



**Redland Bay,
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INSPIRATION TO ALL SHE MEETS



Well done to Macleay Island's Patti Ponting, Division 5's Inspiring Senior for 2013.

Patti has lived on the island for 18 years and has shown tremendous care and concern for so many bay islanders.

She has devoted plenty of energy to the Bay Island Bloomers over 55s social group, which provides free morning teas, social activities and entertainment every month on Russell and Macleay Islands.

She also finds time for the Macleay Island Progress Association, local Catholic Church and its activities, Meals on Wheels and the Redlands District Committee on the Ageing, as well as doing community visits for Blue Care.

Ever an entertainer, Patti loves music and drama and for years has organised trips for bay islanders to concerts and shows.

Her view of life is to do her best for others and her efforts are an inspiration to all.

INVITATION TURNS ATTENTION OUR WAY

Six countries now game for a visit

When the 2018 Commonwealth Games at the Gold Coast begin, Division 5 will have a special relationship with some of the participating countries.

Earlier this year I wrote to the Commonwealth Games Committee of each country and invited them to arrive before the athletes village opens and stay at Redland Bay and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

We could provide billeted accommodation and offer sporting fields for their athletes to train on and hopefully even compete with some of our local sports people.

I was hoping for one country to accept however six countries have so far expressed interest to discuss this invitation further.

Due to the great response, I hope to attract more Commonwealth teams so all of the divisions in our City can each host a country.

This will be a great cultural and sporting boost for the Redlands and gives us a greater level of interest in the Games.

After the 2014 Games are completed, there will be further discussions to finalise the details of the proposed visits.

Leading up to the Games there will be opportunities for cultural exchange activities, school-to-school interactions and other events to raise the profile of our community.

Importantly it will underscore the fact that the Redlands is a rewarding destination for visitors and an area blessed with a great natural environment, many beautiful islands, enormous unlocked tourism potential and a welcoming village atmosphere.

Besides the international attention this will focus on the Redlands and the economic rewards that it can bring, I am confident those who take up my invitation will return to their home countries with fond memories of their stay in our wonderful part of the world.

BAY STREETS TOP WORKS PROGRAM



Cr Mark Edwards surveys the new road surface at Dart Street, Redland Bay, overlooking the golf course.

Redland Bay roads have been getting a makeover.

Council has resurfaced considerable sections of Mill Street, Dart Street and Main Street at Redland Bay, with further resurfacing scheduled in future capital works.

A new concrete footpath also has been constructed from Weinam Creek through Nev Stafford Park.

Meanwhile, the new sports field on Russell Island has now opened and the skate park site for Macleay Island has undergone stormwater improvements to enable the contractors to start construction this financial year.

A new toilet block will also be under construction in the coming months.

When completed, the \$2 million Russell Island sports and recreation park in particular will provide an important boost for island tourism and business.

It will be the regional home for a range of sports including tennis, netball, basketball and football codes, as well as hosting major competitions and community events.

Facilities such as Stage 1 of the Russell Island complex are fundamental to active, healthy and engaged communities and I now look forward to the completion of Stage 2.