and through the rolling hills of Sheldon and back.

Division 9 Councillor Adelia Berridge said the event on Sunday 11 April was a great opportunity for locals to be part of a world-calibre ride and support participants, who will also be raising funds for The Common Good, a Prince Charles Hospital Foundation initiative to raise funds for organ transplant research.

"The riders will follow a course along Avalon and Ford roads in Sheldon and Mt Cotton Road at Capalaba, where we are encouraging the community to get

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GET SET: The colour and spectacle of the Tour de Brisbane returns to Redlands Coast.

involved and cheer them on," Cr Berridge said.

"It's arguably the most scenic and challenging part of the course, with plenty of great spots to set up for the morning.

"Unfortunately the event had to be cancelled last year due to COVID-19, so we expect this ride to be something special.

"It would be great to see plenty of local riders join in and experience what will be the ultimate Sunday ride.

"If you just want to watch the colour and spectacle of the ride, you can get into the spirit and give the riders plenty of encouragement as they go by from one of the many vantage points along the way.

"We are also inviting Redlands Coast community groups to join in by hosting sausage sizzles and water stations along the way to add to the atmosphere.

"It's anticipated that the riders will arrive in Redlands Coast from about 7.30am, with the last rider expected to leave by about 10.30am."

The Tour de Brisbane is one of the only global city cycling road races. The expected 6000 cyclists include young and old and all abilities, as well as notable riders.

Roads which form part of the route will be closed in both directions from about 7am to 11am.

Detailed road closure information and timing will be available at www.tourdebrisbane.org/roads

Local spirit shines in our park

Capalaba is blessed with one of Redland Coast's most beautiful and fun parks.

"As a perfect place for family days out, it really is hard to go past Capalaba Regional Park," local Councillor Adelia Berridge said.

"It offers so many options for fun and relaxation, with top facilities and plenty of open spaces to run and play, and trees for a shady picnic.

"The Australia Day celebration that Council hosted there showed just what a treasure it is, with locals having an entertaining day out. The efforts of the many volunteers, including Rotary Club of Capalaba members, was much appreciated and helped make it a special day."



HISTORY HELPS GUIDE OUR FUTURE DIRECTIONS

There's a massive parcel of land in Birkdale that reminds us about some of the most spellbinding stories in the history of our world. And soon we will help determine its future.

Nestled between Capalaba and Birkdale, along Old Cleveland Road East on the banks of Tingalpa Creek, this place connects Belmont, Daisy Hill, Mount Cotton and Carbrook to Moreton Bay via forested waterways that are still home to kookaburras, koalas, kangaroos and echidnas - as well as flora and fauna which are of national significance.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop said cultural heritage important to Redlands Coast's First Nations people had recently been documented within the landscape, showing Quandamooka People's long connection to the Birkdale land.

"It was only 250 years ago that Captain James Cook charted the coastline and called this new part of the British Empire New South Wales. Soon after, some early explorers made 'first contact' with local tribal communities about seven generations ago, around the year 1810," Cr Bishop said.

"If we think about what has changed since that time - this land still tells a most unique story. By 1859, the State of Queensland was declared. By 1863, pioneers James and Margaret Willard began their 75-year dynasty and skillful management of the land which was reported in the 1888 *Aldine History of Queensland* as being 'reminiscent of the old country'.

"In 1942, new owners Doug and Rosemary Cotton had their plans upset when war broke out. After the Japanese invasion and attacks earlier that year, their unique property was chosen as the global radio receiving headquarters by US General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, in the global battle to defend the principles of democracy.



RICH HERITAGE: The Willards' Birkdale home and the US Army preparing the radio receiving station on the site during World War II.

"This site became a technological hotspot that used encrypted 'Sigsaly' technology, the basis of the modern internet. After receiving the famous signal that the war was over in August 1945, the teletype text was gifted to Mrs Cotton by the US Signalmen as a thank you and all the technology was handed to the Commonwealth.

"Local schoolboy Dante Ballarino recalls being on the property the day the surrender was received when they declared 'The War Is Over!' as they drove to Wellington Point.

"Mr Cotton wanted his land back for private use and so a court battle ensued for years.

"Three local women, known as 'The Goat Ladies', tended their cattle on his 'unused' land, but when asked to sign court papers suggesting their cattle belonged to Mr Cotton, they feared eviction and refused. They quickly told the radiomen about this issue and were awarded a long-term lease.

"Mr Cotton's land was resumed by the government and then transferred from private to public ownership, which is why the area remains undeveloped to this day and designated for community purposes.

"For 75 years the land remained off limits as federal Radio Branch officers worked as silent 'policeman of the airwaves' on the site. Only Isabella Alcock ('the Goat Lady') wandered the site as a squatter, tending her animals from 1953 until 2014, when she suffered a fall. Isabella passed away in 2018 and was known by many as a mysterious local legend."

In 2019, Redland City Council bought the land and is now seeking community feedback on its future.

"We can now ask ourselves: How will we design the future of this site for the next seven generations? What will Council and our community help to co-design in the next few years that will ensure we create lasting legacy for the next 200 years or more?" Cr Bishop said.

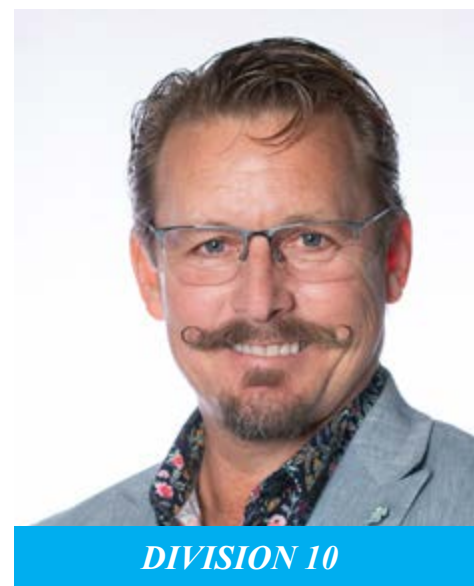
"These are my personal reflections and there are many possibilities on the road ahead but let us remember that 'the past is a gift to the future in the form of the present', as we plan."

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DIVISION 10

COUNCIL SUPPORTS POLICE ON HOONS' TRAIL THANKS TO CAMERAS

Community safety across Redlands Coast has been enhanced by Redland City Council's installation of security cameras at identified hotspots.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said Council had been working closely with the State Government to get the resources, such as Queensland Police, to identify hoons and thieves with some success.

"Crime and anti-social behaviour comes under the state's jurisdiction but footage from our security cameras, such as those installed at Wellington Point Recreational Reserve last June, has been greatly assisting

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SUPPORTING SAFETY: Cr Wendy Boglary with Cleveland Police Station officer-in-charge Senior Sergeant Janelle Harm and Cr Mark Edwards at Wellington Point Recreation Reserve.

police in identifying the vehicles and offenders involved.

"Over the Christmas break, police were able to impound one car at Wellington Point and take that irresponsible driver off the road. Council has had more than 17 footage requests from police relating to hooning at Wellington Point alone, so hoons are on notice that they are being watched and police officers could soon be knocking on their door."

"This is a city-wide issue and, as tackling anti-social behaviour is a State Government responsibility, Council will continue to lobby for further funding for adequate resources."

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras are now operating at Wellington Point, with CCTV cameras at Redland Bay and the Capalaba hub, with Victoria Point Reserve to join them. The ANPR cameras are strategically positioned to do as the name implies: automatically recognise number plates on vehicles.

"The images are exceptionally clear and a significant advantage to police in their work to identify vehicles and drivers for traffic and criminal offences, including hooning," Cr Boglary said. "When Council identifies offences, it reports the matter to police to investigate."

Bayside Patrol Group Inspector Lindsay Kilpatrick said it was part of an ongoing strong partnership between Council and the Bayside Patrol Group for the benefit of residents.

"Action taken by police since the installation of these cameras has resulted

in drivers being charged, ticketed and their vehicles being impounded for forfeiture," he said. "Other actions taken include the issuing of infringement notices and cautioning."

Inspector Kilpatrick said police also proactively patrolled all areas within the Bayside Patrol Group.

"Members of the public are reminded though that police cannot be everywhere all the time and you are encouraged to report any incidents by phoning 000 for emergencies or Policelink on 131 444 for non-urgent reporting," he said. "Reporting can also be done online at Policelink or via the hoon hotline on 13HOON (134 666). The more details provided – including time, date, place and as much information as possible – greatly assists both police and Council in identifying offenders and taking appropriate action."

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said cameras installed at Redland Bay's Weinam Creek carpark had provided a sense of safety to residents. He is grateful for the regular police presence and, like Cr Boglary, continues to lobby the State Government to further support safety in our community.

Cr Boglary said the cameras, for which Council received support from the state and federal governments, were only one aspect of increasing public safety

"Now it is up to us, as a community, to report the incidents so the footage can be used by the police," Cr Boglary said. "Working collaboratively, we can achieve safer and more liveable communities across Redlands."

WORLD-CLASS TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY COMES TO CLEVELAND

Cleveland's own driverless bus – the RACQ Smart Shuttle – has proved popular since its long-term trial run began before Christmas, with out-of-towners and Redlands Coast locals alike jumping on-board to experience a glimpse of into the future.

More than 500 passengers have taken the short trip along Masthead Drive between Raby Bay Harbour and Raby Bay Foreshore Park so far.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said the autonomous vehicle had proven to be a popular and fun public transport option during Redlands Coast's holiday season.

"Nearby residents and businesses have been largely supportive of the trial, recognising the benefits to the local community and beyond," he said.

"I sincerely thank them for their patience and for assisting the community in fast-tracking innovative solutions for Redlands Coast and beyond. A world-class community is rightly leading the country



ALL ABOARD: With Mayor Karen Williams on the free Raby Bay autonomous shuttle during its current trial in partnership with the RACQ.

in helping showcase this world-class technology.

"While there was a technical hiccup in the new year, this is why trials such as this are so valuable. Now in its final stages, it seems this initiative between Council and the RACQ will be missed come July."

The Cleveland trial will build on the findings from the first phase of the program on Karragarra Island, where the bus travelled more than 1400km and carried more than 850 passengers.

"The bus has certainly added a new dimension to Raby Bay, showing that it

can safely meet the challenges of operating in a higher traffic environment," Cr Mitchell said. "With a speed of up to 20km/h, motorists have shown respect and patience, driving with care and giving the shuttle sufficient space to prevent triggering the safety sensors.

"While a chaperone is always on board, the bus really does drive itself, using sophisticated sensors for navigation and to identify obstacles and ensure safe stopping and slowing. If you haven't had a ride on the shuttle yet I encourage you to head down to Raby Bay and hop aboard before the trial winds up at the end of June."

Parking options being explored

A six-month trial of 26 one-hour parking spaces in Cleveland CBD has begun to help identify the benefits of providing more short-term parking spaces.

Aligning with Council's transport strategy, it follows a petition from local businesses requesting short-term parking opportunities, as well as shopper feedback.

Local Councillor Peter Mitchell said that balancing parking time limits could help ensure Cleveland remained accessible to all users.

"Currently, on-street parking in the Cleveland CBD is dominated by three-hour and longer parking options. This reflects past responses to parking but the needs of the Cleveland town centre, visitors and businesses have changed over time," Cr Mitchell said. "An over-emphasis on long-term parking can limit business turnover and frustrate those in the community who are unable to conduct their business because they cannot easily

access available parking, so we want to see how that may be improved by having some shorter-term spaces."

The one-hour parking spaces were chosen as they regularly experienced high demand and are located in the core of the CBD. They include 20 spaces on Bloomfield Street and six on Middle Street.

"Convenient parking options from this trial, combined with more comfortable and safe walking, cycling and disability access are all important to the liveability and increased business activity in the town centre," Cr Mitchell said. "I expect the newly announced Redlands Coast Active Travel Reference group I will be chairing will also make an essential contribution to better urban transport, accessibility and active travel outcomes across the city."

For more information on the parking and autonomous vehicle trials, go to the Your Say page on Council's website.

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KEEPING OUR ROADS ON TRACK

Did you know that many of Redlands Coast's major roads were originally Aboriginal walking paths that were used by the first European settlers? Or that the State Government actually owns and maintains most of the city's major roads?

These include Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and Boundary Road in Division 3, according to local Councillor Paul Golle who said it was sometimes assumed that "all roads lead to council".

"But it is actually the State Department of Transport and Main Roads which is responsible for moving and connecting people, places, goods and services safely, efficiently and effectively across Redlands Coast," Cr Golle said

"Council has no budget oversight for these roadways and all funding comes directly from the State Government for upgrades, managing speed limits and maintenance.

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"Other state-managed assets include public transport facilities such as bus networks like the new bus station on Cleveland-Redland Bay Road near Victoria Point Shopping Centre. Council does not manage this branch of public transport.

"All other roads, such as your local streets, are managed by Council and we undertake a range of services such as constructing and maintaining footpaths, stormwater drainage, kerbing and channelling and the road surface.

"Council currently spends about \$10 million a year maintaining its road network and a further \$5 million resurfacing roads."

Cr Golle said the city's water transport was also managed by the State Government in partnership with five transport operators to provide ferry services.

"These ferries service islands with limited public transport options to ensure communities can connect to essential services on the mainland," he said.

Major Redlands Coast state-controlled roads are: Boundary Road; Finucane Road; Redland sub-arterial; Cleveland sub-arterial; Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road; Cleveland-Redland Bay Road; Redland Bay Road; Mount Cotton Road; Capalaba-Cleveland Road; Brisbane-Redland Bay Road; East Coast Road, North Stradbroke Island; Colburn Avenue, Capalaba; Victoria Point Road; and Birkdale Road.

Info: To report issues with the state-controlled roads listed above, call 13 19 40 or go to tmr.qld.gov.au. For local streets, call 3829 8999 or you can tell us about a problem by using the form at redland.qld.gov.au/contact

Award for mozzie innovation

A Redland City Council mosquito mapping project has received international recognition, winning a 2020 GO SMART Award.

The joint project with Taiwanese tech giant MiTAC is developing a tool to help understand mosquito breeding patterns and the management of mosquito volumes.

Regional Mosquito Management Group chairman Cr Paul Golle said the GO SMART award was recognition that Council was committed to harnessing the latest innovation to treat mosquito breeding areas.

"The Smart Pest Management – Mosquito Monitoring and Treatment project complements Council's Mosquito Management Action Plan, which includes focusing on using the latest technology and equipment to increase surveillance and understanding of mosquito populations and locations across the city," Cr Golle said.



ON PATROL: A Council officer monitors the mosquito population with a light trap.

"This data will allow Council to effectively target treatment at peak times and locations within the breeding process."

The project is currently in the proof-of-concept phase, incorporating 10 years of modelling.

Cr Golle said that, on average, Council treated 9500ha of breeding areas each year via ground and aerial applications, targeting mosquitoes in their larval form.



SECURITY: Cameras at Victoria Point Reserve will help to counter property-related crime and vandalism.

CAMERAS TO WATCH OVER RESERVE CARPARK

Planning is under way for the installation of security cameras at Victoria Point Reserve carpark.

It follows Redland City Council securing a Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant for the project from the federal Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications.

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett said the security cameras would help tackle property-related crime and support Queensland Police in their investigations.

“This is a great outcome for our community, with Council now working to get up to 16 cameras in place by mid-year,” Cr Hewlett said.

“This has been a priority for Council, with the reserve carpark unfortunately in our top five property-related crime locations identified in partnership with Queensland Police. Those who engage in vandalism and stealing are now on notice that their actions will be captured ... and it is likely they will be too! While specifically targeted

at property-related crime, they will also be useful in deterring anti-social behaviour.

“We are planning to cover the top, bottom and boat trailer areas to provide the best coverage to support police with evidence capturing, however it is strongly recommended that residents still report incidents directly to Queensland Police to respond to directly.”

The cameras will add to Council’s existing security camera network, with security cameras already installed at Redland Bay’s Weinam Creek and Moores Road area, the Capalaba town centre precinct and Wellington Point. The cameras operate in the public spaces.

“The existing cameras are already proving worthwhile in supporting police investigations but I encourage residents to still take suitable precautions if leaving vehicles at the reserve by ensuring that they lock their vehicles and toolboxes and remove valuables,” Cr Hewlett said.

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BETTER by DESIGNS: Artist renders of the Macleay Island terminal and, below, Lamb Island artwork design by Shara Delaney.

NEW ISLAND FERRY TERMINALS A BIG STEP CLOSER



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DIVISION 5

The Southern Moreton Bay Islands ferry terminal upgrade project has entered an exciting new phase.

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said seven conforming proposals were received for the massive \$34.1 million marine project following the closure of the tender period last November.

“Following the shortlisting period in February this year, the project team worked with ferry operator SeaLink to assess the tenderers’ specific construction method and works program and recommended a preferred proposal,” Cr Edwards.

“This is where it starts to get really exciting, with a contract for construction set to be awarded shortly and a start on the much-anticipated site works planned to begin later this year.

“This is great news for our Southern Moreton Bay Island residents as well as for visitors, with these terminals expected to help drive tourism on our part of the bay.”

The ferry terminal upgrade project has been in the planning by Council and the state Department of Transport and Main Roads since 2014. It involves the upgrade of the Russell, Macleay, Lamb, and Karragarra island ferry terminals in consultation with island communities, Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, SeaLink, and other key stakeholders. The project includes replacing the existing Russell Island jetty, as well as repurposing and replacing

the gangways and pontoons on Russell, Macleay, Lamb, and Karragarra islands.

“The result will be very informed by the community and ferry users and operators, with feedback leading to improved weather protection, increased seating, wider gangways and better access for people with disabilities, as well as toilet facilities, adequate parking, access for emergency services and repurposing the existing pontoon for recreational use,” Cr Edwards said.

“During the 2019 consultation phase, our community was also most supportive of a proposal to include artwork on the new ferry terminals, with Quandamooka artist Shara Delaney providing the final design artwork mid last year. Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) has provided storyboard information for the artwork in recognition of the Quandamooka People’s strong continuous connection to the land and seas of the Moreton Bay Islands.”

The QYAC artwork and storyboard information are available on the project page. For more information about the project and latest updates, search “ferry terminal upgrade” at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Meanwhile, Council has released a 3D flythrough video of the proposed Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA) master plan, which will be delivered in stages to transform the waterfront of Redland Bay. It can be viewed on Council’s Your Say page.



HOME BASE: The launch of the new Redland Bay SES base which will help volunteers better respond to the needs of southern Redlands Coast.

TOP-CLASS HOME UNDER WAY FOR OUR AWARD-WINNING SES VOLUNTEERS

The award-winning Redland Bay SES Unit is one step closer to having a new \$1.8 million operations centre with work progressing on the fit-out of a building at Redlands Business Park.

The new premises, which were bought by Redland City Council last year, would meet the ongoing and future needs of the unit and increase its capacity to service the expanding Redlands Coast community.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said it was recognition of the growing need for SES services, especially with growth in the Mount Cotton, Redland Bay, Thornlands and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands areas.

“This growth increases the importance of our SES volunteers having the appropriate capability to respond to extreme weather and other events, especially on southern Redlands Coast,” Cr Talty said.

The new building will also add to the Redlands Coast SES Group’s communications capability and add an extra incident control room – both of which are currently run from the Cleveland SES Group’s base.

All mainland Redlands Coast groups are currently tasked out of Cleveland, adding a 40 to 50-minute turnaround time for crews working in the southern end of the city during operations and to attend training.

“These new premises on Jardine Drive will be substantially larger than the unit’s current shed at Weinam Creek,” Cr Talty said.

“The new facility is large enough to house all the SES vehicles, boats, trailers and equipment. It will also include areas to wash down vehicles, to do basic equipment maintenance and a lockable storage area for portable item such as chainsaws, generators, ropes and harnesses.

“It will also provide a reception area, an office area that can be used as an incident control room, a training room, staging area, kitchen, toilets and showers, a storeroom, a communications room and parking onsite.

“The Redland Bay SES Unit is committed to ensuring the safety of everyone on Redlands Coast and the volunteers are excited about the opportunities for providing an even more cohesive service from their new base.”

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services provided \$75,000 towards the fit-out of the building and Redland Emergency Service Volunteer Association committing \$40,000 towards the fit-out, with Council providing about \$1.7 million.

The fit-out of the Redland Bay building is expected to be completed by late March, weather permitting.

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SUPPORT: Cr Rowanne McKenzie at a recent TRACTION community event held at its Alexandra Hills workshop.

LOCAL KIDS GET TRACTION THANKS TO INNOVATIVE PROGRAM

Local youngsters are being helped to get some traction as they negotiate life's challenges thanks to an innovative learning program, some great mentors and a grant from Redland City Council.

TRACTION, a charitable program first established in Capalaba in 2015 and making a meaningful difference to young people's lives, is providing 12 to 15-year-olds with an action-based learning environment using cycle skills, road awareness and the chance to build their own BMX bike from its workshop located at the Alexandra Hills TAFE campus.

Division 7 Councillor Rowanne McKenzie, who recently provided the group with a Mayor and Councillors Community Benefit Fund grant to buy training bikes,

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said there were already many heart-warming success stories thanks to the TRACTION team.

"Founder Sandy Murdoch and the TRACTION crew are finding these youngsters, some who may have otherwise slipped through the cracks, are really getting engaged with the program, resulting in better school attendance, behaviour and performance," Cr McKenzie said.

"It's helping them to connect with our community and to go on to secure further training, work experience and employment.

"By providing help to buy BMX bikes for cycle skills and road awareness training, I am proud Council has been able to support the mentoring and guidance of these young Redlanders."

Sandy, whose organisation has mobilised a team of mentors from business and industry, said TRACTION was providing an alternative to the classroom that encouraged youngsters facing a range of personal challenges to realise their potential.

"Gear Up" is a road safety awareness program developed in conjunction with Bicycle Queensland, and is now an integral part of TRACTION, which involves groups of six students who attend one school day a week for 10 weeks.

"In essence it promotes bicycle-riding skills and road safety awareness, helping kids to get more confident on bikes and encouraging a more active lifestyle while they learn to build their own BMX bike," Sandy said.

"But it also goes so much deeper. Kids are encouraged to engage, to learn, to complete projects and handle challenges along the way.



"The bikes Council has provided will become our 'core fleet' and will potentially be used by about 100 youngsters a year.

"And building a bike over the course of the 10-week program that they get to keep is an enabler ... it's social and experiential learning. The kids develop practical skills, leadership, team skills and learn how to share responsibility. TRACTION enhances self-confidence and hopefulness for the future.

"We are about building resilience and preparing them for further education and workplaces."

He said building bikes came about so participants could work towards something that was achievable and motivating.

"It provides them with life lessons. For example, sanding down a frame takes a bit of effort and they learn that when you put in the effort you get the reward," he said.

"The groups are small enough that they get to express themselves and set plans for the day ... they really love the environment and come out of their shells.

"But they are big enough for participants to form new friendships and feel part of something.

"With their new skills, the young people start to look forward to the bike they are building ... where they are going to go and what they are going to do with their mates.

"We really appreciate Council's assistance in helping us to give them that opportunity."

For more information or to support TRACTION, go to www.traction.community or search @tractionbuilds on Facebook.



FUN WILL BE FLYING IN VALANTINE PARK

Discs will soon be flying in Alexandra Hills' Valentine Park with the creation of Redlands Coast's first disc golf course.

The nine-hole course, which will utilise the community park's trees and terrain, is part of Redland City Council's drive to add exciting and active elements to the city's suburban open spaces.

Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges said she was thrilled Valentine Park had been chosen as the city's first disc golf course.

"I saw a mini version at a school fete and it was so much fun," Cr Huges said.

"It is ideal for Valentine Park, which has all the elements needed and is big enough to accommodate a range of recreational activities - especially since the recently installed public amenities allows people to stay and play longer.

"And, best of all, it's free to play and designed to be enjoyed by all ages. It will be great for community get-togethers and family parties in the park."

Disc golf is played much like traditional golf complete with tees and fairways but with a disc replacing a ball, a person's arm replacing the clubs and a target, such as a metal basket, replacing the hole. The aim is to complete each hole in the fewest number of throws.

As a player progresses down the fairway, he or she must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw landed.

"Like on a regular golf course, the trees and terrain become part of the experience, which makes Valentine Park such a great location," Cr Huges said.

"There will be plenty of challenges and, no doubt, plenty of excitement and frustrations just like traditional golf ... whether it's making a long basket straight off the tee or hitting a tree halfway down the fairway.

"A course map will be installed to guide players so you just need to take your discs."

Redlands Coast disc golf fan Dale McFarlane said he was thrilled to be able to have a course just a few minutes' drive from home.

"Prior to this course being approved by Council, Redlands Coast players were required to drive upwards of 30 minutes in order to play so you can only imagine the excitement surrounding the news of this new course installation," Dale said.

"Disc golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, with over 8000 courses now found in more than 30 countries. Although it is brand new and relatively unknown in Redlands Coast, the recent success of other new courses nearby shows that it is only a matter of time until plenty of people will be hooked on the game. One local school has even chosen to purchase some equipment and include disc golf activities as part of their sports days and PE lessons."

Dale said it was now hoped that a Redlands Disc Golf Club could be established to host "come and try" days for new players, as well as social league days and competitions.

Once open, Council will monitor the course's success to see whether the concept might suit other Redlands Coast parks.



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ARE YOU READY REDLANDS COAST?

Be prepared for storm season

- Clean gutters and downpipes so stormwater can drain quickly
- Secure loose items around your property and garden
- Trim trees and overhanging branches around your property (check with Council first)
- Make sure pumps or generators are working and ready if needed

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The messaging service is an important part of Council's disaster and emergency communications with residents.

Residents who register receive an alert when there is potentially dangerous weather which may impact them. Weather alerts are shared via email but other warnings are available via either email or SMS.

Residents can also sign up to flooded road notifications for Allan Day Drive, Wellington Point; Avalon Road, Sheldon; Moores Road, Redland Bay; and the corner of Nelson Road and Pitt Road, Wellington Point.

While the service offers localised information, it does not replace official warnings provided by the Bureau of Meteorology or the State Disaster Coordination Centre.

As it is an opt-in service, alerts will be sent only to those people who register to receive them.

Residents can select which warnings they want to receive.

More than 1800 people have been keeping informed after subscribing to the service over summer.

To join them, click the opt-in notifications button on Redland City Council's disaster dashboard at:

disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

Opt-in emergency notification email & messaging service tips:

- Registered users must verify their email address and mobile number before they can receive alerts.
- For Bureau of Meteorology email weather warnings, it is recommended users select Redland City and their suburb, at minimum.
- Users should ensure their address is correct so they receive targeted messages alerting them when their area is expected to be impacted.

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Purr-fect! Keeping cats contained

From “catio” enclosures and cat-proof fencing to early training, there’s a host of ways to ensure your pet cat does not stray from your property.

Some cat owners are under the assumption that as long as their pets are inside at night they are doing the right thing but it is the owner’s obligation to ensure they do not roam at any time, according to Council’s Animal Management Team.

“This is out of consideration for the cat’s safety, protection of our local wildlife and in consideration of other residents,” a spokesperson said, adding that cats were best trained to stay either indoors or in an enclosure from an early age.

“And you need to ensure that doors and windows are closed to ensure your furry friend doesn’t escape,” she said.

“Providing a purpose-built cat enclosure or a ‘catio’ will allow your pet to come and go as it pleases and they can be made into adventurous places for them. There is also specialised fencing you can install to ensure your cat can’t jump into neighbouring properties and public spaces.”

The penalty for allowing a cat to stray is \$266. All cats aged over three months must also be registered with Council.

For more information, search “dogs and cats” at redland.qld.gov.au

SAVE A LIFE ADOPT A PET

🔍 'Adopt a pet' at redland.qld.gov.au to find your new furry friend

STOP THE TRASH TALK. CHECK IT! BEFORE YOU CHUCK IT.

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Escape from Trash Mountain, Photo: Ben Anderson



The Owl and the Pussycat, Photo: Nick Morrissey



The One Day of the Year

Get in on the **Act!**

Redland Performing Arts Centre is set to serve up a smorgasbord of entertainment in 2021

Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) is delighted to continue live theatre and full houses in its stunning venue at Cleveland in the heart of Redlands Coast in 2021.

A fine selection of theatre, musical theatre, music and dance awaits in a program that offers something for just about everyone. This year's program also has a fresh new look and has been divided into three "Acts", with the first of these released in January and Act 2 coming in May.

Some of RPAC's top picks for the coming months are included here, with a sneak-peek at what you can also look forward to later in the year. You can visit RPAC's new-look website via rpac.com.au for full details of these shows and the many the other performances coming soon to RPAC.

April starts with sustainability at its heart when *Escape from Trash Mountain* climbs to new peaks to teach children about caring for the environment in a fun and creative way. Watch in amazement as a large mountain of trash transforms into a cave and becomes the epic playground for our heroes to outwit hideous trash

monsters. This puppet show with a difference will be a school holiday treat for the whole family. Young theatre-goers can also look forward to a musical adventure with *The Owl and the Pussycat* in June, plus lots of other family-friendly performances throughout the year.

Serving up a feast of musical magnificence in May will be the Grigorian Brothers who return to the RPAC stage to perform the sound track to the award-winning film *A Boy Called Sailboat*. This heart-warming movie about a young boy who brings love and hope to a family after he brings home a 'little guitar' features a Latin-themed soundtrack which the brothers will perform live as you enjoy the film.

Musical theatre fans will also be treated to a great selection of big ballads and enthralling stories when *The World of Musicals* and *Cloudland the Musical* take to the RPAC stage in April.

Satisfying your appetite for travel in April will be *A Taste of Ireland*, which will allow you to savour everything you love about the Emerald Isle.



Keep the mozzies away this summer

Mosquito breeding season has begun. Council conducts regular ground and aerial treatments throughout Redlands Coast, including the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. Mosquito treatment is safe for you and the environment.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites by:

- wearing long, loose fitting, light coloured clothing,
- using personal insect repellent and
- avoiding outdoor activities at dawn and dusk.

Manage mosquitoes around your home by maintaining swimming pools, screening rainwater tanks and emptying water from household items such as pot plant bases, boats, blocked roof gutters and old tyres.

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

It's peak mosquito breeding season





This high-energy show features acclaimed Irish dancers, dazzling folk musicians and contemporary vocalists, and will whisk you off to the Celtic motherland from the comfort of your theatre seat.

Dance enthusiasts will also be taken on a journey through time when *The Tap Pack* puts a modern twist on the crooners and artists of the '50s to the noughties, and Queensland Ballet takes its *Tutus on Tour*, with an enticing program of classical and contemporary works, both in July.

Lovers of drama will not be disappointed with *The One Day of the Year* returning

to RPAC in April. This classic Australian play is set in the lead up to Anzac Day and explores the universal theme of father-son conflict against a landscape of changing national values.

Rovers will be an ode to Australia and the adventurous, imaginative women she creates in July, and Bell Shakespeare will bring magic, mirth and mayhem with their fresh new version of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in September.

These are just a small selection of the great performances you can look forward to at RPAC in the next few months. Many of the



The World of Musicals

shows later in the year also have early-bird prices for a limited time only, so make sure you visit rpac.com.au for full details of shows coming soon.

Register or re-register your pets today

Redland Coast residents love their animals and Council wants to help keep them safe by making sure all pets are registered, and if born after 1 July 2009, also microchipped. Ensuring your pets – both cats and dogs – are registered is a mandatory part of pet ownership under Local Law 2 and the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*.

Annual pet registration goes towards:

- Reuniting lost pets with their owners
- Responding to complaints such as barking, straying animals and dog attacks
- Patrols of public areas, maintaining community safety and after hours emergency responses

Registration can be paid:

- **In person** at a Council Customer Service Centre in Cleveland, Victoria Point or Capalaba
- **Over the phone** by calling 3829 8999
- **Online** visit redland.qld.gov.au/myservices

Animal registration systematic inspection program

Beginning 4 January 2021, Council Officers will be visiting Redland City properties as part of Council's Cat and Dog Systematic Inspection Program. The program aims to determine the accuracy of records, obtain new registrations for unregistered animals and follow up on overdue registrations.

Make sure your pet is currently registered to avoid a fine



[redland register pet](http://redland.qld.gov.au/myservices)

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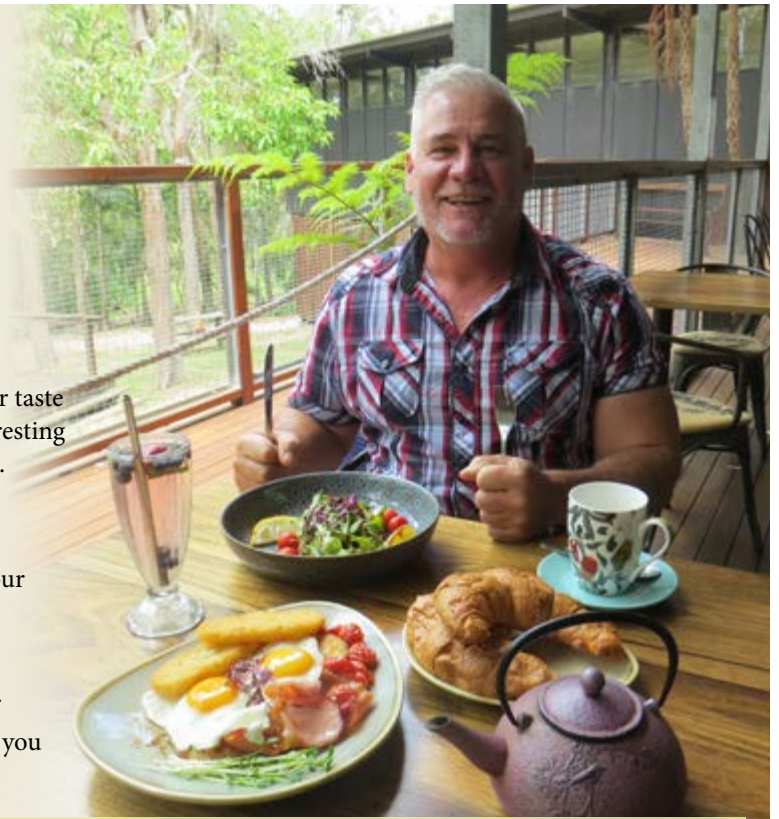
Breakfast in the Bush

IndigiScapes cafe, at Capalaba, is well known for satisfying your taste buds with unique flavours collected from the bush. It's the interesting spices and special native garnishes that really set this café apart.

The environmental education centre and café are set in natural bushland along with native botanical gardens, walking trails and a native nursery. It's a place where you can stimulate all your senses by relaxing in the bush and tasting it.

Book a table with family or friends and enjoy their new bush breakfast menu. You'll love sharing the morning with the birds.

Breakfast bookings start at 8am on Saturdays and Sundays and you can dine in or take away and enjoy the grounds.



Bookings essential

IndigiScapes Phone: (07) 3824 8611 **Email:** indigiscapes@redland.qld.gov.au

Address: 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba, QLD 4157 **Follow IndigiScapes on Facebook and Instagram.**

EVERYONE & EVERY DROP COUNTS

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 dry weather over recent months has resulted in our combined dam levels dropping.

There's many a way everyone can save water every day. Here are a few small changes we can all start making today:

- 1**
Water
at cooler
times
- 2**
Fix
leaking
taps
- 3**
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an efficient
shower head
- 4**
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with the
tap off

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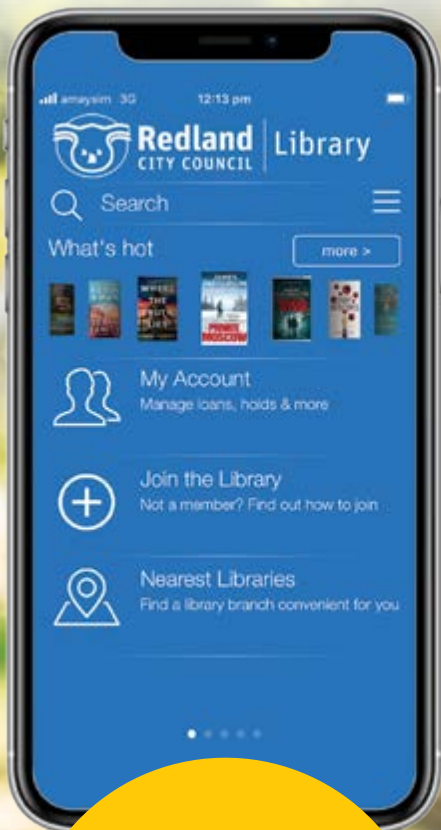
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