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Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Country

Redland City Council is committed to working with Traditional Owners supporting their role as custodians of their traditional lands and helping ensure the future prosperity and cultural enrichment of the community.

In the spirit of reconciliation and respect, dual place names are used in this magazine where possible, incorporating the Quandamooka People's Jandai dialect. In some cases, multiple suburbs may carry the same Jandai name.





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Message from the Mayor



It's great to see community events returning after two-and-a-half years of COVID disruptions.

They play such an important role in supporting not only our business community but the wellbeing of locals through providing top-class entertainment, recreational opportunities and expos on our doorsteps.

The line-up on Redlands Coast's calendar in the next few months includes the Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating and 4x4 Expo at Norm Price Park Redland Showgrounds from Friday 16 September to Sunday 18 September.

Our wonderful islands will then be celebrated at TIDE - Redlands Coast Islands Festival from Friday 23 September to Monday 3 October on the Karragarra Island Foreshore and other locations, with the Queensland Triathlon Series descending on Raby Bay Harbour Park on Sunday 25 September and the Woolworths Australian Junior Surfing Titles heading to Main Beach on North Stradbroke Island (Minjeribah) from Saturday 26 November to Monday 5 December Main Beach.

These are all Council-sponsored events which highlight the naturally wonderful assets of Redlands Coast, with the triathlon series and surfing titles also shining a national and even international spotlight on our exceptional city.

Later this year we can get into Christmas spirit with some fun family-orientated events across Redlands Coast.

Mark down Wednesday 14 December to Sunday 18 December for our premier seasonal celebration Christmas on the Coast. Keep an eye on Council's website for details.

Mount Cotton Carols in the Park, another Council-sponsored event, will light up Mount Cotton Community Park on Sunday 27 November, with more holiday fun at the new Redland Bay Village Community Christmas event on Saturday 3 December.

These are just some of the awesome events on the way which even include a Tiny Homes

Redland City Council has also awarded more than \$75,000 in funding for eight projects to promote our local village centres and make them more vibrant.

The grants support not-for-profit community organisations and village traders to work together to deliver activities and experiences that bring people together.

In the process, the program aims to build community connection and resilience and will stimulate economic activity in our centres.

Projects funded through the 2021-22 Village Events and Activation Grant Program range from exhibitions and sports events to a community Christmas market.

As we continue to adjust to living with COVID, Council's event team is working to bring you more local entertainment and expo options but remember that we still need to take care and wear masks at public events wherever possible.

This is also the time to start looking ahead to what you need to do to be summer ready and you will find some useful information about preparing for fire and storm season in this edition.

For more information on local events visit Redlands Coast's What's On Calendar visitredlandscoast.com.au/whats-on and Council's website redland.qld.gov.au

Regards,

Mayor Karen Williams

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Welcome to the new east coast versus west coast turf war!

While Western Australia may be known for its wildflower season, we're proud to report that Redlands Coast also packs an impressive punch, with countless species of wildflowers bursting into bloom over late winter and spring.

The trick is to know where - and how - to look!

Maree Manby, Redland City Council's Senior Environmental Partnerships Officer and native plant enthusiast, shares some of her top locations for wildflowers – think mass displays, along with some of the humble, hidden treasures you'd easily miss if you didn't think to look up or down.

"For the keen-eyed we have many species of terrestrial (land) and epiphytic (grow/live on other surfaces – such as trees and rocks) species you can spot along trails, including bonnet orchids and the tiny, aptly named flying duck orchid (pictured below)," Maree said.

Where there's nectar and pollen there's often wildlife, so also be on the lookout for a host of native species, including insects, birds and mammals (like the bee on the blue tongue flower below).

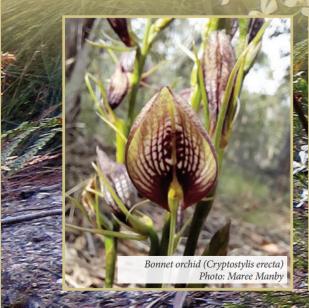
Wildflower wonderlands

Naree Budjong Djara National Park, North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) – Make a day of it enjoying the Mount Bippo Penbean track, or any of the Kaboora tracks, to see displays of wedding bush, boronia, hairy bush pea, purple coral pea, banksia, native iris and more.

Bayview Conservation Area, Redland Bay – Walk, run or ride through a kaleidoscope of colour, including forest boronia, bonnet orchids and the tall creamy-white flowering spears of grass trees.

Greater Glider Conservation Area, Alexandra Hills – Among other flowers, make sure to check tree branches for button orchids. Time it right and you may also be lucky to see dainty terrestrial five-finger orchids in mass display.

Whistling Kite wetlands or Turtle Swamp Wetlands, Russell Island – Home to numerous native species. Look for the erupting spring flowers as you walk along the trails listening to the bird calls of the island. From here, it is not unusual to see birds of prey flying overhead looking for their next meal.











Native beauty with IndigiScapes

Looking to add a burst of colour to your own backyard? Visit the IndigiScapes Native Community Nursery at Capalaba for friendly advice and a range of flowering seedlings to help get you started.

Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba



Only take photos!

Resist temptation to pick flowers or remove plants – it is an offence.

Native species are protected. Blossoms are an important food source for wildlife and crucial to pollination and continued biodiversity in our natural areas.

Native plants are also highly sensitive and unlikely to survive being transplanted.



Did you know?

Some species or orchids and insects specifically rely on each other for survival? For example, each species of hammer orchid is pollinated by a species of thynnid wasp.

Community vs kudzu

Environmental weeds can have a devastating impact on the environment and economy.

Redland City Council runs a biosecurity surveillance program across Redlands Coast, treating and managing infestations on Council land and mapping species distribution to inform pest species management.

The program also inspects private properties in target areas and provides advice to homeowners on how to treat and remove biosecurity threats.

A current example are efforts to contain local populations of kudzu (*Pueraria montana var. lobata*), which has been found on Russell and Macleay islands. Kudzu is a highly invasive climber that smothers other vegetation and structures.

There are no other known local populations of kudzu, so community and Council efforts are now underway on Russell and Macleay to provide rare opportunity to eliminate this weed from Redlands Coast.

If you think you have seen kudzu (pictured below), report it to Council by calling 3829 8999. For information on biosecurity on Redlands Coast, visit: redland.qld.gov.au/biosecurity.

Kudzu characteristics:

- Pea-shaped flowers purple, pink, blue or violet with a yellow spot near their centres.
- Alternate leaves with three large lobed leaflets.
- Elongated and flattened pods, densely covered in rusty-coloured hairs.





TYRES a new REVOLUTION in eco-friendly ROADS

There's new road-building technology on the block being trialled on Russell Street in Cleveland.

Redland City Council has teamed up with leading road maintenance provider Austek to trial its game-changing process that recycles passenger car tyres into asphalt for roads.

The trial project aligns with Council's strong focus on sustainability and, if successful, would lead to many more roads across the Redlands Coast being built and resurfaced using recycled tyres.

Austek's innovative product Carbonphalt uses 10 tyres for every tonne of asphalt which is laid. This is groundbreaking considering 71 per cent of Queensland tyres end up in landfill each year and tyres can take up to 80 years to decompose, taking up an enormous amount of space in landfill.

Paving the way to more sustainable roads, Austek's asphalt production facility operates on tyre-derived liquid fuels which enables savings of a targeted 1.3 million litres of diesel. This means that around 25,000 tonnes of local Queensland tyres are being recycled and reused in Austek's manufacturing of local Queensland roads each year.

Alongside the environmental benefits, Austek says its Carbonphalt product was cost competitive and had the added safety benefit of having a higher skid resistance compared to conventional asphalt mixes.

The process involves fully recycling used tyres, repurposing the products to replace diesel fuel at the plant, and concurrently using the recovered carbon black to make what they believe is a superior asphalt product.

A Council trial of roadmaking using recycled plastic bottles is continuing in Cleveland's Princess Street with encouraging results, with Council at the forefront of greener road building and securing the environmental benefits it can bring.

Redland City has a network of almost 1300km of local roads, along with a commitment to evolving Redlands Coast into being a zero waste society by 2050.

The Russell Street surface was installed in late June, with the process also being trialled by neighbouring Councils.

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The product has the added safety benefit of having a higher skid resistance compared to conventional asphalt mixes

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Enjoy watching whales from our own shores

Whales might be known as the 'giants of the ocean' but ask anyone who has seen whales off North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) and they will tell you these creatures are the gentle, extraordinary and much-loved kind of giants.

Redlands Coast's whale watching season – June to November – is well underway, and there is still plenty of time for land-based observation and admiration.

For land-based whale watching, there is no topping Minjerribah, which is the closest place to Brisbane to see majestic humpback whales (binoculars or a telephoto lens for your camera are recommended), with Point Lookout often considered one of the best places in the world to see whales.

More than 3000 whales cruise past the island every year to mate and give birth in the warmer northern waters, then return south during spring, often with calves close by their sides.

The aqua acrobatics of humpback whales are a sight to behold as they slap, roll and breach in breathtaking fashion in their vast marine playground.

A favourite of whale watching enthusiasts is to spot albino whales, with Migaloo a regular winter visitor to Moreton Bay.

In recent years, a second white whale named H2 has also been a regular visitor and has been spotted by keen observers.

If you are heading to Minjerribah for some whale watching, be sure to follow the Whale Track, with viewing platforms, at Point Lookout.

The track starts at Cutter Street and leads through to the junction of Bambara and Snapper streets.

There, it connects onto the Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk and finishes with the beautiful Gorge Walk, where spectacular, panoramic vistas across vast stretches of beach and ocean are truly something to see.

Once on Minjerribah, you will want to stay longer; and the island offers many accommodation options, from camping and glamping to hotels, apartments, resorts and luxury holiday homes – some even have their own whale watching towers.

Whether you plan to take a day trip or enjoy an extended visit, discover more about Minjerribah – the world's second largest sand island – online at visitredlandscoast. com.au or drop into Council's Visitor Information Centre in the Raby Bay Harbour precinct on Shore Street West, Cleveland.

The centre is open from 9am to 4pm every day (closed on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Anzac day, Christmas day and Boxing Day).

Contact: 1300 667 386

For land-based whale watching, there is no topping Minjerribah

Game on! Sport and recreation vision takes shape

The Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct is a step closer to reality with initial funding for Stage 1 confirmed in the recent Redland City Council budget.

Redland City Deputy Mayor and Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said this multi-year staged project was a major commitment by Council in ensuring the current and future recreational and sporting needs of residents and visitors on Redlands Coast were met, while striking the balance with protecting a significant area of natural habitat.

"The Sport and Recreation Precinct was identified some time ago as a key catalyst project for the city that will bring a wide range of benefits, not the least of which will be as a hub for sport and community gathering, which is important for any city," Cr Talty said.

"Council has allocated \$15 million in the Budget, and the Queensland Government has provided \$4.5 million under its Community Stimulus Program. Other future external funding opportunities will be sought to complete the multi-staged and multi-year project."

A broad array of sport and recreational pursuits will be catered for at the precinct.

"When finished, the project will provide organised sport facilities for rugby league, touch football, cycling and BMX while the a ball around, to enjoying picnics and exploring the trails through the bushland

"The first of two stages will focus on the bike activity sub-precinct with a BMX track, a criterium track suitable for a range of races, and a shared bike clubhouse.

"The regional play sub-precinct will feature integrated wet and dry play spaces. This will be a haven for kids of all ages with nature play, a double flying fox, water play area with water jets and a dynamic creek bed and billabong that tells the story of how such natural systems form and change over time.

"Continuing local story connections, a major play feature includes a climbing structure that represents the nest of locally residing birds or eagles. There will be a super slide as well as multiple swings suiting a range of abilities.

"Nearby there will also be beginner and advanced pump tracks and a learn-toride facility, which are relatively new to Redlands Coast parks but have proved incredibly popular."

Some of the initial works are expected to include bulk earthworks, external and internal access roads. The design of the bike sub-precinct has enabled the

retention of many existing trees, some of which are the oldest in the Redlands region.

"While sport and recreation is the main focus of the precinct, its development will also enable Council to protect a significant area of natural habitat," Cr Talty said.

"Also, sustainability is at the heart of the design, with the layout of the built environment carefully considered to help ensure a 'future-proof' facility that will provide benefits for this generation and the next.

"Some design features aligning with this focus include the orientation of buildings enabling solar options, potential for water harvesting and using recycled water, and the choice of materials that are not just beautiful and environmentally sourced, but more robust and efficient to

Council has confirmed primary tenants of the site, with the completed precinct becoming home to the Redlands BMX Club, Redlands Cycling and Multisport Club, Redlands Touch Association and Redlands Rugby League Club.

The unique site could lay the sporting foundations for many active young







History in the remaking

Willards Farm restoration kicks off planned work at Birkdale Community Precinct

It's back to the future for the next stage in the creation of Birkdale Community Precinct, with the site's rich history coming into focus.

The precinct on Old Cleveland Road East at Birkdale is being transformed into a world-class community asset and is the largest and most diverse project of its kind ever delivered in Redlands Coast.

At its heart is the local community's deep association with the 62-hectare site and its history. In particular, the historic Willards Farm homestead and outbuildings. Dating back to around the 1870s, the homestead is a fine example of a pioneer era building and it is one of the oldest surviving farms and residences on Redlands Coast.

Redland City Council bought Willards Farm in 2016 following community concern that the site was subject to a development approval for subdivision into residential allotments and that the buildings would be demolished.

Council has now embarked on a \$3 million project (\$1.5 million of which has been allocated in the 2022-2023 Council Budget) to begin restoring the homestead and outbuildings, which include a milking shed, creamery, stables and water tank. Detailed heritage restoration designs have been completed with restoration works expected to start on site in early 2023.

Council commissioned Sims White Architects company director Stephen Sims and his team to prepare the designs. "Apart from being a beautiful piece of architecture, it is also about maintaining it for the community to show what life was like here," Mr Sims says of the homestead's restoration.

"We've got some really strong plans about interpretation; about how the story of the development of this area and how the Willards family and this site, in particular, played into that; and how that might play out as a story on this site for the community."

The area being focused on makes up the Willards Farm (Food) Hub, one of seven defined Hubs under the Draft Birkdale Community Precinct (BCP) Master Plan which went to public consultation in May. The final Master Plan for the site is expected to be delivered by the end of the year.

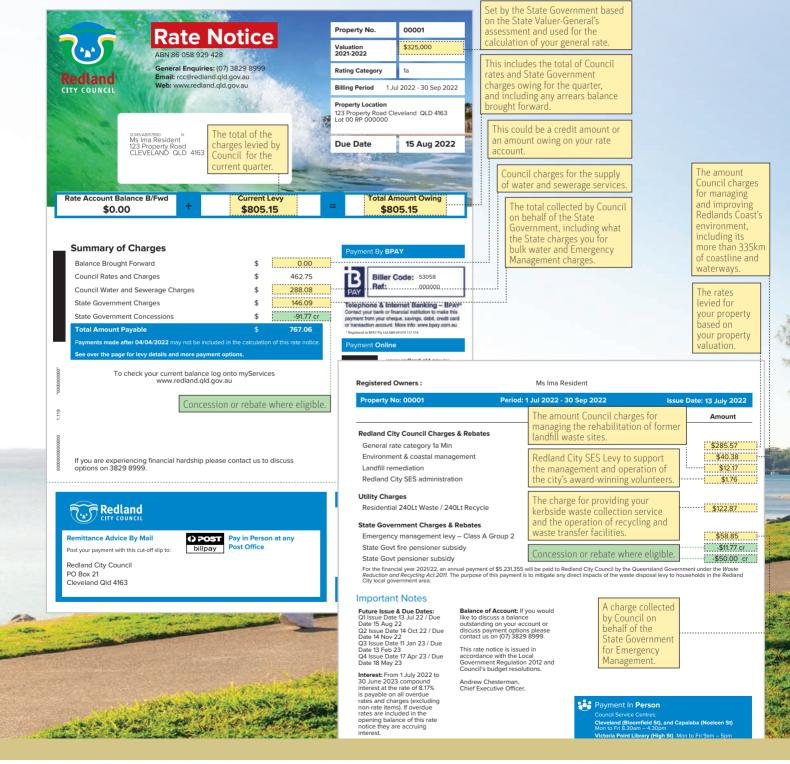
Council's 2022-2023 Budget allocated \$12.7 million to fund the next stage of Birkdale Community Precinct. Part of this funding was for the homestead restoration work, however Council officers are also working to identify State funding opportunities.

The Final BCP Master Plan will see an ambitious and region-defining program of work delivered by Council in partnership with key stakeholders, community groups and the broader community over at least the next 20 years. It not only includes the restoration of Willards Farm but also of the heritage-listed US Army-built World War II Radio Receiving Station which sits near the centre of the precinct.

For more information and the latest updates on BCP go to: yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

How to understand your rate notice

While it is often just called the "rates bill", the quarterly account from Council covers the array of costs needed to enhance our lifestyle.



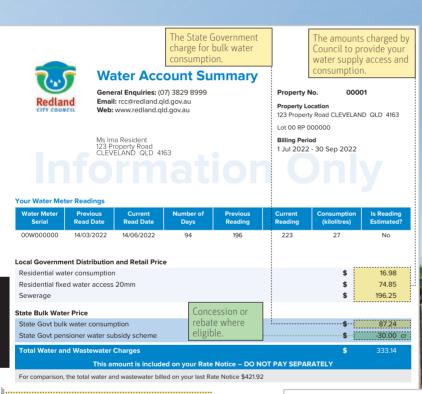


The rates and utilities notice is a detailed account of what is payable for the local services provided to you and your property along with any eligible concessions, as well as the payments that Council is obliged to collect on behalf of the State Government.

Council's rates component pays for the city's essential services, such as road works, car parks, boat ramps, libraries, street lighting, many community health and sporting facilities, parks and reserves, and amenities such as toilets and barbecues in local parks.

Council also levies charges for your kerbside waste and recycling collection, keeping our city naturally wonderful and the delivery of water to your taps. The cost of that water, however, is a charge set by the State Government.

Council's rates and charges are the major source of its revenue, with other funding, including government grants, developers' contributions and borrowings, with the general rate based on property valuations set by the State Government's Department of Resources.



Water and Sewerage Charges

- The water fixed access charge is billed in advance and is a set charge (based on meter size).
- The sewerage charge is billed in advance and is a set charge.

 Water consumption is charged per kilolitre and
- is based on water meter readings taken over the quarter (1 kilolitre = 1,000 litres).

For the 2022-2023 financial year the following water 3.952 3.301 Non Residential

Why am I charged a state bulk water

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Ownership Change - Why am I Paying for Water used by the Previous Owner?

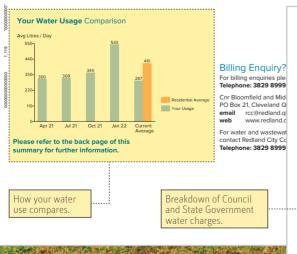
As part of the settlement of ownership transfer the majority of conveyance solicitors will request a water search in order to do a water charge adjustment for the purposes of financial settlement. The adjustment covers the previous owner's water usage up until settlement date. Therefore in the majority of instances the new owner is not paying the water used by the previous owner. However, should you have any concerns please contact your conveyance solicitor.

Checking for leaks

Lis important to fix leaks or plumbing issues quickly.

Locating and fixing leaks will save water and help reduce your water consumption charge.

- Turn off all household water appliances and garden
- Read and record the black and red numbers on the water meter (or take a photo of the numbers with your smart phone)
 Wait an hour or two then check the meter reading



ARE YOU READY REDLANDS COAST?



BUSHFIRE AND STORM SEASON

Prepare your home

- · 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)
- Install metal screens or shutters to prepare your home against embers
- Ensure LPG cylinder relief 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:

- Opt-in to receive Council emergency messaging go to disaster.redland.qld.gov.au and click on the blue 'Opt-In Notifications' button
- · Visit the Bureau of Meteorology's website: bom.gov.au/qld
- Visit Rural Fire Service's website: gfes.gld.gov.au



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Council seeks clarity on extent of native title on public lots

We are privileged to live on beautiful Redlands Coast, a city of islands that has been connected to the traditional Aboriginal owners since time immemorial.

As highlighted by our new city entry signs, installed on six major roads into the city last year, we are proud that much of Redlands Coast is on Quandamooka Country.

Redland City Council is also deeply committed to working collaboratively with the traditional owners - the Nunagal, Goenbal and Ngugi who are the Quandamooka People.

And it is an important time. Currently there is a native title claim over the majority of Redland City. Known as the Quandamooka Coast Claim, it covers most of mainland Redland and part of Brisbane City, as well as islands including Lamb, Macleay, Karragarra, Coochiemudlo, Cassim, Sandy, Tindappah (Garden Island), Green, King, St Helena and Mud.

Due to the large area included – 530 square kilometres - the Quandamooka Coast Claim is potentially one of the more significant native title claims to occur in Australia within the last 20 years.

Native title is the recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have rights and interests to land and waters according to their traditional law and customs as set out in Australian law.

Legislation recognises that native title rights have been extinguished in relation to private freehold land, such as where private houses are built, and many types of leasehold land.

The Quandamooka Coast Claim is not new, having been registered by the National Native Title Tribunal in 2017 and currently going through the Federal Court process.

What is new is that Council earlier this year filed applications with the Federal Court asking it to clarify whether native title had been extinguished on more than 2500 public lots of land owned or managed by Council

across the city. This includes key parks, reserves, infrastructure and foreshores.

In no way are Council's efforts to clarify the status of land under claim designed to defeat the native title interests or aspirations of the Quandamooka people. Instead, Council is asking these questions now to ensure there is a clarity as to the status of native title on these land lots, taking into account any historical tenure and historic public works undertaken on some of the sites.

"I come on behalf of all Australian people to recognise their existing rights and interests, which rights and interests have their roots in times before 1788."

Justice Dowsett, historic 2011
Native title rights determination

Clarity on the history of the sites is important as native title is extinguished by valid public works. This includes roads, buildings, bridges, wells and bores for water, some stock routes and major earthworks constructed or established on or before 23 December 1996.

These public works extinguish native title over the land on which the work was constructed as well as any adjacent land or waters, the use of which was necessary for, or incidental to, the construction, establishment or operation of the work.

Council has undertaken substantial research to help identify the likely status of native title on Council's land holdings.

Of the approximately 2500 public lots of land, there are around 80 in particular that Council is looking for clarity on regarding whether or not public works at the sites, or prior tenure, extinguishes native title. These include Wellington Point, Cleveland Point and Victoria Point boat ramps, lighthouse and recreational reserves. There are also 147 areas of interest that Council manages such as foreshores, creeks and canals where Council is seeking clarity on native title status.

Council looks forward to a determination by the Federal Court and to working with the Quandamooka People and their representatives to ensure the Court's determination is given its most comprehensive effect.

Native title rights were determined on Minjerribah/North Stradbroke Island in Redland City in 2011. And Council fully supports the words of Justice Dowsett in that historic 2011 determination: "I have not come here today to give anything to the Quandamooka people. These orders give them nothing. Rather, I come on behalf of all Australian people to recognise their existing rights and interests, which rights and interests have their roots in times before 1788, only some of which have survived European settlement. Those surviving rights and interests I now acknowledge. In so doing I bind all people for all time."

Clarity on the status of land is an essential step in recognising the rights and interests of the Quandamooka People, who are part of the oldest living culture in the world.

More information: A map of the Quandamooka Coast claim is available on the National Native Title Tribunal website. Go to Council's website for more information including questions and answers.



CALL FOR MINJERRIBAH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

After great success on the Southern Morteton Bay Islands, Redland City Council is extending its Community Champions Program and is seeking expressions of interest from North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah volunteers interested in training in aspects of disaster management.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said the Community Champions Program trains residents to support their community in times of emergency and how to work with the wider Redland Local Disaster Management Group.

"The award-winning SMBI Community Champions Program has shown how successful it can be when local knowledge and connections become part of the emergency response," Cr Mitchell said. "This is particularly important for our island communities, who at times are isolated from the mainland."

Cr Peter Mitchell

Division 2: Cleveland and North Stradbroke Island

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Under the new Minjerribah Community Champions Program, residents not currently serving as emergency volunteers will receive comprehensive training to:

- Contribute their local knowledge of North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah to assist in all aspects of disaster management;
- Provide education to the community about how to prepare for a disaster and respond during an emergency to set up evacuation centres;
- Assist with community recovery following a disaster and help build community resilience to disasters.

Community Champions volunteers receive training in psychological first aid, and evacuation and volunteer management, becoming registered volunteers with Council, Australian Red Cross and Volunteering Queensland.

"This program is a win-win for everyone involved – the community gains new trained resources and our emergency services gain local connections," Cr Mitchell said. "The Champions themselves receive training that they can put on their resume, as well as the satisfaction that comes from making a meaningful contribution to the safety of their island family, friends and neighbours."

To become a Minjerribah Community Champion, you must be an island resident, over 18 years and available to complete training during business hours where required. To register your interest: 3829 8999 or disaster@redland.qld.gov.au

Amity flagpole

An historic timber flagpole is now on display at the Amity Point (Pulan) Community Hall following its removal from Cabarita Park due to the pole's poor condition.

The Amity flagpole has found a safe new home following collaboration between the Amity Point Progress Association, North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah and Redland City Council.

Cr Mitchell said the project to install the Amity flagpole ensured an important part of the township's history was protected, and new signage would acknowledge the World War II veteran who handcrafted the flagpole.

"The historic flagpole is a wonderful piece of history, hand-crafted by the late Les Dufton from a single cypress pine tree more than 60 years ago," Cr Mitchell said.

"When erosion risked the pole being lost to the Rainbow Channel in 1993, the Amity Point community rallied and relocated the flagpole to Cabarita Park, installing a plaque nearby noting Les' dedicated service to the community as a voluntary first aid officer. It is great to see the historic flagpole, along with a new sign sharing its history, preserved and on display for today's residents and visitors, and for our future generations."

William Ross Park upgrades

Recently completed upgrades to William Ross Park in the heart of Cleveland have been welcomed by the surrounding community.

"The bike skills track is proving very popular with its traffic signs, intersections and even a train station with a train track rubber pathway," Cr Mitchell said. "There is a new basketball half-court, basket swing, spinner and balance log, and play unit with ropes and ladders catering to different abilities and age groups. With the new picnic facilities, water bubbler and pathways also part of the project, the upgrades have been popular additions as children and their families enjoy time together in this naturally wonderful park."





NEW SIGNS HELPING TO KEEP KOALAS SAFER

New koala safety measures have been installed near the Holden Street Wetlands in the north of the Thornlands Koala Safe Neighbourhood in time for local koalas' dispersal season.

Division 3 Councillor Paul Gollé said smart signs and wildlife speed reminders were proving an effective measure in keeping urban koalas safe.

"Residents have most likely seen the koala speed signs in South Street, Thornlands, to complement those installed earlier in Fitzroy Street near Henry Ziegenfusz Park and I thank you for heeding the advice and slowing down and doing your part to keep our koalas safe," Cr Gollé said.

"We are now building the numbers of koala smart signs across streets in known koala areas, with Council research over the past three-and-half years showing they are very successful in getting drivers to slow down.

"We are really encouraged by the fact that no koalas have been hit by cars on roads where we have placed the signs."

Cr Gollé said installation of the signs coincided with the release of local celebrity koala Benson back into nearby Henry Ziegenfusz Park recently after a long rehabilitation. He was suspected to have been hit by a car on Long Street.

"Benson was rescued back in December after concerned residents saw him walking strangely along the footpath on Passage Street, Cleveland. They called the Redlands 24hr Wildlife Rescue Service and he was quickly rescued and sent to Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital, where he had a cast put on his foot and surgery to pin his other leg," Cr Gollé said.

"Benson's misadventure and the new koala speed signs are reminders of the need to be vigilant on our roads at all times and not just when koalas are on the move at this time of year.

"I am thrilled to report that Benson is happy and healthy in his old stomping ground at the top end of Henry Ziegenfusz Park.

"He likes to wander into the surrounding streets where his favourite food trees are, so please keep an eye out for him, particularly at dawn and dusk."

Koala Safe Neighbourhoods are a collaboration between Council and the community to reduce the threats to Redlands

Coast's urban koala population and are part of Council's city-wide koala conservation activities.

Follow the adventures of Redlands Coast's ambassador koalas on the IndigiScapes Facebook page or by becoming part of the Redlands Coast Koala Watch community. Info: redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch

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FOCUS ON CARING FOR COOCHIE'S SHORES

Implementation of the recommendations of the Coochiemudlo Island Shoreline Erosion Management Plan (SEMP) has begun.

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett said Redland City Council was currently monitoring island beaches to determine the scale and location of changes in beach sand.

"Council is also looking at installing coastal monitoring points called Coastsnap at Norfolk Beach and Main Beach. Coastsnap will allow the community to use their phones as coastal monitoring devices, which will greatly assist the work Council is doing," Cr Hewlett said.

"At any given time on any given day, a photo at a monitoring point can be taken and uploaded to the internet. This information



can be used to understand how coastlines change through time – whether it be due to rising sea levels, extreme storms or other factors. Ultimately, this information can be used to improve the way your coastline is managed into the future."

Cr Hewlett said Council was also planning sand nourishment along Norfolk Beach, along with a range of complementary actions, including vegetation management, review and formalisation of beach access arrangement, stormwater management and sea grass geotechnical surveys.

"The Coochie SEMP is the product of a productive working relationship between Council, Coochie Coastcare and the Community Reference Group that I chaired,"

Cr Hewlett said. "Its key recommendations include importing new sand to accelerate the natural recovery processes and provide a buffer against future erosion. The recommended program is based on trigger points and surveyed quantities of sand losses during an erosion event.

"Initial nourishment along Norfolk Beach is planned to address community concerns about existing conditions by accelerating recovery and providing a buffer against future events.

"Ongoing monitoring will help to ensure Coochie's naturally wonderful foreshores can be kept in great shape."

Implementation of the recommended actions are subject to funding.

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DIVISION 4

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Signs of the times

Visitors to Victoria Point will "find their way" a little easier with new directional, identification (place naming) and interpretive signage replacing out-of-date signs in key pedestrian and cycling locations.

Division 4 Cr Lance Hewlett said of the signage, supported by Council's Community Infrastructure Fund, started at Cameron Court Park and continued along the boardwalk to Point Halloran Conservation Area.

"Sharp-eyed walkers may have already seen the map at the trailhead to the conservation area, and cyclists are being shown the way with new directional signage along the Moreton Bay Cycleway," Cr Hewlett said. "Over the coming months, more signage will be installed around the Point Halloran foreshore and towards Les Moore Park to help enhance visitors' experience and improve their understanding of the features and the natural inhabitants of the spaces in which they find themselves.

"Effective signage can especially help visitors enjoy their time outdoors ... knowing where they are, what is around and in which direction helps people feel safer and more encouraged to walk a little further, discover something new, and spend more time experiencing everything our wonderful parks and open spaces have to offer."



SMBI JETTY PROJECT UPDATE

The SMBI Ferry Terminals Upgrade project has reached some significant milestones recently, with more set to happen before the end of the year.

It is a jointly funded \$44.6 million project, with the Queensland Government contributing \$29.2 million and Redland City Council contributing \$15.4 million.

When complete, ferry customers will benefit from increased seating, drinking fountains, more waiting areas with better weather protection, and improved security and lighting.

For more information about the project and to stay up-to-date on the latest announcements, visit the project page at redland.qld.gov.au/FerryTerminals

An island-by-island wrap-up Russell Island

As the project nears completion, works continue on the jetty, gangway and landside. Russell Island ferry terminal is due to open to the public in coming months, weather permitting.

Macleay Island

Onsite works are well underway with piling taking place in July and a new floating walkway also being constructed. At the time of print, a pontoon float out to site was set for late August 2022.



Macleay Island ferry terminal is due to open to the public early 2023, weather and tides permitting.

Lamb Island

Piling work commenced at Lamb Island in July.

Transportation of the Lamb Island ferry terminal pontoon from the contractor's Sunshine Coast factory to the Thornlands site occurred in mid-June 2022.

The pontoon will undergo its final fit-out at Thornlands prior to being floated out to Lamb Island in late 2022.

Karragarra Island

At the time of print, piling work was expected to have started at Karragarra Island and take around four weeks.

Fabrication work on the Karragarra Island ferry terminal pontoon component commenced in late June 2022, with onsite works at Karragarra Island commenced in August 2022.

Planned burns program

Planned burns are set to take place across mainland Redlands Coast and some of our bay islands communities in coming months, including Macleay and Russell islands (weather permitting).

Each year, Council undertakes its targeted Planned Burns Program to keep our community safe and for conservation purposes. Sites are prioritised using criteria including the time since last burnt, amount of fuel load present, and surrounding vegetation and/or properties.

Now is also the time to reduce fire hazards on your own property. Information on how to protect and prepare your home can be found on Council's website.

For more information on planned burns: redland.qld.gov.au/plannedburns

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Weinam Creek Priority Development Area update

As part of the next stage of the Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA) redevelopment project, construction of the Hamilton Street extension is due to start in the coming months. This next stage will bring vital road infrastructure improvements to Banana Street and create an extension of Hamilton Street to generate a new loop road for better public access to the Marina Ferry terminal at Redland Bay.

The rejuvenation of Weinam Creek is set to create more than 700 jobs and generate almost \$30 million for the local economy, as well as deliver much-needed transport upgrades, community services and local jobs.

Redland Investment Corporation (RIC), on behalf of Council, is delivering this catalyst project that will transform Redland Bay into a vibrant waterfront precinct with restaurants, cafes, a supermarket, more parking, new walkways, rejuvenated parks and more open space.

RIC on behalf of Council negotiated a land swap agreement with the State Government that saw land at the ferry terminal transferred to Council. This will form part of the Weinam Creek PDA upgrade. In exchange, Council land on Meissner Street was transferred to Queensland Health to use as the site for the satellite hospital, to further support our island and southern Redlands Coast community.

Stage 1 of the project has already delivered more than 500 new parking spaces at Moores Road, new pathways, and a footbridge connecting to the Marina Ferry Terminal.

For project updates: **yoursay.redland.qld. gov.au/weinam-creek**



DIVISION 5

COUNCIL CREWS BUSY WITH POST-RAIN REPAIRS

Council crews have been busy across the Redlands Coast over the past few months with clean ups and repairs to roads and parks, with Division 6 assets receiving significant damage from the major weather events in February and March.

Redland City Council's response and repair bill from the severe weather event earlier this year across the entire Redlands Coast will top more than \$1 million.

Deputy Mayor and Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said record rainfall of 850mm over 10 days in February and March caused widespread damage across the region.

"While we didn't experience the scale of flooding seen by some of our neighbours, the heavy rain caused damage to many roads, parks and recreational areas in Mount Cotton, Victoria Point and Redland Bay," Cr Talty said.

"Our Council crews were amazing, responding quickly when the need arose and prioritising resources to ensure the cleanup and urgent repairs were undertaken as

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soon as possible for the health and safety of everyone on Redlands Coast."

There was a high volume of debris and potholes on roads, road shoulder damage, some damage from flooded roads around stormwater structures, and scouring and rutting to unsealed gravel roads with over 50 maintenance repairs completed.

Donald Road Park and Mt Cotton Park both also suffered significant water and flood damage – mainly in the first flood event in February - with both parks completely inundated with water damage to playgrounds, parkland and open space assets.

"The majority of the damage was able to be repaired, with gardens and softfall sand replaced while play equipment was sanitised and repaired with rubber softfall and several pieces of play equipment and dog park fencing also needing to be replaced," Cr Talty said.

"Ongoing rain events made remediation works difficult due to access and material issues with most works primarily completed by April."

Cr Talty said there were also important improvements and upgrades planned in Division 6 for the 2022/23 financial year.

It's expected the following works will be undertaken, with roads to be resurfaced with a quieter surfacing and improved skid resistance:

- Valley Way (Mount Cotton Road to Hardwood Drive and including the roundabout);
- Boundary Street Redland Bay from Gordon Road to Moogoorupum Creek Bridge. A separate project will see a footpath upgrade on the bridge with the design of a pedestrian railing being listed for Council works in FY 2022-23 with the project being forwarded for construction in 2023-24 subject to the final budget approval and council-wide project prioritisation.

Cr Talty said the improvements to local roads were important upgrades and would make it easier to use the roads and would improve safety for motorists and cyclists.

Community grants a hit for coffee and tennis

Redland Bay Tennis Club was one of seven local organisations that were recent beneficiaries of Redland City Council grants under the Mayor and Councillors' Community Benefit Fund Program.

The tennis club used the grant for a new coffee machine which has been most welcome on the colder winter days.

Deputy Mayor and Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said the Fund had provided tangible and practical support for worthwhile not for profit organisations that fulfilled a vital cultural, sporting and community role.

"We know a lot of these organisations have been doing it tough over the past two years as they have faced the many challenges from COVID," Cr Talty said.

"The program assists individuals and community organisations with equipment, activities, events or projects that demonstrate a benefit for the Redlands community."

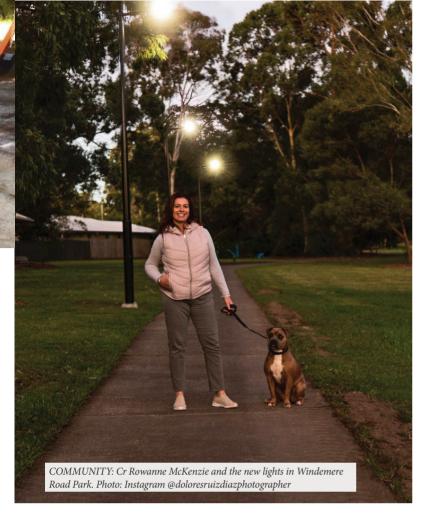
Redland Bay Tennis Club Club Secretary Jackie Strute said with around 500 people using their facilities each week, the coffee machine was a much-needed purchase.

"The coffee machine has been a 'hit', especially for parents and carers as they sit on the sidelines for extended periods watching their kids train or play and it's added



to the social aspect of the club for families and spectators," said Ms Strute.

Other organisations to receive grants were: Queensland Blue Light Association Incorporated NSI Branch; Qld Country Women's Association – Redlands Branch; Redland Malayali Association Inc; Redlands Hockey Association Inc; Volunteer Marine Rescue Raby Bay; and Old School House Gallery Inc.



SOLAR LIGHTS THE WAY FOR POPULAR PARK

Council is lighting the way for residents and visitors to Windemere Road Park, Alexandra Hills, with the recent installation of solar lighting improving the amenity and safety in the area.

Nine solar (LED) lights have been installed, illuminating the path from the street to the popular dog off-leash area. They also light up the entrance and provide some light in the dog off-leash area itself.

Division 7 Councillor Rowanne McKenzie said the installation of quality solar lights was a positive signal by Council on the environment and the improved lighting would enhance the community use of the park.

"The Windemere Road Park is one of the more popular parks in Division 7, especially the dog off-leash area and the solar lights will provide reliability and consistency to the lighting with year-round benefit for all residents and visitors," Cr McKenzie said.

Funds for the project came from the Community Improvement Program.

New agri-business starting to fly

Redland City Council is partnering with an innovative local agtech company, which will assist it to develop a local production facility on Redlands Coast to produce high quality animal feed.

It has offered agri-business FlyFarm a lease over a portion of Council's Macarthur Street land adjacent to the Redlands Research Facility, where it will develop this innovative business.

Division 7 Councillor Rowanne McKenzie said FlyFarm took food waste that would otherwise be sent to landfill and used it to produce quality protein for pet, fish and animal feeds and other sustainably produced by-products.

She said Council was committed to supporting innovative businesses such as FlyFarm, which was also delivering exciting

environmental outcomes by diverting food and organics waste from landfill."

"FlyFarm is a global insect farming company that builds biorefineries to upcycle organic waste into animal and agriculture feed product," Cr McKenzie said.

"It also is unique because its insect farming system is run by in-house designed robotics and cloud connected software making it highly efficient."

FlyFarm Co-CEO Constant Tedder said his company was "hugely excited" to be expanding its R&D and building a demonstration biorefinery in Redlands Coast, made possible by Council's support.

"We aim to transform the protein landscape by bioconverting organic waste and Redlands Research Facility provides an excellent location as we work with our partners in agri, food and beverage production and supermarkets to run trials to process their waste," Mr Tedder said.

Cr McKenzie said FlyFarm was already providing benefits to the local economy by using local resources, creating new jobs as the company expanded, and generating flow of new investment capital.

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COUNCIL'S HELPING HAND FOR FLOODED SPORTING CLUBS

Flooding and incessant rain at the start of 2022 provided plenty of challenges for sporting clubs on Redlands Coast but a strong community spirit and "can do" attitude ensured that recovery and repair was quickly prioritised.

Three major clubs were heavily impacted – Capalaba Warriors District Junior Rugby League Football Club, Capalaba Bulldogs Football Club and Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club, all at John Frederick Park.

Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges said flood damage was extensive for all clubs with

varying degrees of impact, including sports equipment, buildings, fencing, office supplies and an electrical scoreboard.

"The Warriors suffered losses of more than \$120,000, with



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floodwaters rising to the second level of the clubhouse," Cr Huges said.

"While the local clubs' volunteers quickly swung into action, Council was swift to assist with liaison and support for recovery grant funding from the State Government, as well as supporting the football clubs in fixing field fences."

Morale of the Warriors and Bulldogs clubs was boosted by a significant visit by State Recovery Coordinator Major General Jake Ellwood and his team who inspected the impact of flood damage to the clubs.

"Council is working with the football clubs to support urgent repairs to the deck on the Bulldogs clubhouse and new LED lighting at the Warriors ground," Cr Huges said. "The investment means that our Warriors will be able to play night games, a welcome improvement for the community and Council."

The upgrade involves replacing halogen lights with LED lights, which not only have a longer lifespan but are also much more

energy efficient and will help reduce the club's electricity bills.

Cr Huges said the lighting upgrade was welcomed by the local community.

"The impact of weather events earlier this year has been very significant for many parts of our community and it's been important for Council to support sporting clubs in their recovery in many different ways," Cr Huges said.

"With the lighting upgrade at the Warriors, every endeavour will be made to ensure the work has minimal disruption to the club. But everyone is very excited about the return of night games and the opportunities this will provide for this great local sporting club."

Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club was the most severely affected by flooding, losing equipment and suffering damage to property and equipment worth more than \$200,000. Council assisted the club in providing liaison to government emergency support and in providing a large skip bin for the clean-up.

New plantings grow the legacy at Jack Rosa Urban Habitat

The legacy of one of the stalwarts of the Birkdale community has been strengthened with three generations of the Rosa family recently joining members of the community to plant 800 trees and shrubs at the Jack Rosa Urban Habitat and the establishment of a local Bushcare Group.

The 1.66ha habitat at Randell Road, Birkdale, is named in honour of the late farmer from Italy, Ciriaco Rosa (known as Jack Rosa), who had a long history of community giving



THRIVING: Three generations of the Rosa family joined Cr Tracey Huges and Bushcare group members to add plants to Jack Rosa Urban Habitat.

and involvement. His son, daughter, daughter-in-law and eight grandchildren attended the planting.

The Bushcare group was established with the support of Redland City Council's IndigiScapes team, which collaborated to bring the Urban Habitat to life.

"The establishment of the Bushcare group is an important step in the ongoing care and renewal of the urban habitat and we would love to see more members of the community get involved so that it can flourish," local Councillor Tracey Huges said.



COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER

Redlands Coast is fortunate to have many wonderful community organisations.

Cr Adelia Berridge said talking to, and assisting, local groups was an important part of her work and very deserving of her attention.

"Council's Mayor and Councillor Community Benefit Fund gives us the opportunity to support local groups in providing services and events," she said.

Recently, the diverse projects supported through the fund have included:

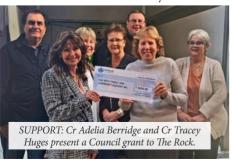
- 'Messy Play Matters' for Playgroup Qld
- Signage for Cancer Council fundraising events
- CCTV system for The Rock Family and Community Support Inc.
- Hedge trimmers, blower, pressure washer and a mower for Capalaba Junior District Rugby League Football Club Inc.
- Laptop for Capalaba Probus Club Inc.
- Sporting equipment for Wildcats Basketball
- Signage, event costs and iPad for Qld Country Women's Association Redlands.

"We have have such wonderful works being undertaken by groups across the city, and it is great to be able to support their intiatives," Cr Berridge said.

For information on Redland City Council grant programs: redland.qld.gov.au/grants

A hand up, not a hand out

Division 9 Councillor Adelia Berridge and Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges recently presented The Rock Family and Community Support Inc with a \$3000 grant from Council's Mayor and Councillor Community Benefit Fund for camera security.



Cr Berridge said that for more than 20 years, the Capalaba group had supported those in urgent need or doing it tough.

"It walks the 'hand up, not hand out' talk through budgeting services and its volunteers collecting and packing fresh food, knitting hats and sewing sanitary items that can be washed and reused," Cr Berridge said.

"It also runs youth mentoring services and father and son group meetings.

"Fresh food is often donated and farmers collect any scraps for stock feed, so it's a fine example of a circular economy organisation on Redlands Coast."

For information on The Rock: facs.org.au

Hope in a suitcase

In an example of groups working together, Cr Berridge recently connected the Older Women's Network of Capalaba with the Rotary Club of Capalaba, who donated \$1000 to a Hope in a Suitcase (HIAS) project.

HIAS Australia is a non-profit organisation focused on showing every child in the foster care system that they are valued.

The Older Women's Network of Capalaba's HIAS project used the Rotary funding to buy 30 backpacks and fill them with essential items such as toiletries, underwear, a set of pyjamas and a change of clothing.

"They also included something to cuddle for the younger children, a book to read, a journal or colouring-in books and pencils to encourage creativity and provide a distraction away from their turmoil," Cr Berridge said.

"The project provides children with a secure place for their belongings, that they can take with them wherever their journey may lead."



Flyball fun

Mayor and Councillors Community Benefit Fund Program funds have helped to buy equipment for Bayside Flyball Racing Inc., based at Redlands Rays Baseball Club grounds at Duncan Road, Capalaba.

Cr Berridge said Flyball was relatively new to Redlands Coast and incredibly exciting.

"Flyball is a great spectator sport for the public and nicknamed 'drag racing for dogs'. It is a great way for dogs to burn off energy doing things they love," she said.

So how does it work? Two teams of four dogs line up in two racing lanes. The start dog in each team takes on jumping over four hurdles, retrieving a tennis ball by triggering a flyball box pedal and racing back over hurdles. The other dogs then complete the same exercises.

The club has a monthly 'intake night' where people can see first-hand what Flyball is about. Contact them at **baysideflyballracing@outlook.com** or on Facebook.

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DIVISION 9

TOWARD MORE REGENERATIVE FUTURES

Redlands Coast residents have the opportunity to learn about resilience and connection to country from one of the oldest living cultures in the world, according to Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop.

"It is inspiring to learn more about the ancient customs, myths and lessons from members of the Goenpul (Wynnum/ Redland mainland and Southern Moreton Bay Islands); Ngugi (Moorgumpin/Moreton Island) and Noonuccal (Minjerriba/ North Stradbroke) First Nations people of Quandamooka Country," he said.

"The more we learn about the practice of arts, crafts and ceremony, the more we sense how living culture continues to adapt and evolve across thousands of generations. It's also amazing to have heritage reminders within our landscape, which will continue to be a source of pride for future generations.

"The last few years have provided many lessons about adaptation for us all. We have had to deal with changes such as the global pandemic, ongoing effects of extreme weather, fires and flood. Recent energy and housing prices have spiked, as cost-of-living pressures have kept us all on our toes. While it has been a tricky time, the way we work together always helps to keep us strong."

Cr Bishop said there were many initiatives Council supported which encouraged local

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people to participate and actively engage in a diverse range of programs.

"Examples like community Bushcare, Eco-marines and a variety of volunteer organisations that assist with sporting, cultural and recreation activities," he said.

"Thanks to all those people who volunteer work on local committees and in networks that Council supports both directly and indirectly. While contributions by individuals who support not-for-profit organisations are the glue which holds our community together, it is also important to support our local businesses, entrepreneurs and programs which encourage us to 'think local first'.

"When we buy local goods and services, every dollar spent in the local economy has a multiplier effect that helps to enhance and sustain local jobs and they make our way of life more resilient and robust.

"As an advocate for ecological sustainability, I encourage people to find ethical ways to increase social, economic, environmental and cultural value in their approach to daily life, by making wise and mindful choices."

Cr Bishop said one example was a DIY (and 'Do It Together') program provided by an organisation called **growitlocal.com**

"This initiative encourages people to grow food at home, share produce, swap seeds, reduce waste and create home composting systems," he said.

"Together, people's combined efforts are driving real change, saving money and diverting putrescible scraps from our municipal waste stream, which saves Council dollars and can hopefully help us to reduce the cost of rates in future years.



"In time, I hope this program will be able to be supported city wide so we can measure, map and track the benefit as more people become more mindful and resourceful about how we produce and consume food and manage waste together at home.

"At a more regional SEQ level, there is another community-led initiative called Regen Brisbane, run by the New Economy Network of Australia. This grassroots movement is based on First Nations principles and is encouraging an approach to ecological sustainability, defined by Oxford University Economist Kate Raeworth via a process called Doughnut Economics.

"It offers a vision of what it means for humanity to thrive in the 21st century. Regen Brisbane is currently considering what an ecologically sustainable Olympics might require us to do, as we prepare for change over the coming decade. That's an increasingly important story for us all to engage with as we approach 2032." Find out more at regen-brisbane.net.au

"There are many things which members of the community can do to support change for the better: at civic, commercial and community scale. Council is continuing to explore ways to be more effective and efficient and it is clear that creating a better future is a job for everyone.

"While our First Nations community has so many lessons of survival and adaption to share, we are all on a learning journey together. The more we focus on positive outcomes as we help each other to minimise negative impacts, the better life will be for our future generations."



SUPPORTING CITY PLAN CHANGES TO IMPROVE LIVEABILITY

Redland City Council is making amendments to its City Plan which will change the medium density residential zone provisions and to better protect wildlife corridors.

Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary said both had been raised as key issues by residents and were the subject of major amendments to City Plan.

"Presently I am spending more time than usual on development applications as I have approximately 20 current when previously perhaps four or five would be normal," Cr Boglary said.

"Our division, having been established along the railway line, has areas zoned for medium density residential plus many of our larger blocks are being subdivided, which is concerning and impacting existing residents. While densification of existing urban areas, in theory, saves more bushland from being subdivided, it does place pressure on the liveability and character of our existing suburbs.

"Since the adoption of the 2018 City Plan where changes were made that allowed increased density and building size in this medium density zone, I have been lobbying for an amendment to make changes at least back in line with the previous planning



scheme and to also have the Multiple Dwelling Design Guide incorporated for improved design outcomes. This amendment has been subject to public consultation and is now back with the State Government for approval. Changes were made in response to submissions received."

Cr Boglary said sustainable environmental corridors were also vital for Redlands Coast's naturally wonderful character.

"I have also strongly advocated for the Wildlife Connection Corridors to be incorporated into the City Plan," Cr Boglary said. "These corridors not only provide safe passage for our wildlife for breeding and feeding areas but also form a visual and recreational break for 'us', which again improves our lifestyles - including our mental health."

The corridors amendment will be publicly consulted when approved by the Planning Minister for consultation.

"The only way to influence the future design of development is have a City Plan - (the rule book for Redlands development) - represent our vision for the future neighbourhoods, hence I will continue to advocate for these changes to improve and enhance development outcomes," Cr Boglary said.

Park upgrades continue

Three major parks have been revamped across Division 1 in recent years - Raby Esplanade Park, Apex Park and Three Paddocks Park, along with upgrades to our smaller neighbourhood parks.

"I am pleased that Stevens Place, Ormiston, will shortly have new and innovative play equipment installed, while Bibury Street, Wellington Point, has just been completed," Cr Boglary said.

"While continuing with park and open space improvements for our families and our mental health, on our local level I also continue to advocate for improved drainage as the recent extreme weather has highlighted the need for more resources to be placed in this area, plus safety issues including footpaths and more sporting resources as sport benefits all ages in our community.

"Two sports that need homes are fastgrowing pickleball and basketball. I would like to think in the coming year these clubs might have progressed a future pathway."

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Supporting our small businesses

I am urging to support Redlands Coast businesses and shop locally wherever possible.

Local Councillor Wendy Boglary said it was a positive action residents could take to support their communities.

"I often chat with business owners and traders not only in our division but across the City and the effects of the last two years of COVID, staff shortages and global impacts affecting supply chains of their products are definitely affecting our local family businesses," Cr Boglary said.

"I ask you to please always think locally first and be patient as these are the businesses that support our local sporting clubs, P&Cs and other charities and I would ask that we continue to support them. And remember Christmas shopping! "One truly inspiring business is our local Tanja's restaurant at Wellington Point, which this year is celebrating its 50th birthday in business! This is such an impressive milestone and we can all be very proud of this community-orientated local business. They are expanding this year so watch this space."



Schoendorfer celebrate the business's 50th anniversary.



Ranger Stacey presents:



The things we do for love!

Redlands Coast is the place to be for loved up local wildlife, as IndigiScapes' Stacey Thomson, better known as Ranger Stacey, explains.

Most of Redlands Coast's native mammals, apart from koalas, breed during the winter months so that there is an ample supply of food for when their young are born.

Carnivorous marsupials, called dasyurids - which include quolls, dunnarts and antechinus - breed ferociously during winter to take advantage of the bountiful banquet that spring provides.

The yellow-footed antechinus, which can be found on Redlands Coast, are truly captivating characters and have very short life spans with males living for less than a year. With such a short amount of time they have to live at an accelerated rate.

But it is their mating activity that is their claim to fame. This activity is best described as frantic and can take up to 14 hours. Sadly, the males die soon after, followed by the female who dies after her young are weaned and ready to venture out on their own.

Amorous male echidnas actually hop on board a "love train" ... and it's a slow train. Throughout their winter breeding season hopeful males come from far and wide to line up in an orderly fashion behind their object of desire and follow her around. While these trains are usually three to five suitors, up to 11 echidnas have been reported.



MISTAKEN IDENTITY: The yellow-footed antechinus is often mistaken for mice or small rats

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Images (left to right): Ilma Ugiobari, Gome (Orchid) (detail) 2018, natural plant and ash pigments on beaten bark cloth. Courtesy of the artist. Omie Tapa Artists PNG and Baboa Gallery, Brisbane. Unknown, Bilum (pine tree design) n.d., acrylic fibre and wool yarn. Photography by Carl Warner. RAG has undertaken a reasonable and diligent search for artist and copyright owner details and publishes this work in good faith. Anyone with further information on the artist is encouraged to contact RAG. Shannon Garson, 3 moons vases (detail) 2019, porcelain. Courtesy of the artist.

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



Redland Art Gallery acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands, waters and seas where we live and work. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.

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



For more information on your visit to Redland Art Gallery and our COVID-19 requirements scan the QR code.







AMOROUS: The slow and determined echidna

Birds like the eastern curlew travel from the other side of the world to feed on Moreton Bay's rich array of food resources, spending summer "bulking up" so that they can fly back to Russia and north eastern China to breed and rear their young.

At this time of year the next generation of magpies are also being brought into the world ... which means swooping season is almost upon us. But there's no need for concern when you learn that only around 10 percent of magpies swoop.

Did you know that it's the male who does the swooping? He is only a protective parent for six weeks while there are chicks in the nest and only if you are within 150m of its location. It's his way of warning you to stay away from his young chicks. This swooping can escalate into aggression when we ignore

their warning or retaliate by waving and throwing things at them.

Magpies have an amazing memory and are able to identify individual humans. If you retaliate he will remember you as a threat.

I recommend if a magpie dad is swooping, avoid the area and take an alternative route. If you can't, wear a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect against the swooping. If you are a cyclist, sporting a flag on your bike or spikes on your helmet will be a big help.

Remember, while we are all trying to stay warm this winter, they are fighting the elements and doing what they do best, contributing to the survival of their species. Finding a mate or raising young in suburbia can be hard work though, so let's love our local wildlife and give them a helping hand.



PROTECTIVE: Only the male magpie swoops

Did you know?

- · Antechinus are sadly often mistaken for mice or rats but if you look at their teeth they are remarkably different. Unsure if you've accidently caught a native species? Send a photo to @IndigiScapes on Facebook or Instagram to be sure.
- While echidnas are on the lookout for a love match we need to be on the lookout for them as they cross our roads. Be aware and slow down while driving at dawn and dusk.
- Help the eastern curlew feel safe as it feeds in Moreton Bay by keeping your dogs on a leash when enjoying our coastal areas.
- Know where a magpie is swooping? Take another route for six weeks and avoid the area. You'll be able to travel that way again soon.



What you need to do - and know - before summer

Summer is only a couple of months away, with the countdown on to sunny beach days, family celebrations and ice creams.

That also means the downsides of south-east Queensland's warmer months - bushfire, storm and mosquito breeding seasons - are fast approaching.

Redlands Coast's mix of coastal, rural, bushland and tidal landscapes make it susceptible to summer weather extremes.

We live in a naturally wonderful location but with that comes higher risks associated with rain, storms and fire.

Our tidal and salt marsh ecosystems mean we also have to live with the reality of mosquitoes.

Council runs extensive disaster and mosquito management programs but personal

responsibility also plays an important role.

During last summer and into March, our Redland City SES Unit volunteers responded to more than 500 calls for assistance.

Unfortunately many of the calls related to preventable flooding caused by blocked gutters, which should have been cleared well before the rain arrived.

So, please, don't leave it until it is too late. Blocked gutters also provide ideal places for mosquitoes to breed.

There are things all of us can do today, some as easy as basic yard maintenance, to protect ourselves and our properties.

Top 5 things you need to do

- 1. Clear your gutters.
- 2. Clean up your yard prune overhanging and dead branches (check with Council first if considering removing trees). Avoid having vegetation against your house as it can be a fire risk and harbour biting insects. Empty out pooling water where mosquitoes can breed (pot plants, toys etc) and secure loose structures.
- 3. Check the state of your flyscreens look for holes that fire embers, or mozzies, could get through. If you live in a midge prone area, it may also be beneficial to spray screens with a long-lasting repellant or flying-pest treatment.
- 4. Make an emergency kit key items include medications, legal documents, phone charger and a battery-operated radio and pet needs.
- Check your insurance are you are adequately covered should the worst happen?



- 1. Your emergency plan if you don't have one, make one. If you do have one, test it!
- 2. Where to get emergency updates:
 - disaster.redland.qld.gov.au here you can also opt-in to receive Council's emergency updates
 - **RedlandCouncil**
 - RedlandCouncil
 - Tune to 612AM ABC
- Your neighbours so you can connect if you need to during an emergency.
- What to wear to avoid mosquito bites long, loose, light-coloured clothing, along with insect repellant, can provide personal protection if heading out at dawn or dusk, prime mozzie time.
- Where to head for more advice:
 - disaster.redland.qld.gov.au and
 - redland.qld.gov.au/mosquitoes





Kickstarting a new life

A special program being run by The Centre for Women & Co on Redlands Coast is helping local women turn their lives around.

Kickstarter, which is aimed at women seeking to get back into the workforce or study, is already producing promising results, according to the centre, which is supported by Redland City Council.

Program coordinator Kerstin said Kickstarter was engaging women who faced barriers to employment such as family violence, chronic mental illness and limited education, as well as those with a history of trauma and abuse, drug and alcohol use, gambling or poverty.

"Kickstarter prides itself on being able to specifically acknowledge the intricacy of these barriers while embracing and encouraging women to move beyond them," Kerstin said.

"The federally funded program allows the women to connect with others in the community and form meaningful connections. It also links the women with local services that can assist with a variety of needs, including employment, budgeting, psychological support, drug and alcohol counselling, family support and clothing assistance. It focuses on providing them with financial literacy and economic independence."

Kerstin said the participants were guided on a range of skills from forming healthy professional and personal relationships and presentation in a workplace to improving their general well-being.

"They get an introduction to budgeting and becoming financially literate, CV and cover letter writing skills, interview skills and learn innovative ways to find work," she said.

The centre is running a minimum of four groups a year, with up to 15 women per group, in Redlands Coast and Logan in line with Queensland school semesters.

"Women can refer themselves to our service or be referred through external services," Kerstin said. "Anyone can engage with our service through social media and on Youtube. If you would like to engage in our Kickstarter program, you can call the Cleveland office on 3050 3060 (option 3) or email redlandsgroups@centreforwomen.org.au

"We are already seeing promising changes within the current participants. Further, the women are creating meaningful connections with one another, and being linked with incredible local services to assist them in their endeavours."

Redland City Council works closely with The Centre for Women & Co as a lead domestic and family violence agency as part of its commitment to ending domestic and family violence in the community.





Lighting up the stage



Jane Eyre (left) sets the stage on fire and SILENCE (above) is a stunning performance by Karul Projects produced by BlakDance

Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) is ready to set the stage on fire (literally!) with an amazing selection of shows to take you through to the end of the year.

A fine selection of theatre, dance, music and comedy features in a program that offers something for just about everyone.

Among the top picks is Charlotte Bronte's gothic tale of an orphan in search of love, family and a sense of belonging, which is set to blaze on the RPAC stage in November when *Jane Eyre* performs over two nights.

Witness one of the most iconic pieces of English literature retold in a faithful yet fiercely original stage adaptation from the nationally renowned **shake & stir theatre co** (*Animal Farm, Dracula, A Christmas Carol*).

The production has been wowing audiences at QPAC and now it's Redlands Coast's turn to enjoy this stunning production that has been described as a "blazing success" that "will make you feel and it will give you hope".

Lovers of dance will be treated to a stunning performance by Karul Projects and produced by BlakDance, when they take to the RPAC stage in October to perform SILENCE.

With symbolism heavily steeped in land rights, this bold and uncompromising performance pulls the Treaty conversation out from under the rug and invites you to make it a talking point.

Queensland Symphony Orchestra will make a very welcome return to the RPAC stage

with *Viennese Classics* in October. For a long time, Vienna was referred to as "the city of music" because many of the greatest names in classical music made their fame (if not always their fortune) in the city.

This is a chance to experience the musical heritage of Vienna, as exquisite pieces from Beethoven, Suppé, Strauss Jr, Sutherland and Schubert are brought to life by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra in one of the acoustically finest venues in south-east Oueensland – the RPAC Concert Hall.

The Listies will have families literally *Rolling On the Floor Laughing* when ROFL tackles the most terrifyingly tortuous family situation of all: BED TIME!

This September school holiday treat features Rich and Matt, aka The Listies as seen on ABC TV's *The Listies Work for Peanuts*. Featuring toilet paper cannons, a real Cowasaurus, lullabies of doom, detachable legs, a panoply of puns and possibly too many

Aldi gags, this is an hour of rambunctious and clever fun. The Sydney Morning Herald declared that "no-one else does comedy for kids this brilliantly".

If you are looking for something fun and different, then don't miss the first ever *Gran Slam Live!* at RPAC in October.

The show features comedy, music and poetry that will have you laughing, cheering and left in awe, as a razor-sharp collective of poetic stars aged from 65 to 99 years battle it out for a cash and publishing prize.

Hosted by award-winning comedian and Redlands Coast favourite Jenny Wynter (*Funny Mummies*), expect a joyful afternoon.

These are just a small selection of the great performances you can look forward to at RPAC in the next few months. Visit **rpac.com.au** for full details of these shows and many the other performances coming soon to RPAC.





PNG artists celebrated

Colourful skirts and woven bags come to the fore in exhibitions which highlight the culture of Papua New Guinea at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland until early October.

Sihot'e Nioge: When skirts become artworks, on until Sunday 9 October, includes bark cloth art which tell important cultural stories.

Sihot'e Nioge reveals the centrality of nioge, painted, and sihot'e, appliquéd, beaten bark cloths in Omie culture.

Exhibition curator Joan Winter said *Sihot'e Nioge* reflected life over the ages from the first Omie man and woman.

"Working from the remote mountain rainforests of Oro Province, not so far from Kokoda, Papua New Guinea, the Omie Tapa artists continue to develop the most colourful and compositionally diverse bark cloth art in the Pacific region, using all

natural products from their vast, rainforest homelands," she said.

"The Omie origin story includes the making of the first skirt or nioge. When the first man to arrive on Earth, Mina, told the first woman, Saja, to go down to the river, find the right tree, remove its bark and beat it on the river stones, then soak it in mud; together they were setting up the first Omie cultural ritual. Saja came back wearing it, thus sanctifying the first marriage."

Woven presents a selection of Papua New Guinean bags in the RAG Collection, including bilum bags and structured shoulder bags made from plastic fibres and pandanus leaves. Demonstrating both traditional and contemporary weaving techniques and materials, these bags serve a functional purpose as well as telling important cultural stories through the use of patterns and colours.

For more information, go to artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au



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Redlands Coast has libraries at Cleveland, Capalaba and Victoria Point which offer an inviting array of spaces or zones where residents can relax, learn or work.

They are designed to be busy and vibrant centres for knowledge and community which deliver so much more than just books.

"They are social and technological hubs, information centres and a source of valuable assistance as well as places to where you can escape, either by yourself or with friends and family," a Library Services spokesperson explained.

The libraries' **Study Zones** have free wi-fi, as well as giant study desks with in-built powerpoints and USB charging stations.

If you need more space, there are also bookable meeting rooms, all supported by free computers, printing and copying facilities, bookable IT assistance and information resources.

Maybe best of all, the libraries are full of thoughtfully placed **Reading Nooks**, some even boasting cosy winged armchairs where you can relax surrounded by literary treasures.

You can even grab a coffee from a local café, with cafés adjoining Victoria Point and Cleveland libraries (accessible via the library) You can even grab a coffee from a local café, with cafés adjoining Victoria Point and Cleveland libraries (accessible via the library) as well as in the shopping precincts near Capalaba Library.

Parents can also **Stay and Play**, with resource-rich areas for children and families to enjoy anytime.

The kids can access fun-filled boxes of treasures, games and toys to play with when visiting the libraries, which provide opportunities for imaginative play, fostering early speech, language and communication skills.

There is even colourful, vibrant and low shelving for little ones to book-browse.

For bookable library services, call 3829 8999.

WHAT'S ON AT

REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



ROFL

- Rolling on the Floor Laughing

From The Listies & Critical Stages Touring Hilarious, ridiculous fun from multi-award winning duo The Listies, that will have the whole family in stitches.

WED 28 SEP, 6PM THU 29 SEP, 10AM TIXS: \$18-\$28



QUEENSLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Viennese Classics

Experience the musical heritage of Vienna, 'the city of music', brought to life in this stunning program featuring pieces by Beethoven, Strauss Jr., Mahler and Schubert.

FRI 21 OCT, 7PM TIXS: \$40-\$55



SILENCE By Karul Projects

Produced by BlakDance

Through the beating of a drum, bodies thrash through white noise to continue a 250-year old conversation. *SILENCE* pulls the Treaty conversation out from under the rug and invites you to make it a talking point!

FRI 14 OCT, 7.30PM TIXS: \$25-\$35



JANE EYRE By Charlotte Brontë

Adapted by shake & stir theatre co.

Brontë's gothic tale of an orphan in search of love, family and a sense of belonging is set to blaze the stage. This iconic piece of English literature is retold in a faithful yet fiercely original stage adaptation.

FRI 11 & SAT 12 NOV, 7.30PM TIXS: \$32-\$45

These projects have been assisted by the Australian government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body

Bookings: **3829 8131** or **www.rpac.com.au** Booking fees: \$5 by phone and \$6 online per transaction









redland performing arts centre

Meet the locals

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June - November





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