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Message from the Mayor



Redlands Coast has moved on from being the “salad bowl of Brisbane” to having gained a name for itself as the “tasting plate of the south-east”.

Our original commercial farmers took great advantage of the area’s rich red soil and supplied Brisbane, and further afield, with an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruit for many decades. Hence the “salad bowl” title.

Times change and we now have only a few commercial growers in the city, including some who have pivoted excellently to provide farm experiences and paddock-to-plate dining.

What has been exciting to see over the past couple of decades is Redlands Coast emerging as a sampler of all that is great in south-east Queensland – a “tasting plate” if you will.

This is thanks to our naturally wonderful landscapes and bush trails, the fantastic variety of dining options and local gourmet products, our wineries and boutique breweries, our markets and our vibrant arts scene that further highlights and celebrates the city’s Indigenous culture.

Redlands Coast is where you can immerse yourself in Quandamooka culture – the oldest living culture in the world. It is a place where you can explore the pristine beaches and surfing spots of North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), and visit the diverse smaller islands dotted through the sparkling waters of southern Moreton Bay. It is the ideal place for a picnic on the foreshore or a family bicycle ride. There is so much here to sample; no wonder we attract around 1.2 million visitors each year.

Spring is the season that really showcases what we have on offer. It is the best time to get out of the house, explore and enjoy – from community events to cultural experiences, from unique retailers to quality restaurants.

One of the most spectacular new experiences is the Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk on North Stradbroke Island. It runs south from the whale watching platforms at Deadmans Headland Reserve, down the stretch over Frenchmans Beach, and then connects with the northern start of the North Gorge Walk at Point Lookout village.

We feature the new walk in this edition of Our Redlands Coast, while celebrating the

much-loved boardwalk that snakes around the gorge. So many of us have so many great memories of that gorge walk, from the days when it was just a rough track. How great the new memories will be for people enjoying the panorama coastal walk and its glorious views.

Also in this edition, we have prepared a comprehensive five-page feature that details Council’s 2023-2024 Budget. I’m proud that as a Council we have been able to provide some relief in this Budget to the community and the cost-of-living pressures people are facing. The Budget provides more than \$1.5 million in wastewater subsidies and a \$500,000 Civic Support Fund to provide rapid support where it is critically needed in our community.

As we move into spring and as we continue through these challenging economic times, let’s hope the season’s gorgeous weather and the natural beauty of Redlands Coast can help lift spirits and (pardon the pun) put a spring in our steps.

Regards,

Mayor Karen Williams
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Point Lookout
Whale-watching
Platform

Frenchmans
Beach

Panorama
Coastal Walk

Frenchmans
Stairs

Mooloomba Road

Simply GORGEous

There can be no more stunning or soul-affirming view than the blue ocean stretching gloriously to the horizon as seen from the cliffs of Point Lookout on North Stradbroke Island/Minjerribah.

From there you can see the white beaches below, dotted with locals and holidaymakers alike; surfers paddling out through the waves then rising to ride them to shore; while a little further out, whales powering through the water and proudly showing off as they pass by on their annual migration.

The Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk, which was developed by Redland City Council with the support of the Queensland Government, not only has a series of ideal vantage points to stop and soak in these incredible vistas, but it links to the iconic Gorge Walk that draws thousands of visitors every year for its whale-watching lookouts and world-famous views.

The newly opened Coastal Walk starts at the whale-watching platforms overlooking Frenchmans Beach, then runs south at the top of the cliffs before linking to the revamped Frenchmans Stairs that snake down to the beach.

The Walk has several picnic areas and viewing platforms that will encourage people to spend a little longer enjoying the scenery. It continues south until it reaches the northern start of the Gorge Walk at Point Lookout village.

From there, the gorgeous 1.2km Gorge Walk twists its way around the rocky outcrops, first offering stunning views north before wrapping back in on itself through and under the canopy of pandanus trees between the North and South headlands.

At this point on the boardwalk, you can feel isolated from the world, lost in the cooling shade, lost in the sounds of the ocean waves as they surge and drawback against the gorge rock walls.

It also evokes the past. These cliffs have had their fair share of misadventures.

In 1974, when the remains of Cyclone Wanda, which resulted in the record-breaking floods in Brisbane, struck Point Lookout, campers took shelter in the Point Lookout Community Hall. During the night's relentless wind and rain, the hall slipped its foundations and began cracking in two. People only just managed to escape out the front door as the back half of the hall slid down into the gorge in a crash of splintered wood and fibro.

In 1902, just past midnight on a mid-February night during a raging gale, the sailing ship *Prosperity* struck rocks off Point

Lookout while carrying sugar machinery from Sydney to North Queensland. The swell drew it cruelly into the headlands and shattered the hull. Portions of the brigantine came to rest in South Gorge and rusted pieces of the cargo are still wedged into the rocks. You may even spot them as you proceed along the boardwalk, following the contours of the South Gorge Headland.

It is here that you may hear the hollow rasp and see the resulting gush of seawater from the gorge blowhole. A story told by Traditional Owners equates the sound it makes to the desperate wailing of a woman who was left abandoned at the headland.

From here the walk follows the South Gorge cliffs in staggered descents towards its end at Headland Park, but before you reach the park, this is where the most gorgeous of all views is revealed.

Looking down into the clear emerald water you may spot turtles, dolphins and manta rays, perhaps even a shark, however as you look up and out, there is a breathtaking view down the seemingly endless, untouched stretch of Main Beach. This is the island at its most glorious and a humbling reminder of the majesty of nature.





How to get there



Passenger ferry — Water taxis and passenger ferries depart regularly from Toondah Harbour, Cleveland, for Dunwich on North Stradbroke Island.



Vehicle ferry — Ferries depart regularly from Toondah Harbour for Dunwich. You can take your vehicle on the ferry or leave it on the mainland and travel as a walk-on passenger.



Bus — Use the Translink Journey Planner to plan your bus trip to Cleveland. Stradbroke Flyer and Transdev operate bus services from the Cleveland Shops Bus Stop in Middle St to Toondah Harbour.



Train — Use the Translink Journey Planner to plan your train trip to Cleveland. Stradbroke Flyer and Transdev operate bus services from the Cleveland Train Station to Toondah Harbour.

When you're there



On the island — Once at Dunwich you can drive the 19km to Point Lookout; use a taxi service; or catch a ride with the North Stradbroke Island Bus Service.



Council adopts a Budget for today and for future generations

Redland City Council has adopted a \$430 million Budget for 2023-2024 that achieves a balance between addressing the difficulties of the current economic climate while building a sound financial future for Redlands Coast.

Mayor Karen Williams said Council's 2023-2024 community Budget, which was adopted by Council on Monday 26 June, was predicated on maintaining Redlands Coast's enviable lifestyle.

"It recognises the tough economic conditions in which it has been framed and the cost-of-living pressures facing every one of us," Cr Williams said.

"Council has made its financial decisions in respect to the fact that it is the community's money that powers this city."

Cr Williams said the Budget showed Council remained in a strong financial position despite the unprecedented economic uncertainties of the past three years and includes a capital expenditure program in excess of \$135.7 million.

More than half of Council's capital spend for 2023-2024 will go towards roads and infrastructure, including key intergenerational projects such as \$40.5 million for the continuation of the Wellington Street/Panorama Drive road duplication project at Thornlands; \$9.92 million to fund the next stage of Birkdale Community Precinct; and \$8.61 million for the continued redevelopment of the Weinam Creek hub at Redland Bay.

Cr Williams said an extra \$1.67 million has been set aside for the Footpath Gap Program that will create active connections in all parts of the city by filling in the missing pieces.

"This program goes further than interconnectedness, it will encourage more residents to enjoy and use the pathways leading to better health, wellbeing and other social value benefits," she said.

The figures at a glance

- \$430 million investment in Redlands Coast
- The minimum general rate will increase by 4.65 per cent (or \$1.02 per week) for rating category 1a, an average owner occupier in Redland City
- Projected operating deficit of about \$2.1 million
- Capital expenditure program of \$135.7 million
- Total pensioner rebates of approximately \$3.6 million
- \$1.5 million wastewater subsidy for ratepayers
- Establishment of a \$500,000 Civic Support Fund

"This Budget also includes significant funding for our Southern Moreton Bay Islands, including \$2 million for the ongoing green sealing of island roads.

"North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah) will receive \$1.5 million for upgrades to the Dunwich Wastewater Treatment Plant. A further \$350,000 has been allocated for a Point Lookout road upgrade, and \$200,000 has been budgeted for seawall and causeway renewal in Dunwich.

"The third largest capital spend in the Budget is \$23.65 million for essential water, waste and wastewater projects to ensure we maintain our high standard of service delivery to our community.

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Council has made its financial decisions in respect to the fact that it is the community's money that powers this city.

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"Following the successful trial of 10 smart solar compacting rubbish bins at Wellington Point Recreation Reserve, \$365,000 has been set aside in this Budget to extend the program citywide. (See page 10).

"There is also \$85,000 budgeted for solar lighting upgrades."

Rounding out the capital spend in the 2023-2024 Budget, \$8.7 million will be spent on marine and foreshore projects to further enhance the city's approximately 335km of coastline; a further \$7.8 million has been set aside for other capital works projects; and \$1.67 million for community and cultural development.

Cr Williams said Council had not been immune to the current financial climate.

Boost for massive road duplication project

The next section of works on the Wellington Street/Panorama Drive road duplication project at Thornlands was allocated \$40.5 million as the largest single commitment in the Council Budget for 2023-2024.

The \$430 million community Budget included a targeted capital expenditure program, valued at more than \$135.7 million.

More than half of Council's capital spend for 2023-2024 will go towards

roads and infrastructure, including key intergenerational projects.

Of the \$53.37 million provided in the capital spend for transport, roads and traffic projects, \$40.5 million has been set aside for the next step in delivering the city-defining road duplication project.

Starting at the Boundary Road intersection with Panorama Drive at Thornlands, the Budget allocation will largely complete the first stage through to South Street.



Capital Investment



Transport, roads and traffic
\$53.370 million



Infrastructure
\$33.853 million



Water/Wastewater/Waste
\$23.648 million



Marine and Foreshore
\$8.714 million



Other Capital Investment
\$7.804 million



Open space, parks and conservation
\$6.664 million



Community and Cultural Development
\$1.667 million

Key project highlights

- Continuation of Wellington Street/Panorama Drive road duplication project
- Road renewals
- Wellington Point Esplanade Landslip project
- Drainage upgrade and expansion – Abelia and Robinia streets
- Kinross Road sewerage trunk
- Revetment walls – Seacrest Court and Masthead Drive (North)
- Dunwich Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade
- Park renewal – Point Talburpin Park, Redland Bay
- Charlie Buckler Sports Upgrade Program, Redland Bay
- Footpath Gap Program
- Continuation of Weinam Creek development
- Willards Farm Restoration Program
- Birkdale Community Precinct development
- Regional Approach to Waste and Resource Management Program

“But we have, and will continue, to do all that is possible to limit the effects. This requires driving efficiency in our operations and absorbing many of the cost pressures we are facing rather than passing them on to ratepayers,” she said.

“Council has worked tirelessly to ensure this year's rates rise was kept as low as possible.”

The increase to the minimum general rate will be \$1.02 per week or 4.65 per cent – for rating category 1a, residential owner occupiers.

The Budget also includes total pensioner remissions and rebates of approximately \$3.6 million.

“Pensioner remission will continue at \$335 per year for a full pensioner and \$167.50 for a part-pensioner,” Cr Williams said.

“As we approach what no doubt will be another financial year filled with unpredictable regional challenges and global uncertainty, what we can be certain of is that our city will face these times with financial stability as the direct result of our past, and our ongoing, sensible fiscal management.

“This Budget was designed to limit the passing on of increasing costs to the ratepayer and, instead, spread the burden across more than one generation.

“During tough economic times, there is a balance that has to be struck between being proactive and reactive to the financial climate of the day. The 2023-2024 Budget achieves this.”

Letting some steam out of the cost-of-living pressure cooker

Council's 2023-2024 Budget has directly responded to cost-of-living pressures currently facing the Redlands Coast community.

Mayor Karen Williams said Council took stock of the community's financial situation when preparing the \$430 million Budget, and in response made sensible, sustainable and appropriate decisions.

"Through this year's Budget, Council will establish a Civic Support Fund to offer rapid assistance to the community where it is desperately needed," Cr Williams said.

"Appropriate community organisations will be able to apply for funds from a \$500,000 pool to address immediate community needs in their areas that are not being met by other grants and support.

"In many cases we are talking about the supply of food and essential household items – the very basics to keep our community going.

"I am also proud that with this year's Budget, Council has been able to provide a Wastewater Subsidy within our rates and utilities charges to help ease the cost of living.

"The subsidy with an overall value of \$1.5 million will be applied this year to the wastewater charge in your rates notice. Applying this against the wastewater charge was found to be the most fair and equitable way of passing on this saving to ratepayers citywide."

Cr Williams said the initiatives were possible through Council's continued commitment to responsible financial management.

"Council was mindful throughout the months of Budget deliberations about the cost of living and increases in inflation to both the community and Council costs," Cr Williams said

"Councillors looked at various ways to mitigate price increases and talked about running operating deficits if required.

"As a result of our strong cash balance, Council has been afforded the opportunity to directly address the day-to-day pressures our community is facing by recording a small operating deficit.

"Budgets are always a balancing act and what this Budget shows is that Council is in a sound financial position due to sensible and considered financial management over previous years.

"It also shows that as a Council we are respectful that it is the community's money that makes up this Budget, and when that community needs help we will respond."

Cr Williams said Council had worked tirelessly during Budget preparation workshops to ensure this year's rates rise was kept as low as possible.

The increase to the minimum general rate is \$1.02 per week or 4.65 per cent – for rating category 1a, residential owner occupiers. The graphic (opposite page) shows how \$100 in rates charges is broken down for a range of services that benefit the entire community.

How you can help keep costs down

Council recently launched a community awareness campaign showing how Redlands Coast residents can play a part in helping to reduce overall costs to ratepayers.

These tips not only help maintain and improve the enviable lifestyle we enjoy on Redlands Coast, but reduce the bottom line for Council's operating costs, which ultimately means Council can continue its high standard of service and limit cost increases to ratepayers at Budget time.

Tips on reducing costs:

- The community clean-up bill for avoidable damage to water meters on Redlands Coast is around \$200,000 each year. Common culprits are lawnmowers and reversing cars. You can help by keeping the area around your water meter clear and visible, or using a water meter cover. 
- In the past 12 months, Council's facilities team has actioned 470 work orders to repair vandalism and remove graffiti on Council buildings, with a repair cost of around \$98,000. If you see vandalism occurring, report it. You'll be helping keep our city beautiful and reducing the impact to the community budget. 
- Council spends more than \$60,000 of the community's budget each year cleaning up illegal dumping to keep the city safe for residents and wildlife. If you see illegal dumping, report it. 
- Council collects more than 118,000 tonnes of waste and recycling each year, at a cost of around \$27.2 million. With these costs rising annually, you can contribute to a more sustainable economic and environmental future for Redlands Coast by putting the correct waste in the corresponding correct bins at home. You can reduce the number of recyclables, and amount of green waste and food waste sent to landfill, while preventing contamination in your recycling bin. 

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conservation and
sporting venues

\$22



Water

\$28



Roads, bridges and
stormwater

\$10



Customer service and
administration

\$12



Waste management

\$5



Environment and
regulation

\$2



City planning

\$8



Community
facilities



Solar bins to roll out citywide

Council has set aside \$365,000 to take the successful solar bin trial and extend it across Redlands Coast.

Ten smart solar compacting rubbish bins were installed at Wellington Point Recreation Reserve in 2021, with the pilot project aiming to significantly reduce the number of litter bin collections, costs and environmental impacts.

It followed the trial of a smart compacting bin in Bloomfield Street, Cleveland in 2019.

The 240-litre solar bins can compact up to eight times the standard bin volume while providing data around usage and fullness.

This means fewer collections are necessary as Council is notified when the bins are nearing capacity, which, in turn, results in considerable cost savings.

Reduced collection requirements were considered particularly beneficial to key locations such as popular foreshore parks, commuter jetties and islands. They also assist in reducing visual clutter and litter problems on foreshores and other public areas.

Council currently manages about 500 litter bins in public locations, with collection frequencies varying according to use.

Mayor Karen Williams said the smart solar bins were part of a wider operational philosophy at Council.

"We take the green economy seriously and we strive to ensure our waste program continues to evolve to be greener, cleaner

and more efficient, right across our city," Cr Williams said.

"This is why we have formed an alliance with Logan and Ipswich councils to develop a regional Material Recovery Facility working towards a sustainable local circular economy with an allocation of nearly \$7 million for 2023-2024.

"We are also moving to purchase hybrid vehicles for our Council fleet while delivering further initiatives to achieve our green goals now and into the future across Redlands Coast."



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Kimo at Geoff Skinner Wetlands and, inset, her latest joey during a check-up at the vets. Photos courtesy: University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation.

Did you know...

Marsupials such as koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, echidna, bandicoots and possums are most active and on the move at dawn and dusk. Young koalas leave home for the first time between June and August each year, this is called dispersal. Between August and December, koalas are busy looking for love.

Kimo's the queen mum of koalas

Koala mum Kimo continues to play a crucial role in helping Council and research partners University of the Sunshine Coast gain valuable insights into how to protect and conserve koalas across Redlands Coast.

Kimo, known as Geoff Skinner Wetland's favourite local ambassador, has proven to be an exceptional parent and has raised five joeys since monitoring began in 2018.

Her success at contributing to the next generation of koalas demonstrates a viable breeding population is being maintained in urban areas of Redlands Coast.

The most recent addition to Kimo's family is a cute male joey, spotted during a recent health check. At around eight months old, this little one is now exploring the world beyond the cozy comfort of mum's pouch, and learning to select the tastiest gum leaves.

As part of Council's koala ambassador program, Kimo receives regular check-ups to monitor her health. At one check-up she received essential treatment for a cheek impaction, a condition that affects older koalas due to tooth wear and can lead to serious infection if left untreated.

Here are five ways you can support the health and wellbeing of Redlands Coast's koalas, including Kimo and her new joey:

1. When driving, slow down and be alert to wildlife movement on the sides of the road, particularly at dawn and dusk.
2. Create a koala-friendly back yard by leaning a wooden pole or ladder against your fence and adding a poolside escape ramp to your pool to allow koalas safe passage through your back yard.
3. Ensure the safety of your pets and wildlife by keeping your pets inside at night and dogs on a lead when out walking.
4. If you are worried about the health or welfare of a koala, contact Redlands 24hr Wildlife Rescue Service on 3833 4031.
5. Join the Redlands Coast Koala Watch community online and record your koala sightings to help Council and researchers learn more about the local koala population. Register at redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch

For more information on koalas, visit redland.qld.gov.au/koala



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Federal Court hearing for title claim

There is currently a native title claim over much of Redlands Coast. It was filed by the Quandamooka applicants with the Federal Court of Australia in March 2017 and entered on the Register of Native Title claims in May 2017.

Over the past few years, Redland City Council, the State of Queensland and the Quandamooka applicants have strived to reach a Consent Determination that would represent a satisfactory agreement to all parties involved and actively participated in a number of chaired mediations.

While there has been progress, there are still many questions that remain unanswered.

On 2 June 2023, the State provided a draft determination seeking consent from the parties to have the claim determined in accordance with the draft determination. Council did not agree with the content of the draft determination and filed a notice with the Federal Court on 30 June 2023 contesting the draft.

This means the claim will need to be determined by a hearing in the Federal Court. Council remains hopeful that the parties will be able to agree to a revised Consent Determination that accurately reflects the status of native title within the local government area, and that is acceptable to all parties.

The court will shortly set out a timetable of steps required to be taken to progress this matter towards determination. At this stage, it is unknown how long this process may take, and it will also depend on the Court's availability.

Council will continue to work respectfully with the representatives of Quandamooka people and the Federal Court and to negotiate in good faith with the parties to the claim.

For more information on the progress of the native title claim and the reasons for Council not agreeing with the content of the draft determination, visit redland.qld.gov.au/NativeTitle

Flower power

Behind the seasonal scenes an intricate network brings harmony to the habitat.

From wildflowers to cultivated garden blooms, spring heralds a spectacular seasonal showcase of nature at its best.

Take a closer look and you will find an intricate web of ecological interactions going on in the background.

Maree Manby, Redland City Council's Senior Extension Officer (Environmental Education), and native plant enthusiast, said the spring environment particularly relied on strong connections between plants, animals, fungi and soils.

"Like the connections we all have within our Redlands Coast community, there are many symbiotic relationships going on all around," Maree said.

"Animals are dependent on plants for oxygen, shelter/protection and food. Plants depend on animals for pollination, spreading seeds, and for the uptake of nutrients once they have died and are decomposing.

"One of Redlands Coast's most important pollinators are flying foxes. These unsung heroes travel long distances feeding from flower to flower, flying tree to tree,

pollinating, and reinforcing the genetics within our forests."

Plants and animals won't be the only things becoming more active in spring. Throughout the season, Council's Environmental Partnerships participants will help plant out thousands of plants across Redlands Coast to help create habitat and wildlife connections.

Maree said the first day of spring, Friday 1 September, was also National Wattle Day.

"This is a great time to celebrate the beauty of our natural environment," she said. "This is the beginning of our spring growth and renewal, reminding us of our environmental connections to the Australian landscape.

"Keep your eye out for one of our local wattles this spring, the Eprapah wattle, that never fails to provide a spectacular showing of green and gold."

To see what wattles and other local native plants are on offer for your garden, visit the IndigiScapes Nursery at Capalaba, Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm, or the first Saturday of the month 9am to noon.

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This is a great time to celebrate the beauty of our natural environment.





Grey-headed flying fox.



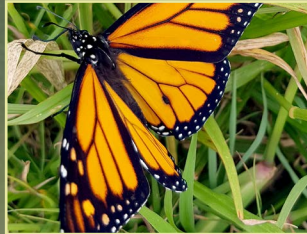
Eprapah wattle. (Photo Maree Manby)



Butterfly feeding on a snow daisy.



Flower spider.



*Monarch butterfly.
(Photo Maree Manby)*



*Kidd Street conservation area.
(Photo Maree Manby)*



*A melomys feasting on a poison
peach plant in Mount Cotton.
(Photo Rosie Harvest)*



*Hoverfly feeding on a grass tree flower.
(Photo Maree Manby)*

In a realm of their own

Why is fungi like this beautiful coral fungi (pictured left) growing in a fairy ring so important to the ecosystem? Fungi is not a plant or animal, it has its own “kingdom”, the Fungal Kingdom, often called the Kingdom of Decay.

Fungi obtains food and energy by taking in organic substances through breaking down plant and animal matter via an underground internet of mycelium. This

is the white thread-like substance you will see breaking down matter when you lift forest mulch.

Plants provide fungi with food in the form of carbohydrates. Animals feed on fungi and often lay their eggs in fungi which then becomes a food source for the larvae. Animals are sustained by eating fungi and are often tricked into spreading the fungal spores to other areas.



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Coastcarers hard at work planting out native tubestock plants on Coochiemudlo Island.

Shoring up Coochie's natural beauty

More than 30 Coochiemudlo Coastcarers descended on the wetlands foreshore on the island recently to revegetate a new dune, planting more than 2300 native tubestock plants.

The group (pictured) amazingly covered more than 100 metres of foreshore in just two days. Funding and support for the project was provided through Healthy Land and Water, and the National Landcare Program.

It followed Council's replenishment of some 430 cubic metres of imported sand along the Ramsar shoreline north of the wetlands creek in June.

The implementation of recommended actions of the Coochiemudlo Island SEMP

(Shoreline Erosion Management Plan) began in the new financial year.

Work is focussing on areas at greatest risk. This includes preventing saltwater intrusion into the Ramsar freshwater wetlands to "preserve vegetation, habitat and cultural heritage values".

Division 4 Councillor Lance Hewlett said Council's 2023-2024 Budget included operational funding for Coochiemudlo Island over the next financial year, including \$50,000 for the ongoing SEMP work.

"It is important and significant work being done to protect the beauty that is Coochiemudlo Island from coastal hazards," Cr Hewlett said.

A little extra help along the way

Several community groups in Division 4 have benefited under the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund, which is available to individuals and organisations that are a not-for-profit incorporated association (or have been sponsored by one).

In the past financial year, one of the grants helped a local group to purchase market stall equipment, which will increase their fundraising capabilities at events, while another group put their money towards a security system for their clubhouse.

Organisations that benefited from the grants in Division 4 (or were co-funded with other Divisions) in the 2022-2023 financial year included: VMR Victoria Point, Redlands Orchid Society, Circle of Men, Victoria Point Scout Group, Victoria Point Probus Club, Cleveland Scottish Country Dancers (Redlands Sporting Club sponsor), Victoria Point Sharks Junior Australian Football Club, Raiders Netball Club Redlands, Redlands Touch Association, and Redland Malayali Association.

Signs of the times

Council contractors are installing new signage and bollards in parkland and open spaces throughout Victoria Point.

The work, which includes replacing outdated and aging assets, began in May and is expected to continue through until the start of September, weather permitting.

The new signage is an effective communication tool for place identification, place making and wayfinding.

Such signage in parks and open spaces can help encourage people to use the activities that the area offers and lead to a more active lifestyle for locals.

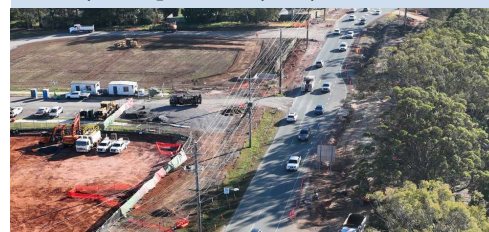
Delivering on road duplication

In good news for Division 4, this year's State Budget secured a further \$80 million to continue the duplication of Cleveland Redland Bay Road from Anita Street to Giles Road Redland Bay in Stage Two of the road plans.

This builds on the construction work that is underway with Seymour Whyte for the Stage One \$110 million duplication from Magnolia Parade, Victoria Point to Anita Street. Duplication of this road will dramatically improve travelling from Victoria Point down into Redland Bay.

There are a lot of road works underway right across Redlands Coast with more to come. In the 2023-2024 Redland City Council Budget there was \$53.37 million provided in the capital spend for transport, roads and traffic projects. This included \$40.5 million for the next step in delivering the Wellington Street / Panorama Drive road duplication project at Thornlands.

So thank you to locals for your patience while these projects are being delivered and for any disruptions they may cause.





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Strong investment in our island communities and their economies

This year's Council Budget included significant funding for projects in Division 5, particularly the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

They will receive \$2 million for the ongoing green sealing of their roads, which brings the total spend on green sealing SMBI roads to \$19 million since the program started in 2016.

The \$430 million 2023-2024 Budget adopted on 26 June also allocated funding for the completion stage of the SMBI Ferry Terminals upgrade project, which is in partnership with the State Government.

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said \$301,000 had been allocated for the upgrade's final stage, while another \$301,000 will go towards completing the complementary works at the Lamb, Russell, Macleay and Karragarra islands commuter interchanges.

The ferry terminals upgrade project is a jointly funded \$48.6 million project, with

Redland City Council contributing \$17.1 million.

"These investments in better infrastructure and services to our island communities come with an economic boost in the form of jobs; and in the case of the ferry terminals, a boost for tourism opportunities," Cr Edwards said.

The 2023-2024 Budget also included a commitment for the detailed design of foreshore protection at Macleay Island.

"On the mainland, the largest spend was \$8.61 million towards the continued redevelopment of the Weinam Creek hub at Redland Bay, which will become a real focal point for southern Redlands Coast," Cr Edwards said.

"The Budget set aside \$6.7 million to spend on local parks, open space and conservation. A big slice of this – \$1.1 million – will be used for the renewal of Redland Bay's popular Point Talburpin Park."

Caring about car sharing

Since its introduction in 2020, the car sharing parking spaces scheme at Redland Bay Marina, Weinam Creek, has continued to grow in popularity.

In mid-June this year the number of car parking spaces dedicated to car sharing at the marina increased from eight to 12.

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said he was pleased to see the demand.

"There has been very positive feedback about the car share scheme since the very beginning in August 2020 when Council conducted a trial as a means to increase the turnover and effective supply of parking at Weinam Creek," he said. "I was pleased when that trial proved successful. It is a great option for island residents."

All car share parking spaces at the marina are clearly identified with signage.





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The new small dog area at Mount Cotton Community Park.



Community Connections wins Community Group of the Year 2023.



Cr Talty and Bumpy the Wombat at an IndigiScapes day out.



Opening of Redland Sea Dragons clubhouse.



First movie in the park night at Jingeri Park.

Out and about and local happenings

It has been a busy year thus far in southern Redlands Coast.

In May, the Redland Sea Dragons celebrated the opening of their new clubhouse in Moores Road, while the RSL sub-branch moved into their new digs earlier in the year.

Also in May there were celebrations of our volunteers across the community. Local groups based here in the south of our city, local charity, and force for good, the

CAGE Youth Foundation, was nominated for service awards, and local not for profit community support group Community Connections won Community Group of the Year 2023.

Among its many activities, Community Connections puts on free movie in the park events, including the first such event held at Shoreline's Jingeri Park in June, as well as the annual Hike to the Summit of Mount Cotton in July.

June also saw the official opening of the new Russell Island Ferry Terminal, which is a much-needed upgrade to public transport, and we celebrated with families and their pooches large and small, at the opening of the small dog off-leash area in Mount Cotton Community Park.

There are so many exciting plans for our local area. If you would like to learn more, feel free to contact Cr Julie Talty via email, or at one of her regular local community chats.

Saving on waste

As the needs of households and budgets change, it might be time to check if you have the right kerbside wheelie bins for your circumstances and if you are getting the best value for money.

Many families find they can save both money and waste to landfill by upsizing their recycle bin and downsizing their red top waste bin, and for those keen gardeners a greenwaste bin (mainland residences only) can help also.

Rather than sending greenwaste to landfill via the red top bin, it can be mulched and recycled by using a greenwaste bin.

Council's kerbside bin system includes 140-litre wheelie bins for waste and recycling, 240-litre wheelie bins for waste, recycling and garden organics and 340-litre wheelie bins for recycling. If you are worried the small waste bin won't be enough at those busy times of the year, the waste transfer stations remain free for you to drop off any excess.

"By getting the right bins for your households, you can save money and get better value," Cr Talty said.

For more information and terms and conditions on bin bundling, call 3829 8999 or order online.

Councillor grants benefiting local organisations

It has been very pleasing to have several community groups in southern Redlands Coast benefit from a Councillor's Community grant in the 2022-2023 financial year. Recipients from the Division 6 grants have included our Victoria Point Sharks Junior Australian Football Club, Redlands United Football Club, Redlands City Band, Redlands Royals Cricket Club, Redland Genealogical Society, Redlands Centre for Women, Redland Bay Tennis Club, the Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club, and Redland City Football Club.



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Choice locale for eco-friendly choices



The next Eco Market at Redlands IndigiScapes Centre will be on Saturday 2 September, and Division 7 Councillor Rowanne McKenzie said there couldn't be a better venue.

"The centre aims to make visitors feel immersed in nature with its series of walking trails, native plants nursery, bush tastes at its café, and its environmental education resources," Cr McKenzie said.

"There could not be a more perfect setting than IndigiScapes for regular open-air eco-friendly markets where the community can come together to learn more about sustainable lifestyle choices."

Set within 14 hectares of natural bush in Capalaba, IndigiScapes is Council's Environment Centre and native botanic gardens.

The Eco Market on 2 September will operate from 8am to midday. On offer at the numerous stalls will be unique planet-friendly products such as beeswax wraps, natural fibre brushes, reusable produce bags, laundry powder, toilet bombs, soaps, shampoos and more.

There also will be unique handmade bottled preserves, sauces, chutneys, relishes, salsas, pickles, jam, and marmalade with a focus on local seasonal and native ingredients.

They are free from added thickeners, artificial colours, flavours or preservatives and sold in plastic-free packaging, with biodegradable and home compostable labels.

Produce from Redlands Coast islands will also be on sale, including organic jams, chutneys, pickles, infused local honey and

organic gluten-free seed bread, as well as vegan cheese produced in a solar-powered premises, using recyclable glass jars.

Vegan apparel and food, natural butters, gourmet mushrooms and Redlands Coast Gin made using locally sourced native botanicals, as well as natural insect repellents made from canna and clove oil, can also be purchased at the markets.

Boomerang Bags Redland City volunteers (pictured above left) have a passion for fostering conscious habits to repurpose and reuse. At the markets they will be selling tote bags, cloths, wraps and book covers created from unwanted fabric and textiles. New exhibitors in September will include Eco transport, Solar PV systems and batteries, EV Chargers, Smart Meters, Green funerals, and FlyFarm Queensland and Larvalicious.

Time to get active with new pathway link

Exercise enthusiasts are better connected and able to enjoy picturesque bushland while they are cycling, running or walking, with the completion of the West Thornlands Active Pathway Link.

The \$1.15 million active pathway link project is a 1.3km-long shared pathway from Congreve Crescent, north of the Kinross Estate, to the eastern outskirts of the Weippin Street Conservation Area and continuing along South Street toward

Wellington Street. It was jointly funded by Council and the Queensland Government.

The footpath connecting Jabiru Place and Riley Peter Place in Cleveland near the South Street Conservation Area has also been completed. Council has also improved the safety of children attending Redland District Special School and Thornlands State School by painting school zone treatments in the school zone area and repainting the zebra crossing on South Street.

Scribbly Gums refresh

The Scribbly Gums Conservation Area off the Flinders Street entrance at Alexandra Hills has had a mini upgrade.

Council contractors have replaced timber bollards in the trail area that had deteriorated and installed new signage, while the shelter was pressure-washed and repainted.

The conservation area is popular with bushwalkers, trail runners and mountain bikers.



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Nadia Packer (left) and Chantel Meehan from Redland Community Centre with some of the equipment they bought thanks to a Council community grant; and (below) some of the team at Alexandra Hills Men's Shed.



Spurs Drive Bushcare Group.

Onlookers give their approval

The community tree-planting sessions in parkland off Spurs Drive, Wellington Point, have been given a green tick of approval from some furry onlookers.

Cr Huges said koalas watched over recent proceedings from high up in the trees where planting was occurring near Tarradarrapin Creek.

"The tree-planting volunteers are doing a fabulous job, and community Bushcare is not only a great way to help the environment but a great way to meet like-minded people," Cr Huges said.

Council provides communities wanting to start up Bushcare groups with equipment, materials, training and the support of a dedicated Bushcare officer.

Activities include planting native species, weeding, trail maintenance, and collecting native seeds for propagation. The groups are coordinated out of the IndigiScapes centre at Capalaba.

Other Bushcare groups in the area include the Wehr Urban Habitat, McDonald Road, Alexandra Hills, and the Jack Rosa Urban Habitat, Randall Road, Birkdale. The groups are always on the lookout for more volunteers.

You can find out more information at redland.qld.gov.au/bushcare



Wehr Urban Habitat Bushcare Group.

The real meaning of community

Redland Community Centre recently received a grant under the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund with the good news delivered by Division 8 Councillor Tracey Huges.

"The grant will have a profound impact on our ability to assist and uplift the Redland community," Redland Community Centre Operations Manager Chantel Meehan said.

"The funding has been used towards buying much-needed equipment to enhance the group's community events, such as a popcorn machine, soup warmer, and bain-marie.

"It will also support our events aimed at assisting vulnerable populations, such as Child Protection Week, Senior's Month, and R U Ok Day."

Cr Huges said it highlighted the importance of Council's community grants and that they should not be underestimated.

"The team at the Alexandra Hills Men's Shed were also grateful recipients of a grant and this is another wonderful example of a community group who are doing amazing things in their area," she said.

"To some people, the grants may not seem a lot of money, but they bring so much to our communities.



"Even the concept of community itself is something that shouldn't be underestimated. Small things have big impacts. These community grants from Council can have transformative results."

Organisations that benefited from a Councillor's Community grant in the 2022-2023 financial year included: Redlands Orchid Society, Redland City Bands, Redlands Rugby Union Club (Muddies), Redlands Centre for Women, Volunteer Marine Rescue Raby Bay, Birkdale Men's Shed, Redland Genealogical Society, Redlands Community Centre, Alexandra Hills Men's Shed, Capalaba Junior Rugby League (Warriors), and Redland Malayali Association.



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Caring for the environment

Capalaba Rotary Bushcarers are pictured after finishing their monthly 6am rejuvenation program at John Fredrick Park, Old Cleveland Road, Capalaba.

"We were there very early for croissants, hot tea and to 'solve the problems of the world' before getting into serious park rejuvenation," Division 9 Councillor Adelia Berridge said.

Another group of bushcarers have done some amazing work near the Pittwin Road North unit complex, Capalaba.

"Vines have been cut back, putting new life into trees and they have rejuvenated a weedy barren strip and turned it into a fertile, lush place for people and wildlife," Cr Berridge said. "Both of these Bushcare groups have morphed into a unique neighbour support group who come together once a month to enjoy each other's company while aiding bio-diversity conservation."



Capalaba Rotary Bushcare Group.



Pittwin Park Bushcare Group.

"With around 40 active Bushcare groups across Redlands Coast, we offer a unique opportunity for passionate volunteers to work together in partnership with Council to improve local nature reserves."



Cr Berridge, Christine Cufflin and Armin Stintmann at the Lions Club of Capalaba changeover meeting.

Roaring success

Lions Club Capalaba has generously donated money raised by its hard working volunteers. Just recently at a Changeover meeting, Sailability Bayside received \$5000, Redlands Community Centre received \$2000, Redland Museum received \$1000, Traction received \$1500, and Zoe's Angels received \$2500. A further \$400 from raffle ticket sales at the event was donated to Redlands Animal Shelter for much needed blankets, food and toys. Council supports Lions Clubs with a peppercorn lease on their club rooms.



Rare spotting of feathertail glider

Council's environmental team has confirmed a very rare sighting of a feathertail glider in Sheldon. This picture was taken by a resident in Campbell Road after he initially thought it was a spider climbing his leg and saw it had a tail. Division 9 Councillor Adelia Berridge said the resident sent her the picture for identification. "The resident has been encouraged to enter the record in iNaturalist / Atlas of Living Australia along with this photograph so that this valuable information is available to everyone, including the scientific community," she said.

Rays of sunshine for baseball club

Redlands Rays Baseball Club has a lot to be proud of. The club has grown to having a strong women's league and has been working with Redland City Council to support an Indigenous team. With Masters and possible Olympic opportunities, the club approached Council for screens needed for junior batting practice as the old worn-out screens were in urgent need of replacement. As this is essential to training, Division 1 Councillor Wendy Boglary and myself combined our funding money to ensure the baseballers could play in safe conditions in time for the summer season starting September.



Rays Baseball has a long association with Council, with many volunteers from T-ball, Juniors, Seniors to social media, canteen and general support. If you would like to offer some support, please go to their Facebook page for more details.



Award winner GrantsPlus consultant Lisa Nardone, business coach Donna Stone and Cr Berridge at the Vocational Service Awards.

Wide support

Capalaba Rotary Club hosted more than 80 attendees to their Annual Vocational Service Awards Evening, which was supported with funding under the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund. The Capalaba club supports a range of projects, activities and organisations. These include Redlands Community Centre, Bayside Salvation Army, Night Ninjas, The Cage Youth Foundation, Older Women's Network, Cleveland Scouts, Air Force and Army Cadets, CANTEEN Bandanna Day, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Enrichment Program, Rotary Youth Transition Seminar, PCYC Capalaba, and the Science and Engineering Challenge.



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The group meets at Mooroondu Sports Club on the last Sunday of each month from 3pm-5.30pm.

Walk the talk on community conversations

At 3pm on the last Sunday of each month, local residents meet at Mooroondu Sports Club as part of a volunteer community development project.

We work together as a group to focus on “what’s strong” rather than “what’s wrong” in our area.

So far, we have mapped local groups, favourite places and discussed ‘growing local’.

In May, we set off on a “walk and talk” activity, enjoying bushland areas that were saved by locals. We visited Penny Lane and Helen Street

Bushcare sites, paused to consider ancient history at Mooroondu Point, then visited a local’s productive food garden, and shared afternoon tea. Our July meeting was also a walk and talk.

Participants are invited to share skills and ideas as we co-design our future activities.

Join us from 3pm-5.30pm on 27 August, 24 September, 29 October, and 26 November.

Come along or to join the email list, email paul.bishop@redland.qld.gov.au.

New local connection

On the theme of active travel, Council and the State Government have partnered to deliver the Sunnybay Drive Active Travel connection that links Collingwood Road through Judy Holt Reserve and Sports hub, along the Tarradarrapin Creek area. Thanks to engaged locals for input that helped minimise impacts along the way. Please be respectful of residents and wildlife as you journey through this special area, where many species still roam freely.

Water main upgrades

Infrastructure works have recently been undertaken along Mary Pleasant Drive and Makaha Drive, Birkdale, which will future-proof safe drinking water in the area. Thanks to residents for their patience while officers and contractors completed these valuable upgrades.

Birkdale Land Army Forum - 13 August

A forum in August will celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Birkdale School of Arts Hall being declared the first permanent Australian Women’s Land Army camp in the Redlands during World War II. Council recently completed upgrades to the School of Arts Hall. The forum at 2pm on Sunday 13 August at the hall will include local stories from World War II by emcee Cr Paul Bishop; presentations from the ABC TV program *Landline*; the author of an upcoming Land Army novel; as well as other key players and short excerpts from *The Other Diggers*, a play written and directed by Jan Nary. Tickets are available via Events at RedlandMuseum.org.au

Return to chambers for Barbara

Former councillor Barbara Geary has lived in Birkdale for 60 years and seen many changes over that time.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop recently invited Ms Geary to visit Council chambers and reflect on her time overseeing plans for Birkdale and Thorneside (1976-1982). Ms Geary is also a founding member of Redland Baden Powell Guild and helps many community initiatives. She attends the Birkdale/Thorneside Community Conversations with other local residents.





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Wellington Point
Rotary club members
with Cr Boglary.

Social gatherings at the Village Green

Wellington Point Rotary and myself will be holding the first of our Community Park Socials on Saturday 19 August at the Wellington Point Village Green, which is a Council-managed venue.

The purpose of the events is to strengthen our local community with an informal community gathering where we will also have guest speakers on various topics, but

mainly gardening as we will also be caring for the Village Green gardens.

Rotary will cook pancakes for morning tea and everyone can get their coffees from one of the fabulous local cafes. They will be fun mornings while caring for the environment, strengthening our community and also promoting local businesses. So please join us on 19 August from 9am to noon.

A great honour indeed

Wellington Point resident Dr Donald Gilmour received a Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division for service to the forestry sector in this year's King's Birthday Honours. He was one of seven Redlands Coast residents who were recognised for their honours at a special event at Redland City Council recently.

Dr Gilmour (pictured with wife Helen) was Principal of the Department of Forestry's Forestry Training Centre, Team Leader of the Nepal Australia Forestry Project, and Head of the Forest Conservation Program for the International Union for Conservation of Nature in Switzerland. He is currently an Adjunct Associate Professor in the Tropical Forests and People Research Centre at the University of the Sunshine Coast.



Lighting the way all year round

The Council 2023-2024 Budget was adopted recently. Though I didn't agree with the Budget, several Division 1 projects will benefit. These include: Wellington Point Esplanade landslip project (\$2.55 million); tree lighting Wellington Point Reserve; pine tree lighting Wellington Point Village Green; park upgrade Jacob Street Park, Wellington Point; kerb, kerb ramps and

channelling Wellington Street, Ormiston; Fellmonger car park upgrade, Ormiston; citywide security camera funding; and various footpath works. Though not a major project, I was delighted to finally have up-lighting installed on the pine tree I planted at Wellington Point Village Green in 2008 so the Village would have a Christmas tree. Now we will have lights all year round!

Groups benefit from grants

Several community groups in Division 1 have benefited under the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund which is available to individuals and organisations that are a not-for-profit incorporated association (or sponsored by one). In the past financial year, the grants have been used by local groups to purchase such things as medals for presentation days, computer equipment, sporting equipment and event signage.

Organisations that benefited from the grants in Division 1 (or were co-funded with other Divisions) in the 2022-2023 financial year included: Point Lookout Surf Lifesaving Club, Redlands United Football Club, Redlands Orchid Society, Rotary Club of Capalaba, North Redlands Probuc Club, Redlands City Bands, Allstars Netball Club, Redlands Centre For Women, Redlands Rays Baseball Club, Cleveland Scottish Country Dancers (sponsor: Redlands Sporting Club), Volunteer Marine Rescue Raby Bay, Redlands Cricket, Point Lookout Surf Life Saving Club, and Wellington Point Bowls Club.



Preparing for festive season

Wellington Point Traders are busy plotting and planning for their annual Christmas Fair to be held on 2 December from 4pm-9pm.

Once again all the local community groups, including the TS Norfolk cadets (pictured at last year's event), charities and stall holders, will line the Village Street, with our fabulous Bayside Restorers Club holding a car display.

A jumping castle for children and simply all the fun of the fair ... with that special visit from Santa. Please join us to celebrate another year and support local! This great event is assisted by a Village Events and Activation Grant from Council.



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Wayfinding signage including maps are being installed across the city, including this one in the Cleveland CBD.

Looking our very best

Council has put the spotlight on the amenity of Cleveland CBD in response to feedback from the Redlands Coast community.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said maintenance and improvements were a rolling program of works for Council.

“During the winter period last year maintenance crews performed a deep dive on improvements in Queen and Bloomfield streets. This year it was Middle Street’s turn,” Cr Mitchell said.

“This involved a lot of tree trimming – particularly to our spectacular poinciana trees and figs that are a feature of our CBD – the maintenance of pathways and pavers to alleviate tripping hazards, installing better lighting with brighter lamps where possible, and improving wayfinding signage.”

Cr Mitchell said feedback he had received from the community was strong that they expected this work to be done.

“This, in itself, is a reflection of the strong pride the community has in how their city looks,” he said.

“There is always lots to do in a large centre like our CBD but Council is committed to doing what it can.

“In some instances, this includes partnering informally with landowners and businesses to support making the area look the best it can and be as easily accessible as possible.”

Walk this way to a healthier city

Give way to pedestrians is not only a road rule, it’s an urban design passion for Councillor Peter Mitchell.

The Division 2 Councillor is chairperson of the Redlands Coast Active Travel Reference Group and believes in a pedestrians-first approach in the design and function of roads, paths, buildings and public spaces.

Established in late 2020, the Active Travel Reference Group aims to guide the development of active travel initiatives to improve community connectivity, health and wellbeing, and reduce the burden of parking and transport infrastructure dominated by cars.

Active travel is defined as a journey that involves some physical effort like walking, cycling, or using scooters or skateboards.

Cr Mitchell said it was one of the top priorities of the *Redlands Coast Transport Strategy* and was a catalyst project in the *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*.

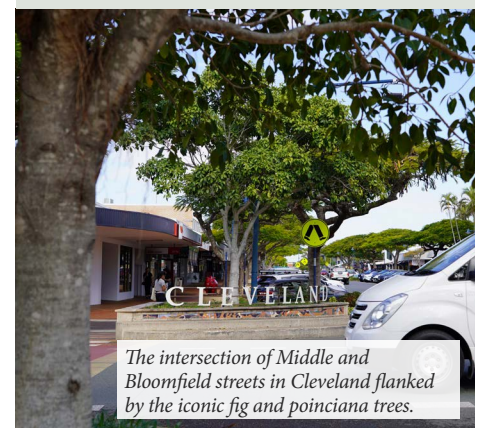
“The 2023-2024 Budget included \$1.67 million for the Footpath Gap Program that will create active connections citywide by filling in the missing pieces of pathway,” Cr Mitchell said.

“There also is an extensive wayfinding signage program rolling out across the city, as well as more shade areas, tree planting, path maintenance, rest stops and water bubblers, for example, being installed.

“The *Redlands Coast Active Transport Strategy* is also being prepared and this will set out clear goals and actions as to how active travel can be incorporated in our city.

“I am also passionate about lower speeds in high pedestrian areas – such as near town centres, transport hubs, schools and residential streets.

“I believe there is an increasing demand from the community for lower traffic speeds and it is my belief that historic legislative guidelines are out of touch with community expectations on this issue.”



The intersection of Middle and Bloomfield streets in Cleveland flanked by the iconic fig and poinciana trees.



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Representing our city

An opportunity was afforded to colleagues Mayor Karen Williams, Councillor Tracey Huges and myself to represent Redland City at the National General Assembly 2023 in Canberra, where we discussed and debated many issues that affect local governments Australia-wide.

Topics ranged from housing affordability, cyber security, environment and koala protection, and national requests for federal assistance grants, alleviating cost-of-living pressures.

With more than 500 councils represented at the assembly (pictured), the issues were much the same – all agreeing for more accountability at federal and state government level, in supporting local government.

Delegates voted for more accountability from state governments for their lack of collaboration and responsibility when it comes to supporting local government in development and infrastructure, along with their forecasted growth.

I was privileged to be able to address delegates on behalf of Council.



Grants benefit the community

I was pleased to be able to support Thornlands-based Lake View Men's Shed and Yurara Art Society with grants recently through the Mayor and Councillor's Community Benefit Fund program.

The grants helped the men's shed to purchase a standalone drill press (pictured above left), while art society members (pictured above right) acquired a new printer and hardware.

There have been a variety of worthy local organisations that I was able to help in the past few months with much needed financial support.

These Council grants are a small way to recognise and assist the great work being done for fellow residents by members of sporting, youth, cultural and not-for-profit groups. As a local councillor I get to see first hand just how much great work is done every day in our community. I know just



how much it is valued by residents, so it is important that assistance can be provided when it is needed most.

Organisations that benefited from the total of \$10,150 in grants in Division 3 (or were co-funded with other Divisions) in the 2022-2023 financial year included: Queensland Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association, VMR Victoria Point, Brisbane Seniors Online Association, Rotary Club of Capalaba, District 9620 Naval Association of Australia (Bayside Branch Sub Section), Victoria Point Scout Group, Redlands Four Wheel Drive Club, Redlands Royals Cricket Club, Cleveland Scottish Country Dancers (sponsor: Redlands Sporting Club), Lake View Men's Shed, and Yurara Art Society.

For eligibility criteria and to learn more about applying for grants or sponsorship, visit redland.qld.gov.au/grants, email councillorgiants@redland.qld.gov.au, or call 3829 8999.

Preparing for mozzie season

On the battle front to confront and control mosquitoes, Council's efforts have included 12 helicopter larvae sprays in five months, at an average cost of \$45,000 a flight, covering 8223ha.

There have also been 659 ground treatments in known breeding sites, covering about 304ha.

Meanwhile, 55 mozzie traps were set in a joint approach between Council and Queensland Health for "early detection".

The Rapid Surveillance for Vector Presence ovi-traps monitoring program is aimed at detecting a potential invasion of two specific urban mozzie breeds that could cause the breakout of exotic diseases in south-east Queensland.

As chair of the Regional Mosquito Management Committee, I can assure you that a lot of work is continuing behind the scenes to reduce mozzies and look for solutions to midge issues.



Some of Council's mozzie control crew.



Elder portrait on loan to Parliament

One of the Redland Art Gallery Collection's treasured portraits has found a temporary home in the Queensland Parliament's Reconciliation Gallery.

Redland Art Gallery (RAG) has loaned the portrait of well-respected Ngugi Elder and Quandamooka Traditional Owner Uncle Bob Anderson (Dr Robert Anderson OAM) to the Parliament until March 2024.

The portrait, titled *Spirit Man Walking Country Once More*, is by local artist Jo Fay Duncan, and was showcased at the Queensland Parliament during National Reconciliation Week this year.

Uncle Bob is widely respected for his work in the area of reconciliation and has a long association with native title determinations over Quandamooka country.

Spirit Man Walking Country Once More was inspired by two years of audio recordings between Uncle Bob and the artist.

The RAG Collection includes more than 750 artworks produced by more than 250 artists.

A lead is their best accessory

Getting ready to strut?

When promenading on Redlands Coast, make sure your dog is safe on a lead – they never go out of style! That's responsible pet ownership on Redlands Coast.



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A common thread

Stunning exhibitions explore the concept of connection.

Three new exhibitions coming to Redland Art Gallery (RAG) draw on our connections with place, memory and the relationships that bind us together.

Connected by Thread: SmartArts Creative Textile Group, and Yanni Van Zijl *One.5C*, both at RAG Capalaba, transform handmade creativity into multi-media art works that explore human relationships and our surroundings.

Connected by Thread celebrates SmartArts Creative Textile Group's 20 years of strong friendships, shared interests and learning all things related to textiles. This exhibition, running until 5 September, aims to entice, captivate and entertain, while inspiring and encouraging new interest in textile art.



Lynne Williams,
Memories of Coral, for
Connected by Thread:
SmartArts Creative
Textile Group.

Van Zijl takes an environmentalist approach, citing concerns of fire, flood, drought and climate change as driving forces for this exhibition. With distinctive connections to the natural world, Van Zijl's delicate sculptural forms combine with splashes of colour, texture and layered objects. Climate change and its impact on our environment weave a thread throughout this exhibition from 9 September to 7 November.

Featuring at RAG Cleveland from 20 August to 8 October, *Asia Pacific Contemporary: Three Decades of APT* profiles key moments from the Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art's (APT) flagship exhibition series looking to contemporary art in the Asia Pacific Region.

Presented by Queensland Art Gallery / Gallery of Modern Art, works of art commissioned or collected as part of these exhibitions from 1993 through to 2019 display APT's embrace of art in all its forms – from the ceremonial to the conceptual, and the deeply personal to the resolutely social.

Entry is free to all exhibitions. Bookings for floor talks and opening events are essential.

For the full program of RAG events, head to artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au



Yanni Van Zijl, *Leached*, porcelain and synthetic polymer paint.



Tomoko Kashiki, *I am a Rock*, for Asia Pacific Contemporary: Three Decades of APT.

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Having a well-maintained overflow relief gully (ORG) could be a home saver this storm season.

What the ORG does

The ORG sits outside your home and helps prevent wastewater backflow. If there's a blockage or the sewer system becomes inundated with water, wastewater is released, preventing it from flowing back through your toilets, baths and sinks into your home.



Stormwater and ORGs don't mix!

Wastewater and stormwater should never be plumbed together.

It is illegal to connect stormwater to your internal sewer pipes, and could cause flooding in your home.



Other ORG tips

- Your ORG should be 150mm below the floor level of your house, and at least 75mm above external ground level to avoid surface water run-off.
- Keep it clear – don't place anything on top of it.
- Make sure the lid (grate) is loosely fitted to allow it to lift easily.

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Devastation provides lessons for the future

It looked apocalyptic. Tree after tree, for hectare after hectare, reduced to blackened stalks; white sand awash with ash; and once leafy canopies left rusted by the inferno's heat.

What was believed started by a lightning strike led to mass evacuations and impacted an estimated 70 per cent of the bushland on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah).

The January 2014 bushfire was one of the largest in Queensland's recorded history. Significant bushfires also broke out on the island in 2018 and 2019, with smaller outbreaks in later years.

While destructive, the 2014 blaze also had a constructive upside, leading to the development of a comprehensive bushfire management plan for the island in 2019.

The Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation (QYAC) with the support of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, partnered with stakeholders to develop plans for the townships of Point Lookout, Dunwich and Amity Point.

The plans were unique in combining traditional fire management practices and modern disaster mitigation strategies.

Redland City Mayor and Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) Chair Karen Williams said the majority of North Stradbroke Island has been identified as having a high to very high bushfire risk.

"The fires on North Stradbroke Island in 2014 and 2019 should be powerful reminders of the potential devastation that can happen during bushfire season," Cr Williams said.

"The photos and television footage of the hectares of devastated bushland and of the huge plume of smoke that made its way to the mainland were heartbreaking to watch.

"The fires also showed that being prepared is the best way to alleviate the risk to your property, your home and your loved ones.



“A common reaction is to put off getting important safeguards in place, but taking some commonsense steps before the season starts is vital.”

To help mitigate bushfire risk on North Stradbroke Island, a number of government agencies including Council, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), Seqwater, QYAC, and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) undertake coordinated hazard reduction burns and maintain fire lines to reduce the impacts of unplanned bushfires.

Council also has a program of activities designed to reduce the potential of bushfires across Redlands Coast, including 37 planned hazard reduction burns on the mainland, the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and North Stradbroke Island this year. These preventative burns began in March and will continue through to September.

Cr Williams said Council also had a regular slashing schedule that reduced potential fuel loads.

“Planning is also well underway for the maintenance of Fire Access Trails and Asset Protection Zones in higher risk areas on Macleay and Russell islands, and in areas in Mount Cotton, Sheldon and Redland Bay,” she said.

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Be prepared

To help prepare for bushfire season, Council is partnering with Queensland Fire and Emergency Services to deliver a series of community information sessions.

The sessions will focus on general bushfire awareness and how residents can prepare themselves and their properties. The sessions are being delivered thanks to support from the Queensland Government's Get Ready Queensland program.

More information, including how to book your seat, is available on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Upcoming free information sessions:

Coochiemudlo Island

Saturday, 2 September, 9.30am, Coochiemudlo Fire Station, Coochiemudlo Island

Redland Bay

Saturday, 14 October, 9.30am, Redland Bay Community Hall, Redland Bay

Council also encourages residents to keep up to date with local alerts by visiting the Redlands Coast Disaster Dashboard, where you also can sign up for the free opt-in emergency messaging service Redlands Coast Alerts. Go to: disaster.redland.qld.gov.au



Warning system takes a consistent approach

The Australian Warning System is a new national approach to information and warnings during emergencies like bushfire, flood, storm, extreme heat and severe weather.

The system uses a nationally consistent set of icons and has been designed based on feedback and research across the country.

It aims to deliver a more consistent approach to these types of emergencies.

If you live in a bushfire risk area, you may already be familiar with the new warnings as they were implemented across bushfire agencies in the lead up to the 2020-2021 fire season. Over time, the new system will be used for more types of incidents in more places around the country.

How you receive warnings about emergencies may not change, but the wording, colours and call to action may be different to what you're used to.

There are three warning levels:

Advice (Yellow): An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

Watch and Act (Orange): There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect yourself and your family.

Emergency Warning (Red): An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

So good it's Bard

Our TOP 5 PICKS

From classic theatre to ground-breaking local productions, Redland Performance Arts Centre (RPAC) has plenty on offer to round out this year.



1

A whirlwind of passion, hidden identities and unrequited love – who needs a streaming service when you can enjoy Bell Shakespeare's fresh retelling of the Bard's *Twelfth Night*, on stage at RPAC in September. It's the "must-see" original rom-com, directed by Heather Fairbairn, with Jane Montgomery Griffiths (pictured) in the role of the prudish housekeeper Malvolia, and featuring all-new music by ARIA award-winning singer-songwriter Sarah Blasko.



2

The Sunshine Club is a gloriously energetic, thought-provoking and entertaining night of theatre that was written and directed by Quandamooka man and lauded Indigenous writer/director Wesley Enoch.

This ground-breaking First Nations musical (pictured) was an instant hit when it premiered in 1999 and continues to bring joy across Australia as part of a national tour, including a performance at RPAC in September.

This musical theatre masterpiece follows the story of Aboriginal soldier Frank Doyle, returning home to Brisbane after serving in World War II. He finds that while the world may have changed, some of the same old attitudes and prejudices still exist at home.



Apply for a grant today!

Council awards community grants to eligible not-for-profit community organisations and individuals across three categories to deliver projects in the areas of community development, cultural heritage, environment, and sport and recreation.

Apply now to invest in your community tomorrow.

Organisation Support – up to \$5,000

To help organisations improve planning, governance and management practices.

Project Support – up to \$10,000

To help organisations with one-off projects, events or activities that will benefit the community.

Conservation Grant – up to \$10,000

To help with conservation projects that will benefit the environment and wildlife.

Round one funding opens 31 July and closes 27 August 2023.

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Coal Miner's Daughter brings the mega-hits and stories of inspirational musical pioneer and superstar Loretta Lynn to the RPAC stage in November. Weaving anecdotes and humour through a catalogue of hits, this show (pictured) also features musical tributes to country music legends Patsy Cline and Conway Twitty.

Other musical acts on offer in the coming months include tributes to Queen, Roy Orbison, Ella Fitzgerald, Paul Simon, The Beach Boys, John Denver and Meat Loaf, while Australian '80s mainstays Pseudo Echo take you to funky town with their *Ultimate* tour performance in October.



4

Catch a few laughs in August when Ross Noble (pictured) returns to RPAC with his *Jibber Jabber Jamboree*, live on stage in his natural habitat. Not to be outdone in the laughter department, Arj Barker brings his comedic *Power Hour* to RPAC in October with his best jokes lovingly restored, refined and remixed with new material and a hint of improv.



5

International ballet makes a welcome return with the Royal Czech Ballet bringing their presentation of the classic masterpiece *Sleeping Beauty* (pictured) to the RPAC stage for two enchanting nights in October.

You can reignite your own passion for ballet, or try it for the first time, with two "Ballet for Seniors" classes from Queensland Ballet, also in October. This program is tailored for older adults focusing on improving poise, core strength, memory and mobility.

As well as these top picks, RPAC offers more for less through the Redland Arts Membership Program (RAMP) with discounts on shows and workshops, exclusive member events, pre-sale bookings and much more. So why not RAMP up your love of the arts by becoming a member for just \$35. Find out more and check out the full line-up of great shows and performances at rpac.com.au


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Crafting a creative community

Some made stop motion animated films, others tried elaborate paper quilling, some did macrame ... all of them made connections.

Redland City Council Libraries Create and Connect sessions have received overwhelmingly positive sentiment since launching in December last year. Tailored to adults, the sessions range from craft-based activities to games, including chess.

Adult Programs Librarian Shannon Parr said the pilot sessions had proven so popular that sessions were being increased at each of the libraries and had been extended to Redland City Council's island libraries.

"These sessions are designed to facilitate connection in our library community, in fun and engaging ways," Shannon said.

"They are friendly, welcoming spaces where everyone is encouraged to try something new or enjoy a much-loved pastime with others."

Feedback from participants has been glowing, Shannon said, with one person at a recent seed-paper card-making session describing it as a "lovely experience". Another said: "I just love to try new things and sample activities I wouldn't think of doing myself."

"We're thrilled with how these sessions have been received," Shannon said. "We are looking forward to this next season of creativity and community-building."

It is not only the participants who enjoy the Create and Connect sessions, Library Officers Anne Bagnall and Lisa Draney said they loved delivering the program which includes sessions on quilting, mosaic art, calligraphy, crochet and trivia.

"I get as much enjoyment out of it as the customers," Anne said. "It's so rewarding to see people meeting and connecting with others in the community."

Lisa agreed. "I love being able to provide a space for people to express themselves in a comfortable and relaxed environment," she said. "I always feel so good afterwards because of how much the customers have appreciated the session."

All sessions are free, and require a booking via the library What's On calendar at redland.qld.gov.au/librarywhatson



WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



BELL SHAKESPEARE TWELFTH NIGHT

By William Shakespeare
Director Heather Fairbairn

Australia's greatest Shakespeare ensemble returns to Redlands with one of the Bard's finest comedies!

SAT 2 SEP, 7.30PM
\$30-\$55



THE SUNSHINE CLUB

Written and directed by Wesley Enoch
Music by John Rodgers

The must-see musical of the year! A joyful and acclaimed First Nations production based in post-war Brisbane.

WED 13 SEP, 7.30PM
\$32-\$49



Musical Melodies THE POEMS, PRAYERS AND PROMISES OF JOHN DENVER

Re-live the voice of a generation as Darren Coggan respectfully honours John Denver and brings his legendary sing-along hits to the stage.

WED 25 OCT, 11AM
\$27-\$35



COAL MINER'S DAUGHTER

Multi-awarded, look-alike songstress, Amber Joy Poulton, brings the mega-hits and stories of superstar Loretta Lynn to the stage.

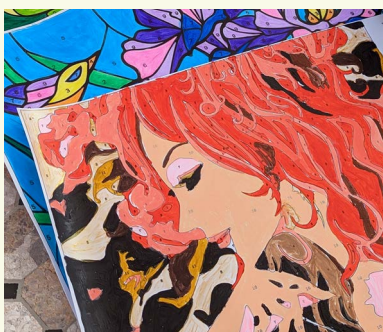
SUN 26 NOV, 2PM
\$45-\$70

Twelfth Night and *The Sunshine Club* have been assisted by the Australian government through the Australia Council for the Arts, its arts funding and advisory body.

Bookings: **3829 8131** or www.rpac.com.au
Booking fees: \$5.30 by phone and \$6.40 online per transaction



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Time to make new connections

Here are some upcoming Create and Connect events:

Seed-paper cards

24 August, 10-11am
Victoria Point Library

Chess for beginners

1 September, 1-2pm
Capalaba Library

Beginner quilting

5 September, 10-11.30am
Capalaba Library

Crochet granny squares

6 September, 10-11.30am
Russell Island Library

Book chat

9 September, 2-3pm
Cleveland Library

Macramé plant hangers

13 September, 10-11.30am
Point Lookout Library

Trivia

16 September, 10-11am
Victoria Point Library

Beginner calligraphy

21 September, 10-11am
Cleveland Library

Mosaic art

28 September, 10-11.30am
Victoria Point Library

Macramé keychains

3 October, 10-11am
Capalaba Library

Beginner calligraphy

4 October, 10-11am
Russell Island Library

Beginner calligraphy

6 October, 10-11am
Capalaba Library

Mosaic art

19 October, 10-11am
Cleveland Library

Trivia

21 October, 10-11am
Victoria Point Library

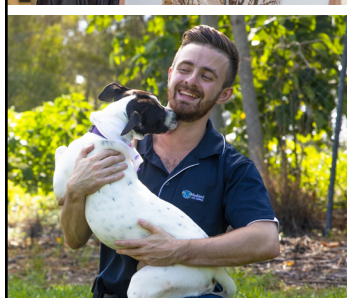


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