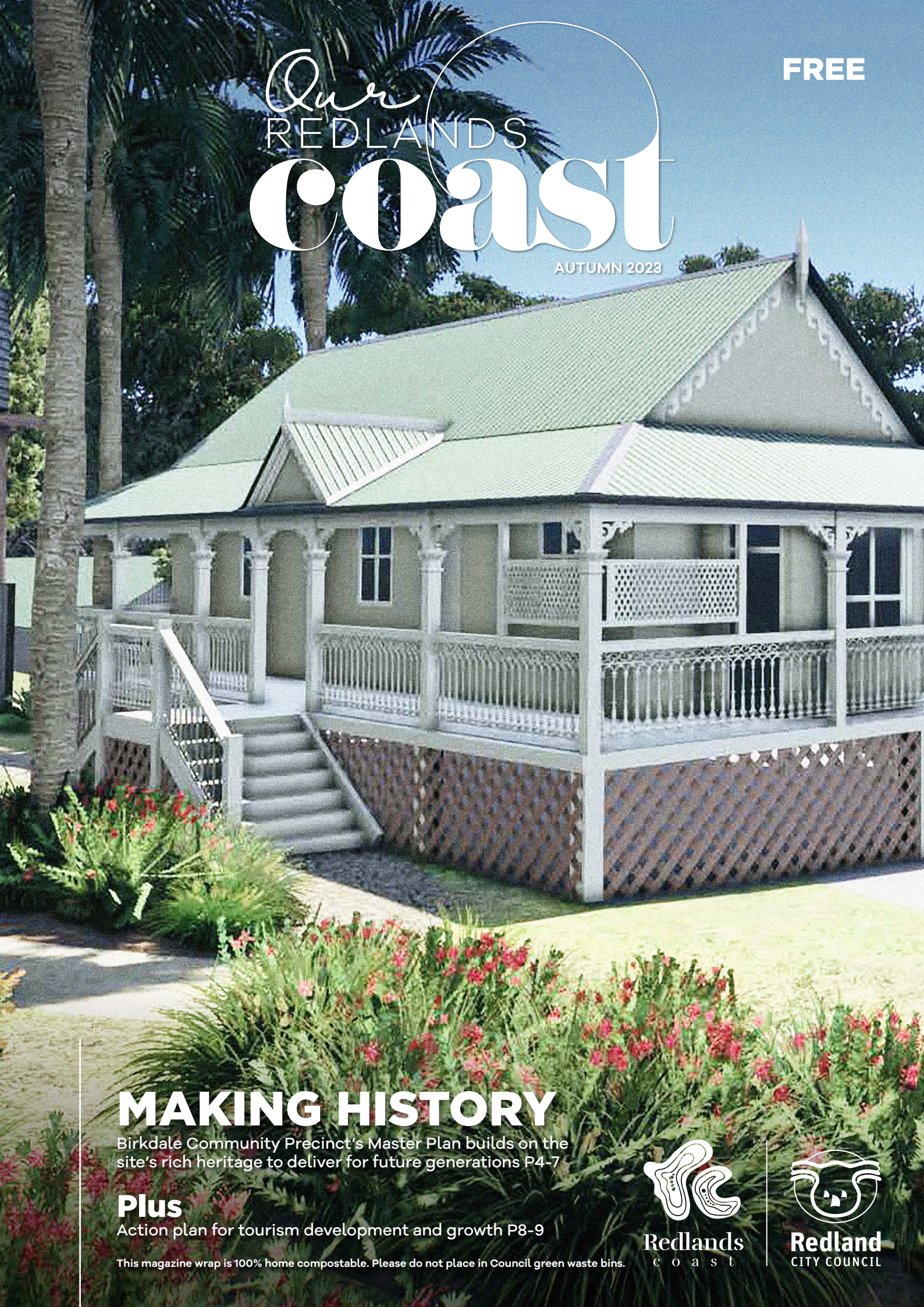


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## Message from the Mayor



Redland City Council is committed to high-quality planning and delivery of open spaces that support liveability, connectivity and community wellbeing.

Creating spaces and delivering infrastructure that everyone benefits from reflects best practice in planning, design and management. Council is equally committed to sustainably growing the city's economy and to working together to support businesses across Redlands Coast. It recognises the key role businesses, small and large, play in developing and diversifying our local economy, while also increasing our economy's resilience. When our local businesses prosper, our economy prospers too and a lot of livelihoods are improved.

There is much to look forward to in the year ahead to help with that. We recently launched a five-year tourism plan to enhance visitor experiences and stimulate the economy ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Our local tourism industry has a significant role to play in the local economy and has partnered in developing this plan. The industry employs more than 2607 people, which equates to 5.4 per cent of the city's employment, generates more than 1.2 million visitors annually and contributes \$234 million to our economy.

We are progressing key community-shaping infrastructure that will see Redlands Coast become an even more popular and vibrant community.

Projects such as the planned Birkdale Community Precinct will not only showcase the liveability we enjoy here but will directly celebrate and enhance it. The project will define Redlands Coast. It is the largest, most exciting and most diverse community precinct ever to be delivered in our city. A place with a space for everyone, this precinct will provide rich experiences for our whole community.

It will also be the home of the Redland Whitewater Centre which will host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic canoe / slalom events. We know sport is important to our community and we are committed to ensuring Redlands Coast has sporting infrastructure that supports aspiring sports champions of all abilities.

The Redland Whitewater Centre will position Redlands Coast as a centre of innovation, delivering a legacy as a disaster resilience training centre, as well as a world-class training facility for paddle sports. Birkdale Community Precinct will encourage investment in complementary infrastructure such as the Cleveland rail line duplication and completion of the Eastern Busway to Capalaba.

It will have a positive impact on our quality of life, now and for generations to come.

So too will our planned Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project (pictured), which will incorporate an exciting civic plaza and reposition Capalaba as a primary employment, transit, and mixed-use development centre.

The rejuvenation of Weinam Creek will transform Redland Bay into a vibrant waterfront precinct with restaurants and cafes, a supermarket, new open spaces and a satellite hospital. This precinct will create more than 700 jobs and generate almost \$30 million for the local economy.

The \$1.5 million West Thornlands Active Pathway Link is part of Council's vision to provide more accessible pathway routes.

These catalytic projects will enrich our experiences on Redlands Coast and as more families call this beautiful place home, they are more important than ever before. We are working to ensure our Naturally Wonderful Redlands Coast continues to be the best place to work, live, and learn for generations to come.

Regards,

Mayor Karen Williams

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# Go with the flow

Birkdale Community Precinct (BCP) has been intrinsically designed to connect past, present and future.

Water is a defining element of the precinct. Whether it is the salt water of Tingalpa Creek or the pristine groundwater used for farming the land, the lifeblood that has maintained this land throughout centuries is water.

For at least the past 25,000 years, Indigenous people have interacted with the Birkdale land, establishing campsites beside Tingalpa Creek that were used when hunting or fishing in the area. The Quandamooka People of Minjerrabah (North Stradbroke Island) travelled by canoe across Moreton Bay, then upstream Tingalpa Creek to reach the Birkdale land. While they fished the creek from their canoes, there were also some unique methods used to catch the local yabbies.

James Willard, his wife Margaret, and his brother Edward, bought the land in the mid-1860s where BCP now sits for logging and later dairy farming.

Margaret Willard recalled to the Toms family who owned the property in the

1930s, that decades earlier she would watch Indigenous women crabbing and crawfishing in the creek near her homestead. "They sat on the bank and paddled their feet in the water and caught the crabs and craws with their toes, tossing them over their shoulders with their feet," Mrs Willard told the Toms.

The Willard family were drawn to the Birkdale land because of its logging potential but the discovery of a rich artesian water source would later make it ideal for small crops and dairy farming.

A large well and an elevated water tank at the Willards homestead were filled by water drawn from a natural water spring on site, drawn uphill thanks to a pump connected to a now long-gone windmill.

The water table also made the Birkdale land a preferred option when the US Army were scouting for a site for a radio receiving station that would connect into their network servicing the headquarters of US General Douglas MacArthur in Brisbane. The dampness of the land around where the World War II facility was built in 1943 was considered ideal as it assisted in absorbing

rather than deflecting the incoming radio signals.

With the recent release of the BCP Master Plan, which was adopted by Redland City Council on 15 March 2023, the importance of the land for water-based activities, now and for the future, is again being celebrated.

BCP will be home to Redlands Coast's first public swimming lagoon, which will be a centrepiece for the precinct with its surrounding sandy beaches, cafes, playground and open lawn spaces.

The Redland Whitewater Centre, which will be incorporated within the broader Redland Resilience Training Centre, will be positioned next to the lagoon. The whitewater centre will be a host venue during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games; while the state-of-the-art Redland Resilience Training Centre will provide training to people from around Queensland, nationally and internationally in swiftwater and flood rescue, including emergency boat operations, and submerged vehicle rescues.

A canoe and kayak launch pontoon will be an entry point for BCP and Tingalpa Creek.

# Historic haven to be faithfully renovated

Surprisingly larger than it looks from the road, the time-wearied Willards Homestead, along with its surrounding dairy farm outbuildings, represents a historic haven that will soon be returned to its former glory.

Many locals will have driven past this 1870s estate on Old Cleveland Road East at Birkdale and dismissed it as a small worker's cottage set low behind a ramshackle white picket fence and overgrown gardens.

But it is a much richer design that holds a lot of Redlands Coast's early history and is one of the few surviving examples of pioneer-era homesteads and farms in the area. It was built using bush carpentry techniques with timbers felled and hewn on the land behind it, including white beech, swamp beech, cedar and pine.

Willards Farm will undergo major restoration beginning this year as the first stage of activation for the 62-hectare Birkdale Community Precinct.

When the then-privately owned property was facing demolition in 2016 and the land being turned into a multi-lot housing estate, Council stepped in and bought it for \$1.45 million to protect it for future generations.

Council worked closely with a heritage architect and the Department of Environment and Science to ensure the heritage-listed property could be conserved and restored for the community and future generations to visit and enjoy.

It is likely the homestead, originally owned by James and Margaret Willard, was built in 1876. The exact date is uncertain, but it was likely James would have been keen to move his family as early as he could from the original bark hut they had built on the banks of Tingalpa Creek in about 1865.



Canoeing on Tingalpa Creek



Former World War II Radio Receiving Station



The water tank at Willards Farm

DIVE IN: Redlands Coast's first public swimming lagoon will be at Birkdale Community Precinct

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said Birkdale Community Precinct struck the perfect balance between the past and future and its theme of water made it appropriate as a place to showcase the rest of Redlands Coast.

"This Master Plan maps out a 20-year journey, so it has specifically been designed with our youth in mind, providing somewhere for kids to play, somewhere local bands will take to the stage and somewhere our youth can meet their friends," she said.

"Just as importantly, it also includes some exciting history that will be retained and celebrated, including the restoration of the 1870s Willards Farm, which is expected to begin later this year.

"It truly showcases what we hold dear as a city. Redlands Coast has approximately 335 kilometres of coastline that is the gateway to southern Moreton Bay, and a wonderful array of creeks and tributaries. We are based on the water, and we are of the water, and BCP reflects this."

The scope of the seven hubs detailed in the BCP Master Plan shows this connection clearly.

The centuries-long history of Traditional Owners' interaction with the Birkdale site will be told and celebrated at the Cultural Hub, while the Willards Farm (Food) Hub will include the fully restored, pioneer-era Willards dairy farm compound.

History will also feature at the Communications Hub that will showcase the heritage-listed former World War II Radio Receiving Station.

The Cultural Hub will offer information on the precinct's here-and-now activities that are happening at the Entertainment Hub and the Recreation, Resilience and Adventure Sports Hub, and also across the broader Redlands Coast. Looking to the future will be the specific task of the Innovation Hub, with a focus on agricultural technology and food production.

The Conservation Hub not only envelopes the entire site, but by its makeup covers the past, present and future, and completes the loop of the precinct's overall design.



IMAGINE IT RESTORED: The pioneer-era Willards Homestead at Birkdale

# Precinct packed with activities and opportunities

Birkdale Community Precinct (BCP) will be a place where local families, community groups and visitors to Redlands Coast can gather and share good times.

It will offer a unique lifestyle experience based around the environment, wellbeing and culture.

Nestled on former farmland beside the curves of Tingalpa Creek, it will be somewhere to have fun and relax; to enjoy active and passive recreation; and it will be a place that celebrates our history while delivering for the future.

Among the many assets at BCP, the site will feature Redlands Coast's first public swimming lagoon, outdoor concert and performance areas, open green parklands, some 2.8km of walking tracks through nearly 40 hectares of protected bushland, tree-top walk and zipline, a 2km running loop track, bush tucker gardens, adventure play area, restaurants, cafes, and a canoe launch area for accessing Tingalpa Creek.

Adjacent to the lagoon will be the Redland Whitewater Centre, which will be incorporated within the broader Redland Resilience Training Centre. The whitewater centre will be capable of hosting international, national and state events before, during and long after the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games when it will be a host venue for canoe slalom competition.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams describes the entire precinct as a "gathering place" that celebrates the heritage and stories on which Redland City was built.

"Birkdale Community Precinct has long held a special role in our city's history," she said.

"Traditional Owners have lived, traded and camped on and around this part of the creek for tens of thousands of years and it is an area where they have strong, intrinsic spiritual, social and cultural heritage connections.

"While at BCP, you will be able to learn about this First Nations history and even, quite literally, get a taste of it thanks to the bush tucker gardens in the main plaza area."

Visitors to BCP also will be able to experience what life was like for the city's European pioneers with the fully restored, heritage-listed Willards Farm and dairy outbuildings that represent one of the region's oldest surviving homesteads and farms. This part of the precinct will be known as the Willards Farm (Food) Hub and will feature a restaurant, cooking school, café and outdoor food markets that celebrate Redlands Coast's remarkable produce heritage and reputation as a destination for foodies.

Communication technology of the 1940s will be featured at the fully restored, heritage-listed World War II Radio Receiving Station that was built by the US Army. Within this hub will be a memorial space and contemplation gardens that commemorate the US alliance with Australia, and Redlands Coast's contribution to wartime and peacekeeping efforts.

Delivery of the precinct has been split into two time periods – pre-2032 and post-2032 – as detailed in the BCP Master Plan, which shows how it will mature over its 20-year horizon as it becomes an intergenerational showcase of all that is great about Redlands Coast and its people.

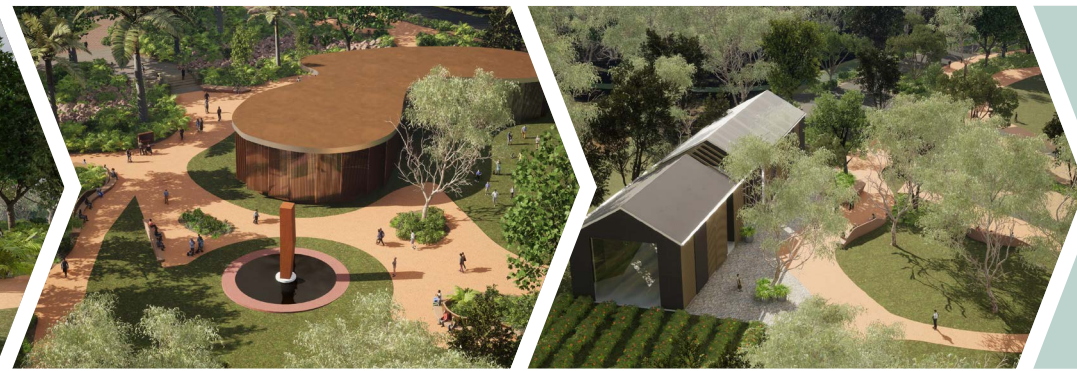


## Making a day of it

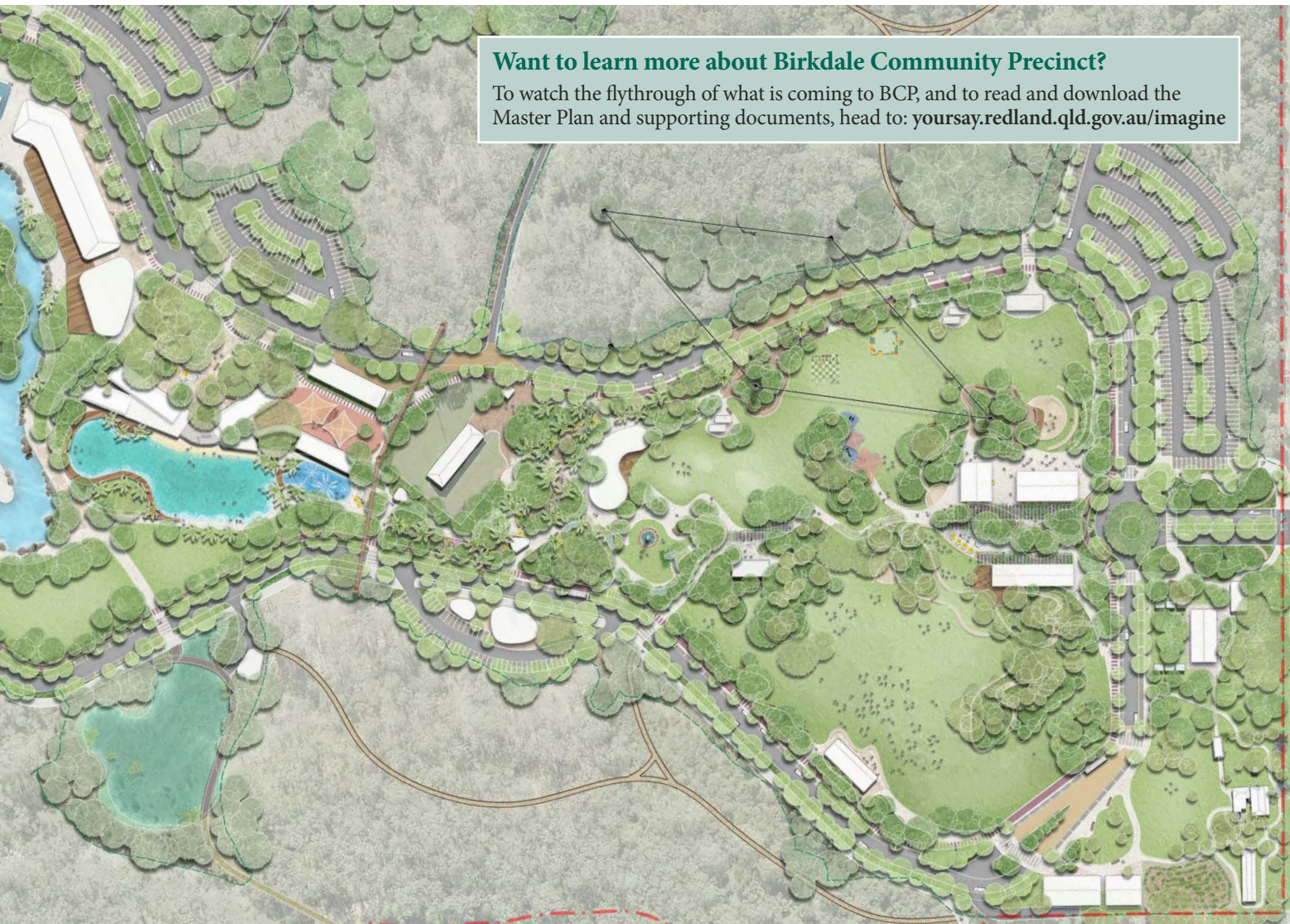
A day spent at Birkdale Community Precinct could be an action-packed burst of adventure or a relaxing way of reconnecting with nature. The choice, and the mix, will be yours.

The site will be filled with unique experiences, uses and activities. Some areas will be all about adventure, adrenalin and activity, while other areas will offer a place for reflection, relaxation and re-energising.





**A SPACE FOR EVERYONE:**  
 Clockwise from far left: The Communications Hub will feature the fully restored former World War II Radio Receiving Station; the memorial area, contemplation gardens and gallery building; the Innovation Hub will feature an exhibition building; the post-2032 concept plan from the BCP Master Plan; the Willards Green food stall area; and the swimming lagoon and cafe.



### Want to learn more about Birkdale Community Precinct?

To watch the flythrough of what is coming to BCP, and to read and download the Master Plan and supporting documents, head to: [yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/imagine](https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/imagine)

Whether you just go for a half-hour drop-in, an afternoon visit, or a dawn-to-dusk day of it, BCP is a place with a space for everyone.

#### Here's how a day-out at BCP could look:

- Arrive early, stretch and greet the day with free yoga in the park
- Join a morning bushcare group and get your hands dirty, or take a stroll down to the creek bank and do some birdwatching
- Head to a picnic shelter and cook up your own barbecue breakfast, or relax at a cafe
- Meet your friends at the main plaza and plan the rest of your precinct visit
- Book your tickets for shows or exhibits
- Delve into the area's Indigenous culture and tour the bush tucker gardens
- Stroll the grounds of Willards Farm
- Sample gourmet food at the Willards Green food stalls throughout the day
- Get moving! Hire a kayak, bicycle or scooter; jog the 2km loop track; or go rafting at the whitewater centre
- Grab lunch, kick off your shoes and enjoy a rest break on the surrounding lawns
- Head to the Wildlife and Landcare Centre and join a guided wilderness walk
- Visit the museum and the World War II US Army Radio Receiving Station
- Pay your respects at a memorial to those who served in times of conflict
- Spend the afternoon lazing in the lagoon and watching your kids play water games
- Dine in style at the restaurant
- Join the crowd at the outdoor entertainment arena and cheer as your favourite band takes the stage
- As you leave the precinct, watch as feature lighting showcases the heritage buildings at night

Tourism is everyone's business and ...

# We've got a ticket to thrive



Supporting First Nations stories and culture, piloting a visitor 'care for country' pledge, enhancing heritage trails and activating villages are all part of a new Redland City Council tourism plan.

*The Redlands Coast Destination Management Plan 2023–2028* will be our ticket to tourism development and growth, maximising our opportunity to benefit from the global spotlight that will shine on the region for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Redlands Coast has the opportunity to position itself as Brisbane region's nature-based and adventure destination and gateway to Moreton Bay and islands.

We already have the strongest annual growth rate of international visitors of any local government area in the Brisbane region.

The destination management plan is the product of what our tourism industry operators and other key stakeholders have told Council they need.

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It is a strategic vision built on the principles that tourism is everyone's business, that visitors travel for enriching experiences, that the region needs to be brought to life through storytelling and precinct activation, that travel around the region should be seamless and convenient, and that sustainability and community values need to sit at the heart of the region's brand.

The plan includes 27 actions across five key areas of destination marketing, product development and experience delivery, visitor services and business readiness, enabling infrastructure and destination stewardship.

Actions include:

- Guiding the development of 'hero' tourism experiences across the city
- Working with Quandamooka Traditional Owners, tourism operators and businesses to pilot a 'care for country' pledge for visitors to Redlands Coast
- Enhancing eco-adventure tourism trails, including our tracks and trails networks
- Enhancing heritage trails networks in conjunction with local historic societies, museum and community organisations
- Enhancing wildlife and marine life experiences including through advocating for high-quality, nature-based tourism experiences through partnerships and private-sector investment opportunities that can offer visitors eco-tourism and educational encounters
- Advocating for seamless ticketing systems and improved connectivity across public transport networks including ferries, buses and trains to support the visitor experience across the mainland and islands

- Activating key centres across the city with events and initiatives
- Continuing to roll-out across the city wayfinding signage that includes Quandamooka Jandai language where possible.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said the plan identified opportunities to attract domestic and international visitation, increase visitor expenditure and length of stay, deliver new and sustainable experiences, support workforce development and employment, and to set a new target for tourism to account for four per cent of Redlands Coast's Gross Regional Product by 2041.

“Ours is a community of world-class natural and cultural treasures, wonderful gems and adventures, all of which contribute to a thriving visitor economy,” Cr Williams said.

“It is a place to immerse yourself in the oldest living culture in the world, explore the world's second largest sand island (Minjerribah/North Stradbroke Island), enjoy the sparkling waters of southern Moreton Bay and its diverse islands, world-class beaches and surfing, and vibrant hinterland and coastal villages.

“This plan seeks to bring the visitor economy to life in the wake of COVID-19, allowing us to reimagine our tourism future and meet the economic, social, cultural and environmental needs of our residents.

“We are working towards Redlands Coast being a 'must-visit' destination brimming with experiences worthy of anyone's bucket list and surpassing the \$234 million already injected into our local economy each year from the 1.2 million-plus annual visitors to the place we call home ... our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast.”



# Five dog-friendly adventures on Redlands Coast

With more than 335km of inspiring coastline and 400km of scenic tracks and trails, there is no better place to spend a weekend outdoors than here on Redlands Coast – and it's even better when you can bring your dog with you. Here is a list of great local beaches and bushwalking tracks for you and your four-legged friend.

## 1 Home Beach, North Stradbroke Island / Minjerribah

*Find it at: In front of Point Lookout Hotel, between Rocky Point and the Rocky headland at Point Lookout / Mulumba. Open 24 hours a day.*

If you are seeking a day-trip adventure with your furry friend, look no further than North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah). While there are many beaches on Straddie, not all of them allow dogs in the sand and sea – the island is

brimming with local wildlife species, after all. Fortunately, Home Beach is one where your best mate can enjoy some fun in the sun. This pristine sandy beach is open to everyone with plenty of beach access for your pup to run free along the sand.

Dogs can travel with you on both the passenger water taxi and vehicle ferry, and there are several pet-friendly accommodation options on Minjerribah.

## 2 Redlands Track Park, Cleveland / Alexandra Hills

*Find it at: Clarke Street, Cleveland or Macdonald Road, Alexandra Hills. Open from 4am to 10pm daily.*

A hidden gem in the heart of Redlands Coast, this outdoor recreational reserve boasts 32km of tracks and trails. With 50 unique trails to explore, you will be spoilt for choice with plenty of opportunities for wallaby and kangaroo spotting – just make sure that your dog stays on leash the whole time. So pack your bags (and some insect repellent) and get ready to explore the Redlands Coast bushland at its finest.

## 3 Raby Bay Dog Beach

*Find it at: Raby Bay Foreshore Park, Masthead Drive, Cleveland*

Just around the corner from Redlands Track Park lies the beautiful, calm blue waters of Raby Bay Foreshore – the perfect place for a post-park cool down!

This fantastic off-leash dog beach is the third beach along the foreshore and is a great place for dogs of all sizes. With shallow and calm waters for your dog to splash around in, a playground, barbecue facilities and cafes only a short distance away, Raby Bay Dog Beach is the perfect place to spend a day with the whole family.

## 4 Bayview Conservation Area, Redland Bay

*Find it at: 487-503 German Church Road, Redland Bay. Access is also available via Days Road, Native Dog Road and Kidd Street. Open from 4am to 10pm daily.*

Bayview Conservation Area is the largest conservation area in Redlands Coast, with a network of shared tracks and trails that spans almost 60km. A paradise for bushwalkers, mountain bikers and nature lovers, you and your canine friend will love winding your way along the tranquil forest trails and exploring the great outdoors.



## 5 Don and Christine Burnett Conservation Area, Sheldon

*Find it at: Avalon Road and Ford Road, Sheldon. Open from 4am to 10pm daily.*

Named after long-time supporters of Redlands Coast's environment, the Don and Christine Burnett Conservation area is a bushland reserve located in Sheldon and is part of the Koala Bushland Coordinated Conservation Area.

With more than 6km of winding tracks – and even a few fun creeks to cross – this peaceful reserve is a fantastic place to explore with your furry friend.

Popular with bush walkers, mountain bikers and bird watchers, the area contains a trail-hut with a map and water troughs for your dog.

# Dîner goes pink to HALT spread of domestic violence

This year's Dîner en Rouge fundraiser honours its partnership with Small Steps 4 Hannah

The eighth annual Dîner en Rouge, which raises funds to support local domestic and family violence support services, will be held on Saturday 27 May 2023 to coincide with Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month.

This year's partnership with the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation will support a new domestic violence awareness and education program in local schools.

The Redlands Coast says HALT program will educate high school students about respectful relationships and foster positive behavioural change. Local schools will be the first in Queensland to experience the program.

Small Steps 4 Hannah was established in memory of Hannah Clarke and her children, Aaliyah, Laianah and Trey, who died in February 2020, the victims of domestic violence.

By supporting the work of the foundation, which was established by Hannah's family, our community can work together to HALT (Hannah, Aaliyah, Laianah, Trey) the spread of domestic and family violence into the next generation.

Hannah's parents Sue and Lloyd Clarke (pictured) are dedicated to educating Australia on the dangers of coercive control and domestic violence.



Through Small Steps 4 Hannah, Sue and Lloyd empower victims to speak up, guide family members to be aware of those who may be in an unsafe environment, and create safe environments for those who need them most.

Domestic violence statistics can be confronting. On average, one person is killed by a current or former partner each week in Australia. Closer to home, Redland City accounts for around four per cent of all domestic and family violence protection orders applied for across Queensland – that's more than 600 a year and about 12 each week.

However, there are some amazing organisations on Redlands Coast that are delivering assistance when and where it is needed most, including The Centre for

Women & Co, Redland Community Centre, and Maybanke Accommodation and Crisis Support Service.

Funds raised through previous Dîner en Rouge events have facilitated a range of projects, such as furnishing houses for families requiring safe accommodation, constructing a playground for children in an emergency shelter, and funding programs for community support services for women and children in emergency situations.

Council is proud to again be working with Zonta clubs, Soroptimist International, Rotary Club of Cleveland, Redland Foundation and local domestic and family violence service advocates on this year's Dîner en Rouge – Goes Pink event.

This year's event will return to a dinner format, following two years as a live stage show. It will be held at Sheldon Event Centre and will include dinner, live entertainment, guest speakers, a silent auction and raffles.

This year's theme will be pink (rather than the traditional red and white) in honour of the partnership with the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation.

Tickets are \$175 each or \$1700 for a table of 10 (including GST). For more information, including how to buy tickets, visit [redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge](https://redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge)

## Generous community making a real difference

Funds raised at Dîner en Rouge this year, will go to supporting a local education program to stem domestic and family violence in the next generation.

Council is working with the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation on the Redlands Coast says HALT program in local schools.

Adding to funds raised by Dîner en Rouge, the community helped contribute more than \$23,000 at last year's Redland City Council Christmas on the Coast.

Funding from this event traditionally goes to domestic and family violence support and awareness services. Thanks to the generosity of the community, including the 12,000-plus attendees in 2022, this event alone has raised more than \$50,000 over the past three years.

When you add the proceeds of Dîner en Rouge, local philanthropists, the generosity of the Redland City Choir and the Rotary Club of Cleveland, the

total raised for local domestic and family violence services now exceeds \$440,000. This has helped support local organisations such as Maybanke, Redland Community Centre, and The Centre for Women & Co.



The decision to roll out this new local education program across Redlands Coast with the Small Steps 4 Hannah Foundation continues Council's commitment to supporting those impacted by domestic and family violence.



SHARING: Matt Burns and Renata Jayne, below, will be helping to educate children through dance and song.

# Talking about our generations

Talented duo lend their voices to teach children about reconciliation and Indigenous culture

Two important calendar events this year are National Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week, both of which bring intergenerational significance and celebration.

As happens annually, a variety of events will be held across Redlands Coast for both weeks, but there are two little ones for little ones that are worth singling out as fantastic ways to introduce and encourage young children to be part of the reconciliation process.

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023 (27 May to 3 June) is “Be a Voice for Generations” and encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in their everyday lives.

Quandamooka man Matt Burns will be sharing his voice with Redlands Coast’s youngest generation at an event at Cleveland Library on Tuesday 30 May (9.30am-10am) as part of reconciliation

week celebrations. Bookings will be taken from 22 May.

He will be teaching children (aged 3 to 5) about the history behind some of the traditional dances of the Quandamooka People, and then dancing together with the children to the sounds of the didgeridoo.

Quandamooka People are the Traditional Owners of Minjerribah, North Stradbroke Island and Matt has been dancing and sharing traditional Quandamooka stories and knowledge for more than 20 years.

NAIDOC Week is held annually from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday and falls this year from 2-9 July. The acronym NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.

A fun little precursor for youngsters is Renata Jayne’s NAIDOC Show which will be held at the Cleveland Library the week before on Tuesday 27 June from 9.30-



10.15am. Bookings will be taken from 27 May.

Renata has worked with children since the early 1990s in Australia and internationally. During that time she has written 22 shows for children and her NAIDOC show specifically aims to help children learn about caring for country.

Her show explains the history of First Nations people and touches on language, dance and face painting.

For more information about both of these events and many more at Redland City Council Libraries, go to [redland.qld.gov.au/LibraryWhatsOn](http://redland.qld.gov.au/LibraryWhatsOn) and book your place.

They are the major projects that will take us into the future. They are the ...

# City shapers



STYLISH: An artist's impression of a section of the Weinam Creek redevelopment

## From Birkdale Community Precinct and the Capalaba revitalisation, to the Weinam Creek redevelopment project, a raft of exciting initiatives are rolling out across Redlands Coast

Close to \$2 billion worth of infrastructure projects intended to support business, attract trade and investment, open up tourism opportunities and build community spirit, give good reason to be excited about Redlands Coast's future.

These key projects will help the city grow and evolve as a vibrant city of villages and islands that will further inspire many more people to live and visit here.

The \$300 million **Birkdale Community Precinct** is a standout among these landmark projects. It is the largest and most exciting project in our city's history and will

deliver a lasting legacy for generations of Redlands Coast residents. The precinct plan is built on seven hubs with the following themes: Cultural, Innovation, Willards Farm (Food), Communications, Entertainment, Recreation, Resilience and Adventure Sports, and Conservation. A centrepiece will be the Redland Whitewater Centre, which will be a host venue during the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The vision to revitalise the **Capalaba Town Centre** is a \$250 million project that will create a day/night economy with its diversity. The project aims to deliver a world class, active, urban heart for Capalaba.

Almost \$30 million is expected to be injected into the local economy and 700 jobs created by Council's **Weinam Creek Redevelopment Project**. The next stage of the project is underway, with the northern end of Banana Street becoming a cul-de-sac. Hamilton Street is being extended to generate a new loop road for better public access to the Redland Bay Marina.

**Beth Boyd Park**, with its absolute water frontage, is a special part of the Thorneside Foreshore Precinct. Major upgrades will ensure the affection generations of locals and visitors have for the park continues.

# This is where the future takes shape

Redlands Coast has historically been a high-liveability region. Here are some of Council's major investments that will continue to foster the unique lifestyle we all love:

## 1 Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation

This \$250 million project will revitalise the town centre to be the commercial, entertainment, cultural and civic heart of Capalaba. Currently moving into the detailed design stage, it includes a civic plaza, new library, customer service centre, arts centre, community facilities and will feature improved transport access.

## 2 Beth Boyd Park Thorneside

The popular coastal park has undergone a major upgrade. It includes a new maritime-themed children's play space. The park upgrade includes the addition of a multi-purpose sports half court and hill slides.

## 3 Birkdale Community Precinct

This 62-hectare intergenerational precinct is the largest, most diverse community project ever delivered by Council for Redlands Coast. Described as a city-shaping project, it will be delivered over a 20-year horizon. The first stage will see work begin this year on bringing the historic Willards Farm back to life, and initial site works.

## 4 Wellington Street/Panorama Drive Thornlands

Stage 1 of this important infrastructure project is turning two lanes into four from Boundary Road to South Street in Thornlands, with cycling and pedestrian pathways as well. The duplication is expected to decrease congestion, improve journey to work times, and improve safety for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians. Stage 1 is underway and expected to be completed in 2024.

## 7 Weinam Creek Priority Development Area (PDA)

The rejuvenation of the Weinam Creek area is forecast to create more than 700 jobs and generate almost \$30 million for the local economy. Currently underway, the \$180 million project, when complete, will deliver much-needed transport upgrades, community services and local jobs, transforming Redland Bay into a vibrant waterfront precinct with restaurants, cafes, a supermarket, more parking, new walkways and more open space.

## 9 Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk

Work on Stage 2 of the spectacular Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk is nearing completion. This final stage, which commenced in October last year, will see the walkway extended from Frenchman's Stairs to Point Lookout Village. Frenchman's Stairs will be fully restored and picnic areas revamped for locals and visitors. The fabulous new walk will provide better access for those looking to experience the magic of this stunning coastal area while also improving environmental and cultural heritage protections. Works are expected to be completed mid this year.

## 8 Southern Moreton Bay Islands Ferry Terminals Upgrade

The \$48.6 million joint SMBI Ferry Terminals Upgrade project is one of the biggest infrastructure investments in the SMBI communities and is close to completion. The new ferry terminal at Russell Island swung into action in February, while the new terminals at Macleay, Lamb, and Karragarra islands are fast taking shape as fit-outs and float-outs continue. This project will provide improved access and protection from the elements. Ferry customers will benefit from increased seating, drinking fountains, more waiting areas with better weather protection, improved security and lighting, and wider jetties and gangways for improved accessibility. Overall works are planned for completion mid this year.

## 5 West Thornlands Pathway Link

The \$1.16 million West Thornlands Active Pathway Link will see exercise enthusiasts across Redlands Coast be better connected and able to enjoy picturesque bushland. The project involves constructing a 1.3km shared pathway from Congreve Crescent, north of Kinross Estate, to the eastern outskirts of the Weippin Street Conservation Area and continuing along South Street towards Wellington Street.

## 6 Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct

Supporting our growing city, Stage 1 of this intergenerational project on the 159-hectare Heinemann Road site at Mount Cotton will see a

fabulous regional level play space, pump tracks, a learn-to-ride facility, and a new home and facilities for Redlands BMX Club and Redlands Cycling and Multisport Club. The project is expected to bring health, wellbeing and economic benefits for Redlands Coast and the wider south-east Queensland region.



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**MOVIES IN THE PARK:** Events like this create a great sense of community

**Safety in sharp focus**

Council often receives requests for installation of CCTV in areas across the city, mostly because of transient issues or damage to public infrastructure such as our parks and their amenities.

The difficulty is that CCTV is not right for all locations and situations and comes at a cost to ratepayers. Council has sought to provide a response to transient issues that is more responsive and cost and time effective than permanent security cameras. As a result, temporary security cameras are being deployed at hotspot locations.

William Stewart Park at Thornlands recently housed the cameras due to ongoing vandalism to public toilet facilities and the playgroup equipment, especially the shade sail.

My fellow councillors and I agree that the safety and wellbeing of our Redlands Coast community is paramount and I believe the roaming security camera program will be a valuable part of that.

# OPEN SPACE ACTIVATION BRINGS US TOGETHER

Council's investment in parks and public open spaces was on show with a recent movies in the park event.

The investment into Division 3 parks and public open spaces was developed with community in mind, creating family-focused liveability aspects across the division. Parks and public open spaces create an environment of belonging to a much broader community, bringing people together, improving community health, and benefits such as social inclusion.

I had the pleasure of seeing these results firsthand by working with local volunteers from the Community Connections group, hosting an event called Movies in the Park. Held at Thornlands Community Park on Waterline Boulevard, families were able to throw out the picnic blanket, let the kids

play and relax under the stars ready for the big screen event. COVID has resulted in many Redlands Coast residents feeling isolated, and by engaging with Community Connections I was able to facilitate a COVID-safe movie in the park event, providing an opportunity for families to come out of their homes and feel connected again. There was an added benefit to this event. Community Connections receives sponsorship with support from Council's events team and in-kind sponsorship from local business, with all proceeds from local food stalls going to worthy charities.

In this case it was Bayview State School P&C committee. Hosting this event, I could see the value to the community, providing a great sense of fun and family. It is community spirit at its best.

**Anzac spirit alive and well**

The Australian Army Cadets is a national youth development program developed for young people aged 13 to 18.

Adopting the Army's values of service, courage, respect, integrity and excellence, cadets participate in activities such as the customs and traditions of the Army, drill, fieldcraft, survival, robotics, engineering, camouflage, drone technology, and building the team dynamic.

Located at Alexandra Hills State High School, the Redlands has its own Army cadet unit, where

cadets participate in military-style activities, developing their abilities and leading their peers in those activities. Council is proud to have supported the local cadets with grants funding.

The Army cadets is a fantastic local youth program and adults can volunteer.

If you would like to volunteer in developing future community leaders, enabling our youth to become capable, confident, and resilient young adults, or you have a teen looking for adventure, please contact me via the details listed above.





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*EMERALD FRINGE: Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc has been granted \$5000 by Redland City Council to support work on its Environmental Hub. Image courtesy of Dr Mark Pillsworth*

# SUPPORT TO PROTECT COOCHIE

Coochiemudlo Island is the hidden gem of Redlands Coast.

This beautiful piece of paradise has the closest sandy bush beaches to Brisbane and is just a 10-minute boat ride from Victoria Point. The island's 'Emerald Fringe', a natural green zone that encircles the island, is rich in diverse birdlife and its Indigenous past. Something that sets Coochiemudlo Island apart is the fact the entire foreshore is public land reserved for recreation and conservation.

Protecting it is the passion of the local volunteers who make up Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare. Working as part of the national network of Coastcare organisations around Australia, they help with issues such as shoreline erosion, plastic pollution and turtle death, loss of native flora and fauna, rehabilitation of degraded areas, storm-

water pollution and protection of sensitive habitats. You'll find them picking up litter around the foreshore, replanting beach spinifex and re-profiling dunes, restoring native habitat, monitoring wildlife and removing invasive weeds. They actively work with Redland City Council and other levels of government, Traditional Owners and other agencies to protect and enhance their island home.

I am delighted that Council granted Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare Inc \$5000 from our 2022/23 Capital Infrastructure Community Grants program to assist with site development and stage one construction of its Environmental Hub. The Hub will provide storage for work equipment including two trailers, as well as a community space for meeting, training and sharing of environmental knowledge. The Environmental Hub will be a wonderful

addition to Coochiemudlo Island and will support the important work of Coastcare. The grant coincided with Coochiemudlo Island Coastcare's 10th birthday celebrations, which also marked the anniversary and recovery from a devastating storm surge caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald in 2013.

**New waste centre hours**

Redland City Council has extended the opening hours for Coochiemudlo Island Recycling and Waste Centre, opening an extra six hours a week.

The new hours are from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The centre is closed Tuesdays and Thursdays. The recycling and waste centre, at 47-49 Elizabeth Street, is closed on Good Friday and Christmas Day.

**Victoria Point schools pitch in to protect our environment**

Council puts much effort into programs that help protect our precious environment.

One such program is the environmental education program Council sponsors with Tangalooma EcoMarines, a not-for-profit organisation delivering programs to schools that educate students on a variety of environmental messages empowering them to become conservation leaders in their community. EcoMarines offers mentoring to student ambassadors, who lead environmental activities or challenges within their school and local community

to raise awareness and advocate for the protection of the environment.

It is wonderful to see St Rita's Primary School and Victoria Point state primary and high schools are part of the 2023 program. The schools are among six new Redlands Coast schools signed up to participate in the environmental program. I'm proud Council is helping to increase awareness on the importance of waste reduction, improved recycling behaviour, and inspiring young people to care for our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast.



*Victoria Point State School students Shayla, Rachael and Piper are involved in the program*



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*Russell Island has a new ferry terminal*

# BOATLOADS OF SUCCESS WITH NEW RUSSELL ISLAND TERMINAL

The completion of the new Russell Island ferry terminal is an exciting addition to island infrastructure.

It was something islanders had been looking forward to with great anticipation.

The project is part of the \$48.6 million Southern Moreton Bay Islands Ferry Terminals Upgrade project that is a partnership between Council and the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

This is one of the largest – and possibly the most important – marine infrastructure projects we have seen for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, delivering the much-needed ferry terminal upgrades the community has been calling for.

Council has contributed \$17.1 million and the Queensland Government \$31.5 million.

The project delivers new ferry terminals at Russell, Macleay, Lamb, and Karragarra islands in consultation with island communities, Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, SeaLink, and other key stakeholders.

Ferry customers benefit from increased seating, drinking fountains, more waiting areas with better weather protection, and improved security with lighting and 24-hour video recording.

Islanders will finally have modern ferry terminal facilities that are built for purpose and will serve them for years to come.

The Russell Island terminal became operational in February and ongoing nearby work includes Redland City Council's \$2 million carpark upgrade. The carpark work includes additional parking spaces and significant improvements in traffic flow, safety and amenity. Work is scheduled for completion in mid-2023.

The carpark upgrade will include reconfiguring traffic flow, installing a dedicated bus zone and drop-off zone, bike rack, additional accessible parking bays, improved pedestrian footpaths and line marking, new lighting, landscaping works and provision for future electric vehicle charging stations.

## Weinam Creek work starts

Early works in the transformation of Redland Bay into a vibrant waterfront precinct are well underway and signal a busy year ahead for Council's Weinam Creek redevelopment. The Hamilton Street extension is the first step towards providing vital road infrastructure improvements to the area. The northern end of Banana Street will become a cul-de-sac. The extension of Hamilton Street will generate a new loop road for better public access to the marina ferry terminal. Rejuvenated parks, new pedestrian and cycle pathways and more open space will make this area a popular destination.



*Exciting revitalisation ahead for Weinam Creek*





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*SHINING LIGHT: First class sporting and recreational facilities will be provided at Heinemann Road*

# MORE THAN JUST A SPORTS DESTINATION

Redland City Council knows residents love their sport, which is why we continue to plan for adequate and suitable sport and recreation land to ensure an active and healthy community now and into the future.

The Redlands Coast Regional Sport and Recreation Precinct at Heinemann Road, Mount Cotton is a shining example of that.

It will be a magnificent intergenerational addition to Redlands Coast for many reasons.

While the precinct will provide sporting facilities across 47 hectares for BMX and cycling, and in the next stage for touch football and rugby league, equally as important is the fact that it will further support the wider community with an all-abilities playground, kickabout space, pump track, rehabilitated wetlands,

boardwalks, picnic areas and trails through conservation areas.

Other sports across Redlands Coast may also benefit, with room to grow made possible when primary tenants shift to the Heinemann Road precinct.

Council has high environmental stewardship credentials and, as part of our commitment to protecting the precinct's natural beauty, we referred the project under the Australian Government's EPBC Act. We will work with the Federal Government to ensure a positive outcome from the EPBC process.

All of this translates into liveability on Redlands Coast. The better our facilities, the more it makes our city an attractive place to raise a family, live, work and enjoy an unbeatable lifestyle. It makes Redlands Coast a first choice destination for tourists and visitors from far and wide.

## More room for dogs to run

Work on extending the dog off leash area (DOLA) at Mount Cotton Community Park is set to start in May, with the four-week project providing even more room for exercising our four-legged friends.

Residents told us they wanted more room for their dogs to run, so I am pleased to see this project coming to fruition.

The extension will increase the entire DOLA, with the new space designated for smaller dogs. Please be a responsible dog owner by engaging with your dog while they play and staying nearby to help avoid any doggy disagreements.

In the new area, a seat, plantings and tap with dog bowl will help ensure a pleasant visit for dog and owner, with a new pathway connecting the DOLA to other parts of the park.

Last year, this popular community park also benefited from a new shade sail in the play area to help keep families sun safe as they enjoy this fabulous space.

## Helping hand for community groups

Redland City Council grants will continue to play an important role in giving Redlands Coast community groups a helping hand in 2023.

There are a number of funding programs available that provide sponsorships and grants for initiatives across events, economic development, cultural heritage, creative arts, environment and conservation, and sport and recreation.

Community Grants support a wide variety of projects and initiatives that strengthen our communities and ensure local organisations can carry out key events and much-needed infrastructure improvements.

I was delighted to learn Mount Cotton Scout Group received a grant through Round 1 of Council's 2022-23 Community Grants and Sponsorship program. This

grant enabled the group to carry out toilet upgrades and replace the rusted-out guttering of its scout hall.

I encourage all community organisations to visit Council's website to find out more about our grants programs and how they can help your group.

Full details: [redland.qld.gov.au/grants](http://redland.qld.gov.au/grants)



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*THUMBS UP: Big thanks to Oaklands Street Community Garden volunteers*

# SOWING SEEDS OF SUCCESS

There have been several new initiatives in Division 7 that reflect the importance of sustainable gardening and farming.

Visitors to Oaklands Street Community Garden will see 18 new garden beds that have made all-abilities access easier.

They will be used to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers and provide an area for community members young and old, and of all abilities, to come together in a safe space to build friendships while learning about sustainable gardening techniques.

The garden beds are a result of funding received under Redland City Council's Community Grants program.

Since 2005, when the community garden was established, volunteers have been trying

to make the site an inspirational working model for community-led urban gardens and farms that promote the benefits of sustainability.

Built by people of all physical abilities, the garden beds provide a new all-abilities area comprising 18 garden beds filled with gravel and organic garden soil and compost.

By creating productive garden spaces, we may be able to contribute to a sustainable future and, in the process, add to the fabric and resilience of our Redlands Coast community.

I want to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the Oaklands Street Community Garden volunteers who

organise fundraising activities all year round to put towards garden improvements.

Educating community members on sustainable gardening and farming, connecting people with one another, and promoting the importance of wellbeing showcases how this group is dedicated to giving back to our community.

Oaklands Street Community Garden has also undertaken a composting trial with spent coffee grounds collected from a local business.

Not only does the initiative stop used coffee grounds from ending up in landfill, but spent coffee grounds are known to be a great alternative for fertiliser to grow fruit and vegetables.



*ON THE RUN: Our Scribbly Gums hi-vis heroes are absolute standouts*

## **Scribbly Gums parkrun fun**

What makes Division 7 so great is the four wonderful conservation areas in it.

One of those is Scribbly Gums, which holds a parkrun event every Saturday morning organised by a group of dedicated local volunteers – our hi-vis heroes!

As a regular participant, I can recommend it as a great way to get your weekend started. People have been coming from far and wide to join the event, which kicks off at 7am at the Flinders Street entrance.

You can either walk or run to be part of the fun.



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**NEW LIFE:** The Capalaba Town Centre revitalisation will deliver significant benefits

# CAPALABA EXCITEMENT BUILDS

There is no understating the significance of the Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project.

It will breathe new life into Capalaba and boost the local economy by repositioning the suburb as a primary employment, transit, and mixed-use development centre.

Plans to deliver this exciting community precinct are continuing to take shape.

An important development agreement has been signed with Redland Investment Corporation (RIC) and Shayher Group to revitalise the principal activity centre to be the commercial, entertainment, cultural and civic heart of Capalaba.

The development agreement will see delivery of a \$250 million project that incorporates fresh modern public spaces including community assets such as a new library, customer service centre, arts centre and community hall.

It will be complemented with a renewed public area that is activated and innovative, using best-practice architecture and sub-tropical design.

This project, which will accommodate employment uses supported by a diverse mix of dining, retail and entertainment uses to create a day/night economy, will also

deliver improved pedestrian and vehicular connectivity in the urban heart.

Capalaba is home to a growing number of families so it's important this project protects the local community feel of the area while also delivering much-needed activation.

The next stages of the Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project will include the detailed design and development applications this year.

The Draft Master Plan for the Capalaba Town Centre Revitalisation Project can be found on Council's website at [redland.qld.gov.au/CapalabaProject](http://redland.qld.gov.au/CapalabaProject)

## Full sized basketball court a roaring winner

Council's completion of a full sized basketball court at Bailey Road Park in Birkdale was a wonderful start to 2023.

I know the park has been put to good use since work was completed and I was tempted to drag one of my old basketballs out of retirement to shoot a few hoops myself.

Basketball on Redlands Coast is a very popular sport and I note the RedCity Roar Basketball Association goes from strength to strength with increasing participation numbers.

General Manager Peter Pollock (pictured right) said RedCity Roar was planning a 3x3 event at the new Bailey Road Park full

court. The event will be one of a series of tournaments held across the city and islands in a revamp of 3x3BytheBay.

Redlands Coast has so many amazing half court facilities in iconic council locations that are suitable for the 3x3 format of the game and Peter said the club was keen to use them to give junior players on waiting lists a chance to play with their mates.

The Roar basketball courts have bounced back to life and another jam-packed season is underway.

I'm looking forward to watching our local NBL1 men and women teams representing Redlands Coast in the coming national North Conference season.





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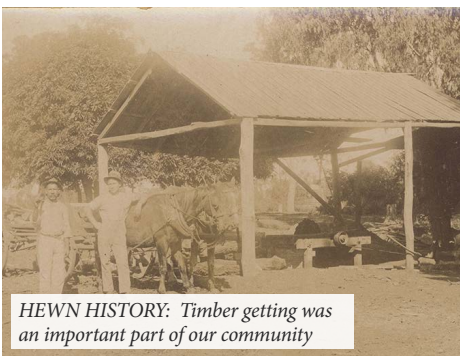
**FASCINATING FIND:** *This old logger's crossing is a step back in time*

# HISTORIC FIND IN TINGALPA CREEK UPPER REACHES

Hidden deep in dense bushland in the upper reaches of Tingalpa Creek lays a poignant historic reminder of the importance of the timber industry in the development of the Redland Shire.

Redland City Council biosecurity staff made an interesting discovery while out monitoring weeds in an area to the west of Avalon Road. They stumbled across the well-preserved remains of an old timber cutter's log crossing.

James Willard had been felling timber north and west of the Cleveland to Brisbane Road from the 1860s and by 1876 James Campbell had established his first sawmill on the banks of Wallaby Creek.



**HEWN HISTORY:** *Timber getting was an important part of our community*

Timber milled at Campbell's was generally hardwood and was taken by bullock wagon to the lower reaches of Tingalpa Creek where it was loaded into cutters for delivery.

Interestingly, some of the timber from Campbell's mill was used in the construction of the penal colony on St Helena Island.

Eprapah Creek was also used as a rafting ground to float logs to Cleveland, Wellington Point or Brisbane, until trucks took over.

There have been many sawmills in the Redlands area. One of the first buildings constructed at Cleveland Point was the Bigge & Co sawmill and jetty.

Timber getting was an important local industry for more than 100 years, and local families like the Pittendreighs, who owned 350 hectares of land in the area of the log crossing from the late 1930s, were still operating their sawmill into the 1950s.

The extent of the timber industry in the area can be seen with another local find, the timber loggers loading ramp located at Mount Cotton. The timber ramps were prevalent in areas of logging and are of technical and historical significance.

## **Proof is in the pudding**

If you purchased a Lions Christmas cake or one of their puddings from local volunteers last year then your support has directly helped our community.

Our local Capalaba volunteers were out in force in December and sold \$20,000 worth of the delicious cakes. The proceeds from this annual project are donated back into the community for great causes.

Council proudly supports the endeavours of Lions Clubs on Redlands Coast. The Capalaba Lions Club operations are managed through the Degen Road building on land supplied by Redland City Council.

## **Capalaba District Girl Guides**

Girl Guides has been an all-girl organisation for more than 100 years and lays claim to being one of the largest organisations for girls in the world, with 10 million members worldwide across many countries.

Capalaba District Girl Guides members tell me the biggest benefit is fun and friendship and participating in activities that others outside of guiding may not get to do.

Currently there are vacancies for all age groups from five years to adults. About 40 girls meet at Capalaba, and more girls and women are needed to join this valuable group. Adult volunteers are welcome and needed in various capacities to help with running their meetings, ground and building maintenance, or on the committee.

Council is proud to have supported the Capalaba District Girl Guides through grants funding.



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JOIN US: from 3-6pm on the last Sunday of each month at Mooroodu Sport and Recreation Clubhouse, Thorneside

# CELEBRATING PEOPLE AND PLACE

On the last Sunday afternoon of each month, Birkdale and Thorneside residents have been meeting at Mooroodu Sport and Recreation Clubhouse to celebrate 'living local', as we focus on 'what's strong', rather than 'what's wrong' in our community.

January was about reconnection and local values. In February, we began to map local clubs and groups. In March, we celebrated local places, spaces and stories from Birkdale and Thorneside.

Our April theme is 'Growing Local' with a focus on different ways people can grow food, swap crops, manage verge (or footpath) gardens and more, as we continue to build connections through 2023.

Local residents are invited to participate, share ideas and offer skills from 3pm-5:30pm on the last Sunday of the month. Please bring a plate of food to share.



**Community hall access being improved**

Works currently being carried out at the Birkdale School of Arts Hall will improve access for people with mobility issues to the downstairs meeting room.

The community hall (pictured) on Birkdale Road, Birkdale, is used by numerous local community groups and it is great to see the more than 100-year-old building gaining further upgrades to continue making it accessible by as many people as possible.

Built in the early 1920s by the community, the building has an unbroken connection with our community and has played a variety of roles over time.

During World War II, the Australian Women's Land Army set up camp in the grounds of the hall, while in the late 1940s it operated as a picture house on Saturday nights and has been used for theatre productions for many decades. It also has a strong connection to Birkdale State School and Birkdale Scouts and has hosted numerous balls, graduations, school events, fundraisers and Anzac Day ceremonies.

Work at the hall should be completed by the end of May, subject to weather.



**New play about Redlands Land Army women**

Theatre Redlands author Jan Nary has written a new Queensland Day play about the Australian Women's Land Army girls who were camped at our Birkdale School of Arts Hall 80 years ago, helping to transform the role of women in society during World War II. *The Other Diggers* will be performed at Redland Museum from 2-11 June and a special performance is being considered at Birkdale School of Arts Hall.

Bookings via [redlandmuseum.org.au/whats-on/events/](http://redlandmuseum.org.au/whats-on/events/)





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**GOOD JOB:** Supporting the new Hilliard's Creek Bushcare group

# WE ALL BENEFIT FROM OUR NATURAL ASSETS

There are 37 Bushcare groups throughout Redlands Coast consisting of 372 volunteers doing all they can to protect and maintain our beautiful natural assets.

A little known fact is that our Redlands Coast natural environment contributes more than \$3 billion per year to the city. Now that's a contributor worth protecting for many reasons. Council's recently adopted *Redlands Coast Destination Management Plan 2023-2028* states that Redlands Coast – Naturally Wonderful is not only a brand, but is true as our unique location offers, in our own back yard, rugged and sandy shorelines, waterways and open spaces, through to mountains and bushland.

In Division 1 there are three long-standing Bushcare groups. I am delighted to support the 'renewing' of the Hilliard's Creek Ormiston Bushcare group. Recently, to strengthen our environment, there have been two plantings, one for World Wetlands Day and one at Hilliard's Creek for the new group sign up. Both areas are in the main environmental corridor that runs north/south through our city. The greatest benefit

to Redlands Coast's biodiversity and local economy is to keep habitat areas connected and protected. In order to achieve this connectivity there has to be consolidated networks of habitat restored and enhanced wherever possible, which is why I am passionate about our Bushcare groups and any plantings that can occur to strengthen our Wildlife Connection Corridors.

As the facts and figures in the Destination Management Plan illustrate, there is no separating our economy and our environment.

The Ormiston Koala Safe Neighbourhood is located near this vital corridor and the number of koala sightings has been extremely positive. Research indicates that visitor markets are searching for more genuine and authentic experiences, combined with outdoor activities to stimulate both mind and body.

I am so passionate about our local area and enthusiastically encourage everyone to be involved for both local economic and environmental reasons.

**Community Bushcare needs YOU!**

This year is an exciting one for Community Bushcare, with new groups starting, including a group at IndigiScapes. This group hosts events during the week and aims to be a 'Bushcare Bootcamp' for those new to environmental restoration activities. It is a great way for residents to come together and work towards the restoration and conservation of natural areas in their community.

For more information visit [redland.qld.gov.au/communitybushcare](http://redland.qld.gov.au/communitybushcare)

**Think local**

The challenges of COVID and global events have reminded us of the importance of thinking and backing local if we are to protect the liveability of our Redlands Coast lifestyle.

Unfortunately many businesses continue to struggle with supply and staff shortages, which is why I continue to encourage and celebrate 'shop local' at our local businesses. I enjoyed working with traders to organise the end-of-year Community Festival at Wellington Point Village. Through such community events our villages are activated and communities are strengthened with so many groups coming together such as Rotary, TS Norfolk Cadets, Cancer Council, FunFarm, Bayside Restorers and Wellington Point State High. The social benefits to the community from such events are not as obvious as the local economic ones.

It is important for our local businesses to thrive and survive as they usually employ locals and drive our local economy. Many give back to the community through support for local sporting clubs, community organisations and events.

**Coffee grounds initiative**

Wellington Point café, Citron, is doing its bit to help Oaklands Street Community Garden with compost. Rather than going to land fill, Citron's coffee grounds are used as compost at the community garden, which recently put in 18 new garden beds, using Council funding. If you are driving past Citron café you can lend a hand by collecting the coffee grounds and dropping them off at the garden's compost bays.



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*MAJESTIC: Council works will showcase our North Stradbroke Island coastline*

# PANORAMIC COASTAL WALK TAKING BIG STEPS IN RIGHT DIRECTION

Tourism is the lifeblood of small business on North Stradbroke Island/Minjerrabah.

Tens of thousands of visitors make the 35-minute journey across the water from Toondah Harbour each summer.

And for good reason.

The island has a rich Indigenous culture, abundant diversity of wildlife, and with so much to see and do that just one trip is never enough. This truly is a destination to be proud of.

It's exciting to see the Minjerrabah Panorama Coastal Walk project at Point Lookout/ Mulumba nearing completion with the final works to the boardwalk to Point Lookout Village.

For me the coastal walk project is a good example of demonstrating that serious infrastructure spending and provision is needed at Federal and State level, and supported by Council, if we are to back the environment and tourism economy and shift people away from personal vehicles in preference for using their feet, bikes or public transport.

This is in perfect alignment with Redland City Council's corporate plan and State goals to support alternate transportation to, from and around the island.

The Minjerrabah Panorama Coastal Walk links Cylinder Beach to Point Lookout Village, providing another wonderful walk experience that will draw visitors and provide a way for everyone in the community to safely enjoy the island's natural beauty.

It provides better access to those looking to experience the magic of this incredible coastal area.

The coastal walk will also provide additional environmental and cultural heritage protections to the area, helping to ensure walkers do no harm while taking in the spectacular panoramic views.

The first stage of the coastal walk between Snapper Street and Frenchman's Stairs, completed last year, has proved incredibly popular. The final connection to Point Lookout Village will help ensure the island's popularity now and into the future.

If all goes well, stage two works will hopefully be completed in the next few months.

The works include roadway upgrades, continuation of the pedestrian pathway and boardwalks from Frenchman's Stairs to Point Lookout Village, the renewal of Frenchman's Stairs down to Frenchman's

Beach, renewed picnic areas and facilities, and additional car park spaces on the southern side of Mooloomba Road.

More information on the project is available on Council's Your Say webpage.

**The perfect touch**

It is no secret that I am a big advocate for Redlands Coast sport and economic development.

Our sporting clubs are part of the heart and soul of our community and, along with our recreational facilities, tracks and trails, contribute to our identity, health and wellbeing.

The Redlands Touch Association, which has football competitions for Under 8s through to Seniors, is one such club. It has more than 3000 seniors and juniors playing touch footy throughout the year at its Cleveland Showground fields.

The club recently received \$50,000 from Redland City Council for the renewal of sportsfield lighting. The Capital Infrastructure funding, through the 2022-23 Community Grants Program, will help with the installation of field lighting to LED fittings and fixtures.

Council support such as this helps ensure our sportspeople, young and old, enjoy the best possible facilities.

# REDLANDS COAST ALERTS

## Free local emergency updates

Opt in for Redlands Coast Alerts, Council's emergency notification messaging service.

### RECEIVE:

- Community Alert – Council disaster messages (SMS/email)
- Flood warnings for four local roads (SMS/email)
- Bureau of Meteorology warnings and alerts (email only)

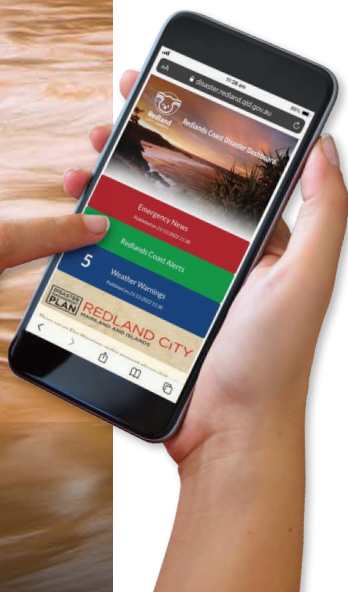
### HOW TO REGISTER:

1. Go to [disaster.redland.qld.gov.au](https://disaster.redland.qld.gov.au)
2. Click on the green 'Redlands Coast Alerts' tab
3. Click on the 'Register' tab to enter your details and create a password
4. Follow confirmation email instructions to complete the mobile verification process and select your subscription preferences.

This notification service complements other emergency notification systems, such as those offered by BoM and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES).



Scan to register





# Security taken seriously

## Temporary cameras deployed in hotspots

Redlands Coast is blessed with many wonderful open spaces, and Council takes community security in these areas seriously, with the deployment of temporary security cameras now taking a role in enhancing security.

The move follows a temporary security camera trial that was undertaken at two sites last financial year to ascertain their effectiveness. The trial sites, Raby Harbour Foreshore Park, Cleveland and Aquatic Paradise Park West, Birkdale were chosen in response to ongoing security concerns relating to anti-social behaviour and damage to Council assets occurring in public open spaces.

Queensland Police Service data also supported the selection of these trial sites.

Council is now continuing to deploy temporary security cameras in hotspot locations. While Council has used permanent security cameras across the city for several years, deploying temporary security cameras helps reduce

the likelihood of anti-social behaviour and damage to Council assets, as new hotspots emerge. Priority is given where data demonstrates the need.

Similar in nature to mobile speed cameras, temporary security cameras can be anywhere and always moving, and provide a level of service and responsiveness across the city that has not been possible with permanent security cameras.

Council is trialling a variety of types of temporary security cameras, which means we can continue using state of the art technology. Deployment locations have a strong link to crime data, and Council works closely with Queensland Police Service on locations for deployment, as well as for support during deployment.

Residents are encouraged to report all anti-social and illegal activity to police through Policelink (131 444) or online [police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting](https://police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting)



WATCHING: Temporary security cameras are helping to enhance safety across Redlands Coast



# KEEP OUT THE GRASS!

Not everything can be recycled. Green waste doesn't belong in your yellow-lid recycling bin.

Either compost it, get a green waste bin\* for home or take it to a recycling and waste centre.

This includes:

- grass clippings (unbagged)
- garden prunings • palm fronds
- shrubs • weeds and flowers
- leaves and loose bark • sawdust
- small branches.

IT'S IN OUR NATURE ...to recycle right

Get recycling sorted with the Recycle Mate app

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

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GREEN WASTE GOES HERE | NOT HERE

\*Green waste bins available to mainland residents only. Fees and charges apply and are subject to change.

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# On the trail of gourmet gum leaves

Improving the nutritional quality of landscapes has tasty benefits

Koalas are one of the most iconic and beloved animals in Australia and a new project focuses on their long-term survival.

A unique research project, involving a collaboration between Redland City Council and the Australian National University, is looking specifically at the nutritional quality of what these cuddly marsupials eat.

Dubbed the 'gourmet gum leaves' project, it is aimed at improving landscape nutritional quality which will assist in koala conservation and management.



*DINING IN: The nutritional quality of Redland City eucalyptus trees will be studied (Photo: Joel Brown)*

ANU College of Science Research Fellow Kara Youngentob said the primary goal of the project's first phase was to evaluate and map the nutritional quality of eucalyptus trees at selected Redlands Coast sites. This involved vegetation surveys and the collection of leaves and seeds from relevant trees.

"The project has a citizen science component," Kara said. "We are working with Council officers, community volunteers at the IndigiScapes Nursery, and landscape restoration groups such as Bushcare, to collect and propagate seedlings to plant at identified sites for revegetation



## Pooch part of the family?

Like all your loved ones, you want to keep them safe – making sure they are registered, microchipped and on a lead when outside your yard is a great start.

[redland pet ownership](#)

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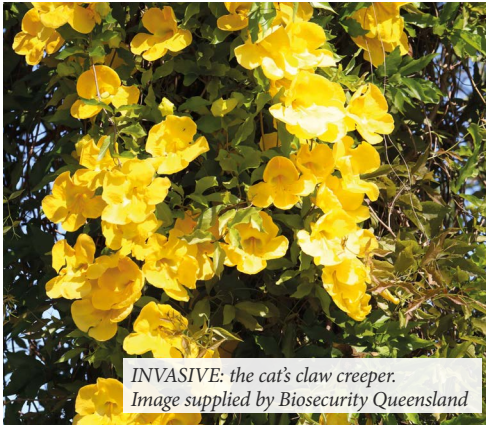
# Beware of cat's claw creeper

Jeepers creepers, don't let these appealing bright yellow petals fool you, this colourful plant is no friend of Redlands Coast's native ecosystems

initiatives. We are collecting leaf samples from approximately 200 trees. The seed will be collected from up to 30 trees from locally appropriate koala food species on Redlands Coast and nearby locations in south-east Queensland that are known to have relatively high nutritional quality.

“The seed from these trees will go to Redlands IndigiScapes Native Community Nursery to be grown into seedlings for future planting at the Birkdale Community Precinct site. Recommendations will be provided for a targeted revegetation strategy that includes the number and composition of future trees to be planted across selected sites.

“One of the most important factors influencing the distribution and numbers of koalas in any area is the density of their food trees. This pilot ultimately intends to increase the local koala population by providing a higher quality food source by growing high nutritional quality koala food trees.”



INVASIVE: the cat's claw creeper.  
Image supplied by Biosecurity Queensland

**What to do:** Please report populations to Council. Take all reasonable and practical steps to manage the species on your land.

**Management:** Cut vines as close to the ground as possible, and apply the correct herbicide at the label rate directly where you have cut within 15 seconds of making the cut. If the species is acting as ground cover, apply leaf spray to the affected area, taking steps to minimise off-target spraying.

It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts. Alarming, cat's claw creeper has the ability to completely smother native vegetation, even growing up over tall trees.

It can grow as a ground cover along the forest floor of scrub remnants and form a thick carpet of stems and leaves that choke out small existing plants and prevents the germination of all other species.

Control of cat's claw creeper usually relies on the use of herbicides, as hand control is not practical except with very small infestations. If this pest species is present on your land you must take all reasonable and practical steps to contain it.

Redland City Council is available to assist by providing advice or identification.

The *Redlands Coast Biosecurity Plan 2018-2023* lists this particular species as a containment target.



## Join Koala Watch

### The very latest in koala care

**Spot me.  
Record me.  
Protect me.**

[redland koala watch](#)





# Striking the right balance

If you love getting out to enjoy live theatre and entertainment there is plenty to look forward to at RPAC



THRILLING five-star performance *On* by Circa



The riotous romp of *The Barber of Seville*

Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) continues to serve up a stellar line-up of shows and events throughout the year.

With circus and acrobatics, family theatre, drama, classic opera and popular music all on offer, there is something for everyone. Here are some of our top picks for the coming months, with full details available on the RPAC website for each of these shows. Visit: [rpac.com.au](http://rpac.com.au)

Award-winning Circa returns by popular demand in May with their latest thrilling five-star performance. *On by Circa* is an unmissable and powerful new work infused with fierce humanity and exceptional acrobatics that “reaches beyond the technical and physical nature of circus” according to *The Australian*, and was described as “stylish, flawlessly executed” by *The Age*.

Also in May, the Grand Kyiv Ballet of Ukraine will present two exquisite performances in one magnificent show, with the Ukrainian showpiece *Forest Song* in Act 1 and the flamboyant and much-loved romantic comedy *Don Quixote* in Act 2.

Multi-platinum, five-time ARIA Award winning artist Katie Noonan makes a welcome return to the RPAC stage to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Joni Mitchell’s *Blue* album in June. There are also a number of popular music tribute shows to look forward to in the coming months, with the music of ABBA, Pink Floyd, Elton John, Billy Joel and Neil Young all celebrated.

Opera fans are in for a treat when Opera Australia performs *The Barber of Seville* in July. This is opera at its light-hearted, effervescent best. Opera Australia’s finest



Luke Kennedy and Irena Lysiuk perform *Golden*

voices and a live orchestra will deliver a score that is instantly familiar from movies, cartoons and commercials. This riotous romp along the road to true love is a must-see if you love *Downton Abbey*, *Sliding Doors*, clever disguises gone wrong and a case of mistaken identities.

Music fans can also look forward to a number of daytime treats, with Jonathon Welch AM performing a delightful Mother’s Day concert in May. Then in July, a treasure-

trove of Hollywood and Broadway’s most-loved soundtracks will be brought together in one glistening show, when superstar vocalists Luke Kennedy and Irena Lysiuk perform *Golden* as part of this year’s RPAC Musical Melodies Concert Series.

Young families will fall in love all over again with much-loved classics when three popular children’s books are brought to life on stage. David Walliams’ award-winning book *Mr Stink* will be a touching, twisted, hilarious and very smelly tale for children to enjoy in May. Then in the June/July school holidays the beloved Australian story *Possum Magic* and the family adventure *Are We There Yet* are both set to entertain young children and their families.

These are just some of the great shows coming soon to RPAC, with more shows being added regularly. For the full list of shows visit [rpac.com.au](http://rpac.com.au)

PHOTO CREDITS: *On by Circa*, photo by Pia Johnson; *Golden*, photo by Dylan Evans; *Are We There Yet*, photo by Heidrun Lohr.



The family adventure of *Are We There Yet*

# Inspirational PASSAGE will lead to creative development of artists

Community theatre and the performing arts are recognised as valuable pieces of our community.

To encourage and empower emerging and established artists and performers, Redland City Council in partnership with the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland, launched an inspirational program last year.

The PASSAGE Artist Development Program is an incubator for emerging and established artists and creatives, providing opportunities to develop skills with and alongside industry professionals.

The initiative is a year-round Artist Development Program and is aimed at supporting Redlands Coast individuals and organisations working in the arts and cultural sector with in-kind and financial support.

It includes support for the creation of new work, the development of existing work and up-skilling or professional development.

PASSAGE takes Council's significant investment in our thriving arts and culture sector a step further, promoting the role and value of creative expression and artistic development as key drivers of diverse, vibrant and connected communities.

The program's four key initiatives provide opportunities for professional, semi-professional and emerging artists across the multi-disciplines of dance, skills development, heritage, multi-arts, music, theatre, visual art, craft, design and writing.

All artists, creatives and companies are encouraged to apply, as long as there is a meaningful connection to Redlands Coast.

## The PASSAGE key initiatives are:

### Channel | New work in development

Program for new works at the beginning of an idea or concept. It is a platform for artists to engage in critical response and review, along with in-kind venue support and grants up to \$2000. Council's Creative Arts team provides time and expertise in the creative development process.

### Stream | Existing work in development

For more developed works, supporting projects that will engage audiences through art, working in any form. Proposed projects should aim for presentation in the RPAC auditorium.

### Skills Lab | Professional development and workshops

Workshops have been designed by Council's Creative Arts team, resident artists, invited artists and Flying Arts Alliance. Master teachers, artists and professionals from south-east Queensland may also join the program to help participants.

### Stage Sessions | Live performance opportunity

Provides musicians and performers a chance to use RPAC's Concert Hall, its sound equipment and technicians.

Applications are open year-round until funds have been expended. Visit [rpc.com.au/Passage](http://rpc.com.au/Passage)

## An exploration of place

Three new exhibitions coming to Redland Art Gallery invite audiences to explore connection to place and the influence of surroundings

*There is another World* and *Mr Chippa the Woodblock Carver of Bagru*, both showing at RAG, Cleveland from Sunday 7 May, draw inspiration from nature and community.

*There is another World* showcases works from the Tidal Collective, a group of local visual artists, including textiles, painting, printmaking, sculpture and drawings. Works draw inspiration from the mangroves of Southern Moreton Bay, sharing the individual responses of the artists to the complexity of this fragile ecosystem between tide and land.

*Mr Chippa the Woodblock Carver of Bagru*, is a children's picture book created from hand-carved woodblocks and handprinting by artist Lee FullARTon. The exhibition weaves a tale of quiet contemplation, paying homage to the imagery and culture of Mr Chippa's village and woodblock carvers from Bagru, India.

*Watersheds*, showing at RAG Capalaba from Saturday 13 May, is a series of

oil-paintings by Richard Blundell, focusing on Daisy Hill's bush landforms created using 'en plein air' practices. Plein air sees the artist create works while in direct contact with the ecosystems around them, in this case Daisy Hill Conservation Park.

*Watersheds* is a stunning exploration of the moment-by-moment changes in the environment around us, and the mindfulness required to create pieces that reflect an everchanging connection to place.

Entry is free to all exhibitions. For the full program of RAG events, head to [artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au](http://artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au)



WATERSHEDS Richard Blundell



LEE FULLARTON



THERE IS ANOTHER WORLD Tidal Collective

# Redland City Council Libraries busting the myths



## Myth 1 Library staff read books all day

Not when we are working, but we do love reading books in our spare time. Hands down it is our favourite pastime. We also run free IT sessions, host writing workshops and author talks, share outdoor story times and design spectacular school holiday activities. If you're stuck for your next book, we'd love to tell you our top recommendations. We even post our favourite weekly reads on Facebook ([facebook.com/RedlandLibraries](https://www.facebook.com/RedlandLibraries)).



## Myth 2 You'll get 'shushed' by a librarian in a cardigan

Not at all! We sing at our story times and dance in the holidays. We love hosting community groups for coffees and chats and warmly welcome a variety of guest speakers. You'll also see us in bright colours for story times and in comfy clothes for our Pop-up Libraries in the park. Any occasion to dress up – whether it's Christmas, Easter, Harry Potter Night or Book Week – we are in.



## Myth 3 Libraries are just for dusty old books

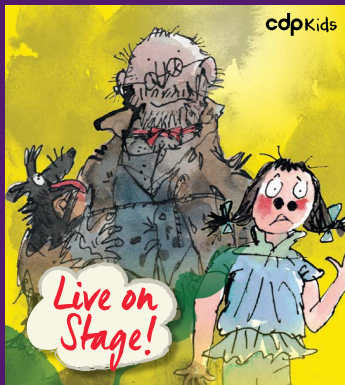
We love our books, but we also love our PS4 games, DVDs, eBooks and eAudiobooks. Did you know that 21 per cent of our loans are digital? Load up on your favourite eBooks and eAudiobooks on us, it's free! With vibrant programs, jam-packed activities and the hottest new releases, we have the latest library technology for quick and easy check-outs.



## Myth 4 You'll get charged a fee for late books

Not at our libraries. Don't worry if you're late on the return. Life happens! Pop your books back when you can and you're all set. It's also free to join, request items and book into our programs. The best things in life truly are free – including books!

## WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



A CDP Kids production  
**MR STINK**  
A play by Maryam Master  
Based on the book by David Walliams  
David Walliams' award-winning book comes to life on stage for children 6-12 and their adults!  
**THU 11 MAY, 12.30PM & 6PM**  
\$19-\$30



**ON BY CIRCA**  
An unmissable and powerful new work.  
★★★★★  
'Circus at its contemporary best ... as thrilling as it is moving.'  
The Age  
**SAT 27 MAY, 7.30PM**  
\$25-\$40



Musical Melodies  
**GOLDEN**  
Starring Luke Kennedy and Irena Lysiuk  
A treasure-trove of Hollywood and Broadway's most-loved soundtracks are brought together in one glistening show!  
Hurry, tickets selling fast!  
**WED 5 JULY, 11AM**  
\$27-\$35



An Opera Australia and Opera Queensland Production  
**THE BARBER OF SEVILLE**  
Rossini  
Delight in a riotous romp along the road to true love! This is opera at its light-hearted, effervescent best.  
**SAT 22 JULY, 7.30PM**  
\$55-\$65

*Mr Stink and On by Circa 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](http://www.rpac.com.au)  
Booking fees: \$5 by phone and \$6 online per transaction



## Check out our hottest events

- National Simultaneous Storytime: Wednesday 24 May, 11–11.45am at Capalaba, Cleveland, Victoria Point, Russell Island and Point Lookout Libraries
- Financial masterclass – Limiting beliefs: Saturday 27 May, 10–11.30am at Capalaba Library
- Writers' workshop – Authentic crime fiction: Saturday 3 June, 9.30am–1pm at Victoria Point Library
- Author talk with Paulie Stewart: Tuesday 20 June, 10–11am at Victoria Point Library
- Renata Jayne's NAIDOC Show: Tuesday 27 June, 9.30–10.15am at Cleveland Library

See the jam-packed event program at [redland.qld.gov.au/LibraryWhatsOn](http://redland.qld.gov.au/LibraryWhatsOn) and book your place!

# Dead batteries don't belong in the bin

Batteries are considered hazardous waste. The risks of incorrectly disposing of lithium batteries especially can include overheating, causing fire or an explosion, resulting in burns, toxic chemical exposure and pollution due to the battery rupturing.

This fire (picture right) occurred from a lithium-ion battery pack placed in a kerbside bin being collected in Cleveland.

When compacted in the waste truck hopper, batteries can heat up and explode, resulting in fires in the truck or at waste facilities.

Thankfully, the driver detected the fire early and escaped unharmed. Emergency services put out the fire. To help keep our truck drivers and the community safe, please do not put batteries in any kerbside collection bin.

Lithium is found in many household batteries such as non-rechargeable AA and AAA batteries, and also in rechargeable batteries in devices like laptops, mobile phones, and cameras

Batteries require specialist recycling programs.

### Household batteries

Take household batteries to your nearest B-cycle battery drop-off point where they will be sent



to specialised hazardous waste processing and recycling facilities. Visit [bcycle.com.au](http://bcycle.com.au) to find your closest drop-off point for all types of household batteries, including those for laptops, mobile phones, power tools and cameras.

### Vehicle batteries

Take car and other vehicle batteries to one of Council's Recycling and Waste Centres, which have areas set aside for vehicle batteries. For more information on safely disposing of car batteries, visit [redland.qld.gov.au/AZwaste](http://redland.qld.gov.au/AZwaste)

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