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Message from the Mayor

Redland City Council's drive for government commitments to key transport projects crucial to our area has been given significant impetus.

I am especially encouraged that the recently released Council of Mayors (SEQ) People Mass Movement Study has added the weight of neighbouring councils to our continuing calls for a regional solution to our transport and traffic issues.

The Council of Mayor's study, a first for South-East Queensland, strongly supports our long-held position that the Cleveland rail duplication and Eastern Busway are critical not only to the future of Redlands Coast but the entire region.

It makes it clear that the state and federal governments must invest in these critical initiatives ... and soon.

This is also supported by the more than 3000 residents Council has spoken with as part of its transport planning, with much of the feedback focussing on State Government transport responsibilities, such as state-controlled roads and public transport.

Old Cleveland Road is clearly beyond its capacity, the Cleveland rail service has the dubious distinction of being referred to as the "misery line" and the Eastern Busway has completely dropped off the State Government's agenda despite consistent lobbying.

Yet the evidence is overwhelming: duplicating the Cleveland rail line and delivering the Eastern Busway are keys to unlocking our economic potential as well as encouraging public transport use and taking cars off the road.

While they are yet to make it on to the state or federal governments' agendas, they are high on ours and we will be dogged in our pursuit of commitments to these congestion-busting projects before the gridlock worsens.

The decision for the federal and state governments isn't whether they can afford to deliver these projects, it's whether they can afford not to.

While we have the weight of evidence backed by the nine other councils in our region, we need to continue to be proactive and ensure that the depth of local feeling and the breadth of our expectations are clearly understood by governments.

In February I travelled to Canberra to lobby for these and other projects ahead of the upcoming federal election. Council also has adopted a federal election advocacy plan that includes a list of projects and initiatives that we will advocate for on your behalf.

In addition to transport infrastructure, they also include better internet and mobile coverage, improved health services and a commitment to the proposed Surf Lifesaving Queensland centre of excellence. Also high on the list is selling the Birkdale Commonwealth land to Council so we can retain it for community use rather than it being sold off for housing.

Recently I presented a petition of almost 7000 signatures to Prime Minister Scott Morrison, asking him to sell this strategically important land on Cleveland Road East to Council - let's hope he and all federal parties and candidates listen to this and our other requests. Visit Council's website to read the full federal advocacy document and see what we are advocating for on your behalf.

Mayor Karen Williams

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Ready, steady... **RACE!**

FUN TIMES: From left, Carly Spencer, Abbie Spencer, Riley Shreeve and Carly Shreeve get ready for some amazing fun.

“Team Carly” is prepped and ready for the upcoming Redlands Coast Amazing Race on Sunday 14 April.

The team – which debuted at the inaugural Amazing Race last year – consists of Victoria Point neighbours and friends Carly Shreeve and Carly Spencer, and their seven-year-old daughters Riley and Abbie.

Carly Shreeve said they all had such a great time last year that they told all their friends

and neighbours to sign up this year.

“Although the event celebrates Queensland Youth Week, Carly and I had as much fun as the kids,” she said.

“We all enjoyed different parts of the experience, from karaoke to Supa Golf, to just being out and about and working as a team.

“We’ve already started studying local landmarks to

better acquaint ourselves with Redlands Coast to help us interpret the clues.”

This year’s event features a new set of clues directing participants to a variety of naturally wonderful Redlands Coast locations, where they’ll need to complete fun activities before continuing.

A total prize pool of \$600 worth of Capalaba Central gift cards will be shared by the overall and stage winners.

Redlands Coast Amazing Race is an initiative of Redland City Council, sponsored by Capalaba Central and supported by Myhorizon and Redlands PCYC.

This year’s Queensland Youth Week runs from 3-14 April.

If you are up for some fun, visit www.redland.qld.gov.au to register your team by 5 April. You’ll also find the terms and conditions for entry there.

REDLANDS COAST **AMAZING RACE**

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Plenty of screen time Redlands Coast lures major productions

The naturally wonderful treasures of Redlands Coast have been given global exposure thanks to the area's popularity as a television and film destination.

Local locations were shown to audiences in more than 190 countries when *Tidelands* was streamed globally on Netflix from last December. It follows the success of the ABC crime drama *Harrow*, starring Welsh actor Ioan Gruffudd, which also used Redlands Coast locations and is now filming its second season.

Tidelands, the first Netflix original drama series to be commissioned and made completely in Australia, filmed throughout Redlands Coast for more than 20 days last year. Cleveland, Victoria Point and Redland Bay on the mainland, as well as Dunwich, Amity, Home Beach and Adder Rock on North Stradbroke Island, were in the spotlight along with the spectacular southern Moreton Bay.

Mayor Karen Williams said *Tidelands*

had put a spotlight on Redlands Coast and would potentially attract more productions and visitors to the area.

"*Tidelands* provided an economic boost for our local accommodation providers, restaurants, cafes, boating companies and community groups," Cr Williams said.

Tidelands executive producer Nathan Mayfield said Hoodlum Productions – a Brisbane-based Emmy and BAFTA Award-winning production company – had a fantastic experience filming the eight-part fictional drama series entirely in south-east Queensland.

"Filming in our home region is only made possible with enthusiasm and support at all levels of government, and also at the community level – our coalface" he said. "Producing this show would not be the same without welcoming communities and spectacular locations like North Stradbroke Island and Redlands Coast surrounds."

Screen Queensland board chair Linda Lavarch said *Tidelands* was a major boost for the local screen industry and delivered positive outcomes for the community, tourism and the economy. "The series employed approximately 500 Queenslanders across cast, crew and extras and injected an estimated \$12 million into the state's economy," she said.

Tidelands was brought to the state by the State Government's Production Attraction Strategy, administered by Screen Queensland. Redland City Council involvement with Screen Queensland's Film-Friendly Pathways Program has seen a growing number of productions choosing to film on location in Redlands Coast. Productions currently filming that are set to feature Redlands Coast locations include ABC Studios International TV series *Reef Break*, and Hoodlum Entertainment's *Harrow* series two.

Tidelands – A Hoodlum Production for Netflix. Photographer: Jasin Boland

WHAT'S ON AT REDLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE



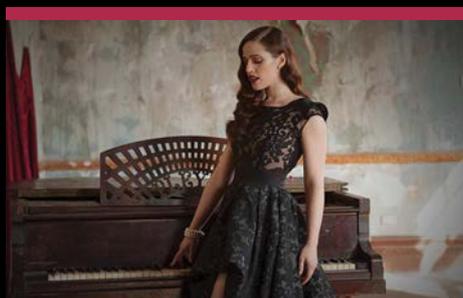
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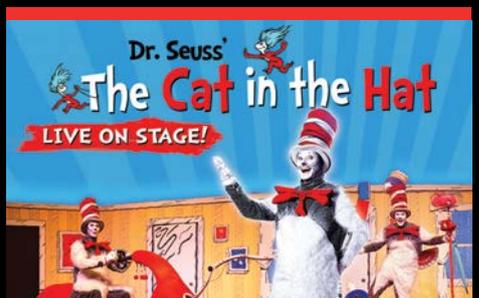


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Empowering the world

A social enterprise with its roots in Redlands Coast is bringing power to remote Indonesian villages while showing local entrepreneurs what can be done with a great idea, dedication and the right support.

PowerWells, which was born out of a start-up brainstorming session supported by Redland and Logan councils, is now looking to take its innovative power system to other communities throughout the world.

It has been a rapid journey for PowerWells' Nick Kamols and his team since the concept was presented at the start-up weekend last year – small and cheap

solar systems made from electronic waste which can provide light and mobile phone charging to extend the productive hours of the day and connects communities to economic and educational opportunities.

“We formed a team on the Friday, pitched the idea on Sunday and eight days later we were on a plane to Indonesia,” Nick, of Wellington Point, recalled. “Then five days after that, we installed our first Powerwell in a remote community 10 hours’ drive outside of Jakarta ... we had thought of it, made one and installed it within two weeks.”

PowerWells was soon after named a joint winner of the Duke of York's Pitch@Palace national leg of the international entrepreneurial competition from a field of 40 Australian start-ups.

Nick recently returned to Indonesia to check on the 10 PowerWells currently in service across Sumbawa, Sumba and northern Bali to look at how they can be improved and work on the next stage of the project – working with people living in remote communities to turn Powerwells into business opportunities.

“So far the focus has been on providing light and mobile phone charging for educational and indirect economic purposes,” Nick explained.

“Now we are trying to set them up so someone living in these remote communities can also make an income through managing them and meeting their community's electricity needs. We have been working with the University of Queensland's iLab Germinate program to create a micro-business model.



LEARNING: PowerWells provide villagers with a means to access education via mobile phones and tablets.



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ENERGISED: Redlands Coast's Nick Kamols works with Indonesian villagers to set up and maintain a power source to bring light and education to their homes.

“Essentially, we want PowerWells to have a large impact, and to achieve this it needs to sustain itself as a business, including expanding into other regions where people need a basic supply of electricity. There are over one billion people without electricity and two billion without adequate access to electricity. We want to help as many as possible.”

Nick, 28, encouraged other local entrepreneurs to “go after” their goals and

access the support that is available through programs such as those run by Redland City Council’s economic development team, which provides information on entrepreneurship, innovation and, importantly, the pitfalls and wins of a start-up business.

In partnership with Logan City Council and Griffith University through Advanced Queensland, Redland City Council helps fund the Advancing Regional Innovation

Program (ARIP) which supports local start-ups and innovators.

Initiatives include StartUp Redlands, which encourages local innovators, entrepreneurs and investors to collaborate, and Redlands Angel Investors, which was founded by local entrepreneurs.

Info: www.powerwells.org, nick@powerwells.org or @PowerWellsOrg on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Redlands Coast **HEALTHY & ACTIVE** 2019 Term 1, 29 January – 7 April

See what’s new for Terms 1 & 2!

Weekly activities suitable for all levels of fitness and just \$5 per session.

- Sessions held across Redlands Coast - in parks and now indoors too
- Flexible programs to allow you to come and try different activities
- Still places available for Term 1, 2019 program (started 29 Jan)
- Term 2, 2019 starts 23 April
- Activities to suit all ages and abilities - including Zumba, yoga, circuit and now Ninja warrior training for kids

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Protecting what's naturally wonderful

Redland City Council is part of a new collaboration to protect one of South-East Queensland's greatest natural and economic assets – Moreton Bay.

Council has joined the Resilient Rivers Initiative, which has a long-term strategy to improve and protect the Redlands and Lower Brisbane coastal catchment, primarily targeting the impacts of stormwater runoff from urbanised areas.

Supported by a \$2 million region-wide funding pool contributed by Redland and other South-East Queensland councils, it will also target waterways and wetlands in most need of rehabilitation.

Redland City Mayor Karen Williams said the Resilient Rivers Initiative was an important regional partnership that recognised the region's creeks, rivers and waterways crossed land boundaries.

"And that means they need to be managed holistically through a collaborative regional effort," Cr Williams said.

"Our waterways play a huge role in making Redlands Coast naturally wonderful and have a special place in our lives and Council is very proactive in our efforts to protect them.

"As well as our existing waterways recovery programs, Council has been working with other regional experts to identify the priority actions that are needed.

"This plan is based on sound scientific planning and includes realistic and achievable actions to protect our creeks, rivers and Moreton Bay.

"We need to ensure the growth expected across the region does not come at the cost of our waterways and Moreton Bay and that they remain safe, clean and accessible."

The Resilient Rivers Initiative is a partnership bringing together the Council of Mayors (SEQ), Seqwater, Queensland Government, Healthy Land and Water, Unitywater and Queensland Urban Utilities.

The Lower Brisbane-Redlands Coastal Catchment Action Plan incorporates three distinct catchment areas: the Redlands Coastal Catchment, the Moreton Bay Islands and the Lower Brisbane Catchment which, combined, cover nearly 2000 square kilometres and span five council areas with more than a quarter of it in Redlands Coast.



Helping our waterways

Redland City' Council's environmental team is committed to keeping watch over the health of the Redlands Coast's freshwater creeks which flow into Moreton Bay.

They also rely on the help of residents, especially the city's dedicated band of Bushcare and other volunteers, to not only keep our vital creeks in good shape but also restore those which have been affected by catchment pressures.

There is much that can be done to promote waterway health, whether you own your own home, rent or live in a unit, especially preventing sediments and pollutants from flowing into waterways.

Other ways to help include:

- Picking up litter.
- Properly disposing of dog droppings to stop them from being washed into our waterways.
- Building a rain garden to reduce the impact of storm water run-off from your property.
- Talking to your body corporate about maintaining your unit block's silt traps.
- Reducing the amount of fertiliser used on lawns and gardens.
- Using phosphate-free detergents.
- Washing your car on the lawn.
- If you live on acreage, plant native trees, shrubs and pastures and protect fragile soils to slow down the speed of overland water and reduce erosion.

Making a difference

Redland City Council offers community activities for residents to celebrate the values of the natural environment and our city's waterways.

Residents are encouraged to become stewards of the waterways and proactive in protecting the creeks that flow into Moreton Bay by:

- Reporting water pollution, as its prevention is essential to maintaining the health of our environment and our own quality of life.
- Supporting initiatives to keep litter, sediment and pollutants out of our creeks and Moreton Bay.
- Joining a Bushcare group, Creek Crew or Council's Waterways Extension Program.
- Learning what you can do to protect catchments and waterways by going to www.indigiscapes.com.au

You can find out more by calling IndigiScapes on 3824 8611.

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Our 'branch office'

The specialised team caring for Redlands Coast's streetscapes

Each year many Redlands Coast streets become a blaze of colour as the city's much-loved poinciana trees burst into flower.

It is a simply stunning natural display, much loved by residents and envied by others, attracting daytrippers like moths to their orange-red flames.

Keeping them that way are

the members of Redland City Council's Tree Services Team, who not only ensure the poincianas look their best but step in when a tree ails and becomes a risk to the community.

The maintenance of the city's street trees, particularly "iconic" specimens which are woven in to its cultural fabric, is constant.

The poincianas with their fast growth rates and low draping canopies, for instance, need plenty of care and attention to maintain safe clearances from roads, footpaths and services. Dead wood has to be removed from within the canopies, damaged and dangerous limbs pruned, and their expansive lateral root systems kept in check where necessary.

There are literally hundreds of poincianas and other mature species across the mainland, North Stradbroke Island and Redlands Coast Southern Islands on the team's rounds.

"The ultimate focus is ensuring public safety, along with the preservation of our green assets. We have many significant trees and natural areas that are important for

REPORT GRAFFITI ONLINE WITH VANDALTRAK

Council's graffiti reporting system

Every holiday season we see a spike in incidences of graffiti and vandalism. It's not unique to the Redlands, but we can all help discourage and reduce this behaviour by reporting it promptly, preferably within 24 hours.

Rapid removal limits the admiration a vandal receives from their peers (often the primary motive) and reduces the likelihood of further vandalism.

It's your community. Report graffiti vandalism with VandalTrak, so together we can look after our communities and neighbourhoods.

Report graffiti quickly online!

Visit vandaltrak.com/graffiti-register to report the incident via the online form or mobile app.

Simply upload a photo and provide the details and location, which VandalTrak will automatically send to Council.

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the local community and these areas require special care and consideration for their long-term preservation,” a team spokesman said.

“This includes protecting the local and cultural heritage of our region and ensuring the life expectancy of significant trees and street tree plantings are maximised where and when possible.

“Certain iconic avenue street plantings are regularly monitored and management plans implemented to ensure their long-term preservation. This sometimes requires the systematic removal and prompt replacement of large trees approaching the end of their useful life expectancy.”

Decisions to remove trees are not made lightly and follow an assessment of each specific tree’s visible health, structure, useful life expectancy, location, safety risks and potential to cause damage.

“Complete removal is only considered if a hazard to persons or property cannot be safely mitigated or removed by means of

management or isolation,” the spokesman said.

“Additionally, if the tree is dead and has no habitat value or is causing significant damage to infrastructure or property, removal is sometimes considered.

“Although this can cause angst in the community, people’s concerns are generally quickly relieved when the processes for preservation of our local iconic avenues are explained.”

When necessary, outside experts are called in, especially when specialised work is needed, such as sonic tomograph testing to measure internal decay within trees, advanced assessments for significant trees which may require specialised treatments and consulting reports for trees close to proposed development.

Where appropriate, trees which are removed are generally replaced in keeping with the streetscape, environmental requirements and community wishes.

Loved to death

Street and park trees throughout Redlands Coast are being killed with kindness by well-meaning residents, according to Redland City Council’s Tree Services Team. Placing grass clippings around the base of trees thinking it’s good mulching practice has become a significant problem and contributes to the loss of established trees and new plantings.

“The misunderstanding that grass clippings hard against a tree trunk can be beneficial is the major contributing factor to the loss of many street trees in our city,” a Tree Services Team spokesman said. “Mulching is extremely beneficial to a tree when done correctly and clearance is given to the main trunk and buttress roots. But having organic matter hard against the trunk can cause an array of issues and promote the development of decay causing pathogens.”

Soil and fill against a tree’s trunk can cause similar issues.

How you can help

-  Take a minute to look at trees regularly for any changes in the foliage, branches or trunks.
-  Signs to look out for with street and park trees are lifting or heaving roots, deep cracks in the internal wood, splits in branch unions and cracking or creaking noises.
-  Take extra care when cutting your grass as whipper snippers can cause significant tissue damage to tree trunks through regular direct wounding.
-  During dry periods, younger street trees may require watering. While Council does make regular watering runs, it is always appreciated when residents take a little time to give their street tree a drink.
-  Tree vandalism is a growing problem, so if you notice any suspicious behaviour, such as people tampering with Council-managed vegetation, report it immediately to Redland City Council on 3829 8999.



Take care of your home these holidays

Holidays are a time of celebration and relaxation. Don't let thieves ruin your time away.

Follow these simple tips to reduce the opportunities for crime:

- Inform a trusted friend or neighbour of your trip and leave them your contact details.
- Try to make your home and property look lived in – cancel deliveries, leave lights on timers and ask a neighbour to collect your mail and bring in rubbish bins.
- Clear your garden of tools, ladders and bricks that could be used to break in.
- Do not leave a message on your answering machine telling people you’re on holidays.
- Ensure all of your doors and windows are locked. Don’t leave a key hidden outside.
- Do not leave your car keys in the house if your car is parked in the garage or driveway. Take them with you or give them to a trusted friend or neighbour.

TOP TIPS TO DETER THIEVES!

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FROM LITTLE THINGS BIG THINGS GROW



GREEN THEME:
The new native plant nursery at Redlands Coasts' IndigiScapes centre, which was opened with a community day in January.



The new nursery at Redlands Coasts' IndigiScapes Centre is quietly nurturing thousands of native plants as refurbishment of the main building continues.

The larger nursery, which opened in mid-January, can still be accessed by the community along with the display gardens during work on the next stage of IndigiScapes' multi-million dollar redevelopment.

Division 7 Councillor Murray Elliott said IndigiScapes was well on its way to becoming one of the region's leading environmental experiences and would significantly enhance Redlands Coast's naturally wonderful credentials.

"The main centre building, carpark and some bush trails surrounding the centre will remain closed for the first half of the year to allow the works to proceed," Cr Elliott said.

"These improvements, jointly funded by the State Government, include relocating and expanding the popular café, a new theatre with conference facilities, a new environmental interpretation area and a refurbished entryway.

"The new native nursery, which is now next to Myhorizon, remains open and provides access to the display gardens and new toilet facilities."

Cr Elliott said the nursery was a great place for local home gardeners to get advice on native plants suitable for their own gardens.

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"There's about 16,000 plants covering 260 local species and there's always someone on hand happy to provide their expertise to help out home gardeners. There are also extension officers who are available for advice through a number of Council-run programs," Cr Elliott said.

The nursery currently has around 20 volunteers working across a range of jobs from seed collection and sorting to propagation to sales. Seeds for the nursery are regularly collected by volunteers from bushland throughout Redlands Coast.

IndigiScapes' vital environmental extension programs will be operating from Capalaba Place until the bigger and better centre reopens mid-year."

Find out more

If you want to know more about IndigiScapes and its programs, visit the project webpage at redland.qld.gov.au/IndigiScapesExpansion.

If you are interested in volunteering at the nursery, contact IndigiScapes on 3824 8611 or via email at indigiScapes@redland.qld.gov.au.

The centre is off Runnymede Road, Capalaba, with car parking available at the new nursery – access is via the Myhorizon driveway. The nursery is open to the public from 10am–3pm Monday to Friday and 9am–noon on the first Saturday of each month.



*SERVICE:
JP Graeme
Moorehouse
of Ormiston
plays a vital
role in keeping
our community
running.*

VOLUNTEER JPS THE BACKBONE OF COMMUNITY

Redlands Coast is blessed with a dedicated band of volunteers who freely give of their time and expertise to help their fellow residents – among them the members of the Queensland Justices Association’s Redland City Branch.

The city’s JPs are in great demand for services ranging from witnessing signatures on documents and contracts to hearing some minor court matters.

“JPs are an essential part of our daily lives, although we may rarely think about them until we need something like an affidavit or mortgage contract signed urgently,” said Division 8’s Cr Tracey Huges, a JP herself.

“Their service is also free and entirely voluntary. It is unpaid but provided with a real sense of community spirit ... JPs train and give up their time just to make it easier for others to get on with their lives.”

While many in the community may sometimes take JPs for granted, modern life would be difficult without them.

“JPs are there when needed to witness enduring powers of attorney, signatories to mortgage forms, bail affidavits and notices of intent to marriage, to name but a few,” Cr Huges said.

“Their services touch on many aspects of adult life and our JPs in Redlands Coast really do punch above their weight with the services that they provide.

“The branch is a member of Volunteering Redlands, which is supported by Redland City Council, and Council greatly values the work they and our other volunteers do to support our community.

“The city really wouldn’t be able to function properly without them.”

The Redland City branch of the Queensland Justices Association was established in 2000 and today has 50 volunteers, who run JP signing centres at Capalaba Central and Birkdale Fair shopping centres.

The branch provides volunteers at the Cleveland Magistrates Court, as well as providing a service to residents of some of Redlands Coast’s nursing homes and hospitals and running

training courses for prospective JPs. Its members have mentored 24 new justices in the past two years.

Those interested in becoming a JP can contact the branch at qja.com.au/redland-city/.

If you are looking for a JP, log on to www.justice.qld.gov.au and search for “Justices of the Peace”. Regular services are also provided at Capalaba Central Shopping Centre (10am-2pm Tuesdays, 6.30pm-8pm Thursdays and 10am-noon Saturday) and Birkdale Fair Shopping Centre (6.30pm-8pm Thursdays and 10am-noon Saturdays), as well as at Cleveland Magistrates Court.

Cr Huges also offers a JP service at her regular community sessions.

When seeing a JP

- Understand the form you are asking them to witness, and its consequences;
- Take all required identification and supporting documents;
- If you need a signature witnessed, do not pre-sign documents;
- Be patient - JPs are volunteers giving their time to assist you;
- Be aware that you won’t receive legal advice as JPs are not legally qualified to advise you on a legal matter; and
- Respect the time they spend assisting you.

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PASSAGE TO FUTURE FOR CAPALABA

A striking 8m-tall artwork will soon greet people as they arrive in Redlands Coast, heralding the revitalisation of Capalaba town centre.

The creation by well-known artist Paul D. Johnson, called *Passages*, will be installed this financial year at the corner of Moreton Bay and Redland Bay roads and symbolizes “portals and pathways”.

“*Passages* is particularly relevant with Capalaba being the northern gateway to Redlands Coast,” Division 9’s Cr Paul Gleeson said.

“The Tingalpa Creek crossing was perhaps the most significant portal to this area during European settlement and so a significant focus for this sculpture. The themes move between Aboriginal history and white settlement and represent exchange between cultures, which continues today.

“The concept is based on a seed pod, with each leaf markedly different, highlighting different stories of Capalaba’s heritage as both a pioneer entry to Redlands Coast and the historical Quandamooka country border of Tingalpa Creek.

“It will look particularly stunning at night, illuminated with changing colours inspired by the regional flora and our coastal environment.”

Artist Paul D. Johnson has worked in Capalaba previously, with his work *Scribble* (2003) standing as the entry statement at

Capalaba Regional Park. *Scribble* uses original timbers from the first Tingalpa Creek bridge circa 1874. Some of these timbers will be used also in the new work, once again echoing Capalaba’s heritage.

Redland City Council has also released its vision to revitalise the Capalaba town centre, a project that will improve public transport access, provide new library and community facilities.

“It will transform the precinct into a new town square environment that is safe, activated, innovative and environmentally sustainable,” Cr Gleeson said.

“Council and Redland Investment Corporation are now assessing expressions of interest to help us to deliver what will be an exciting landmark development that supports the revitalisation of one of the Redlands Coast’s most important commercial, retail and social centres.

“We want to turn Capalaba into a world-class active, urban heart that capitalises on its position as the entrance to Redlands Coast. We especially want to ensure that this project protects the community feel of the area while providing local families with infrastructure and transport improvements.”

The vision for the project includes the delivery of a new Capalaba Library, Council Customer Service Centre, arts centre and hall, as well as the Capalaba Bus Interchange – a key transport node connecting Redlands Coast to Brisbane’s inner and eastern suburbs.

“Improved public transport access is a key and, in developing the project, Council wants to see the implementation by the State Government of the Eastern Busway project and link in with Brisbane City Council’s metro project,” Cr Gleeson said.

“With the right development partner, this project will breathe new life into Capalaba, boosting the local economy and enhancing connectivity between the two existing major shopping centres.”

For more information, visit redland.qld.gov.au/CapalabaProject



REVITALISATION:
Capalaba’s CBD
is set for welcome
change, with public
art (illustrated above)
and renewal of the
town centre.

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A NATURALLY WONDERFUL WAY TO PLAY

The new neighbourhood nature play area at Birkdale's William Eickenloff Park is one of three more naturally wonderful spaces for local families to enjoy.

Along with other open spaces that adjoin Tarradarrapin Creek, the play area - which includes grass mounds and sandstone block seating - is designed to enhance the park's natural attraction and stimulate children's interest in the outdoors.

Division 10 Councillor Paul Bishop said the nature-play concept, a recommendation of Redland City Council's Open Space Strategy, sought to create more engaging community spaces across Redlands Coast.

"This addition to William Eickenloff Park will help us to develop a vision and guiding principles for other neighbourhood nature play areas, so I was pleased to be able to secure funding for it through my Community Infrastructure Program," Cr Bishop said.

"Our aim is to create places where children can interact with others and enjoy being active outside ... something that is becoming increasingly important in today's high-tech world.

"Unstructured, nature-based play is a powerful influence on children's development and these spaces have been found to be especially effective in bonding youngsters with the natural world.

"This is something which is very much aligned with our Redlands Coast lifestyle. Such spaces allow kids to develop a better understanding of the many natural wonders that they share their neighbourhoods with.

"Over time, it is hoped that local digital additions can be made to bring these nature play areas alive with relevant images, sounds and interactive stories. This will be in response to community views, creative artists and technical expert advice."

The new play area features five sandstone blocks surrounding one of two gentle, grassy mounds where park visitors can relax among the park's many trees.

"This is a great place for neighbourhood activities and programs, such as bush kindy training and nature-play clubs," Cr Bishop said.

"The potential is now there for this concept to be extended to other parks in the area. William Taylor Memorial Park and Carinyan Drive Park also have the potential to provide unique nature play areas which are interwoven into their existing natural features."

Cr Bishop said Council would also work with Nature Play QLD, a collaborative organisation which aims to increase the time Queensland children spend in unstructured play outdoors, to increase children and families' access to natural areas for their health and wellbeing.

PLAYTIME: Nature play, such as that in Birkdale's William Eickenloff Park, can have a powerful influence on children's development.

Cr Paul Bishop

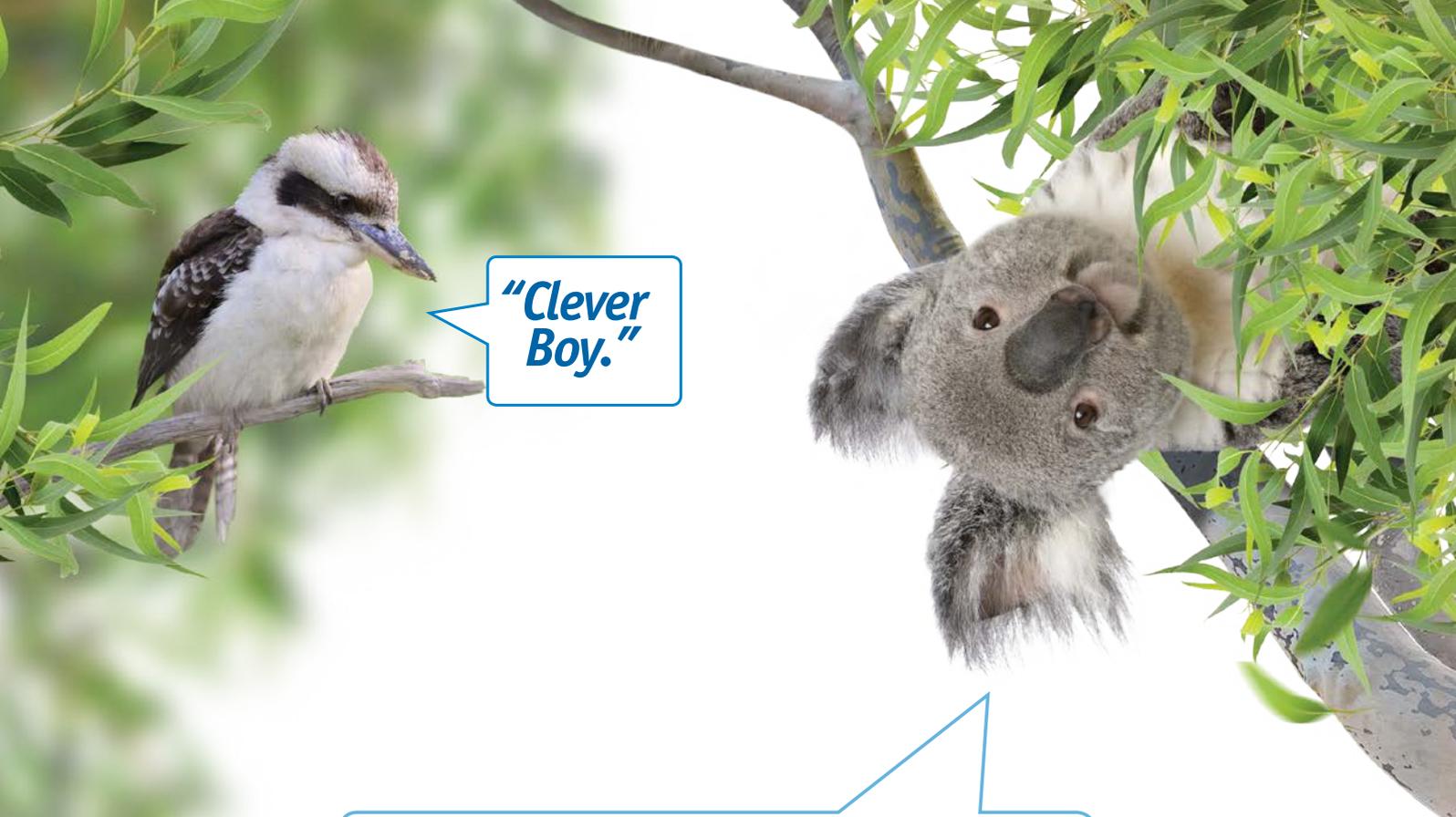
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DIVISION 10



"Clever Boy."

"Take a look at trees from our point of view."

"Trees are vital to all of us, including native animals like me, my mate here and other wildlife.

Trees also need to be cared for. Please help us by planting and looking after native trees in your yard. For expert tips and advice on placing and maintaining your trees, branch out and visit the following website." www.bit.ly/IndigiScapesNursery



**Let's care for trees
and our wildlife**

Think of the kids

Our schools are busy areas with lots of excited children who sometimes do not understand the dangers of roads and vehicles.

They can act unpredictably ... which is why Redland City Council diligently enforces the stricter parking rules which apply around our schools, especially around school entrances at drop-off and pick-up times.

Drop-off and pick-up areas are generally marked as a loading zone and have a maximum two-minute parking limit during set times to allow you to drop-off or collect your children.

This is designed to ensure a safe environment for children, keep traffic moving and provide an opportunity for others to drop off or pick up their kids.

Ignoring the two-minute limit or pulling over into “no stopping” or “no parking” areas can cause potentially dangerous situations ... and will likely land you with a \$130 fine, as Council officers patrol all Redlands Coast school zones.

Loading zones are designed to keep traffic flowing and provide a safe area for your children to be dropped off and picked up.

If your children are not ready, you will need to drive round the block and re-enter the area or find a parking spot. You should only let your children in or out once in the signed area, as it is dangerous to let them do so while waiting in a queue or double-parked.

Drivers should always take care when parking in and around schools and follow the signed parking rules at all times.



“
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Keep mozzies away!

It's still mosquito breeding season. Council conducts regular ground and aerial treatments throughout Redlands Coast, including the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. Mosquito treatment is safe for you and the environment.

Protect yourself against mosquito bites by:

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

Manage mosquitoes around your home by:

- Screening rainwater tanks and emptying water from household items such as pot plant bases, boats, blocked roof gutters bird baths and old tyres.



It's still mosquito breeding season!

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“When my young son asked me to read Red Riding Hood to him, I made up the story as I turned the pages”

John writes a new chapter in his life

A local father has recalled how he would make up the storyline for a well-known children’s bedtime book because he couldn’t read it to his son.

He would use a “text to speech” app when communicating with family and friends and, when he went out for dinner, would order what others were having because he had no idea what was on the menu.

But today, thanks to his local Redland library, he is well on the way to overcoming the barriers of below-proficiency level literacy which affects an estimated 44 percent of Australian adults.

“It was hard not being able to read and write and my confidence wasn’t 100 percent,” recalled John (not his real name), a 42-year-old father who moved to Queensland 18 years ago to escape a difficult social environment.

“I didn’t have the confidence to go up to people and ask them to read something for me.

“I had to make up my own form of reading at work from symbols and used a ‘text to speech’ app when sending and receiving text messages from my friends and family.

“When I went into a restaurant with my mates I couldn’t read the menu so I just said, ‘What are you having?’ and ordered the same.

“When my young son asked me to read *Red Riding Hood* to him, I made up the story as I turned the pages and *Red Riding Hood* didn’t get lost in the wood but in a night club! My son went to school and told his teacher my version of the story (and) I had a phone call from her the next day and had to explain that I couldn’t read, so had to make up the story.”

John said his inability to read and write also blocked opportunities for promotion at work, shackling him to the same role for 14 years.

Eventually he reached out to his local library for help and was connected with the Redlands Adult Literacy Learning Program, beginning regular sessions with a tutor last September.

“With her help, I’ve been reading some beginner readers’ books. I’ve learnt about and practiced punctuation by exchanging text messages with her without using ‘text to speech,’” John said.

“I told my friends that I was learning to read and now they send back my texts if I don’t put in full stops and capital letters! I’m printing out the photos of my

artwork and writing about each of them in preparation for an art portfolio.

“For the first time, I had the confidence to plan a visit to my sister in Perth. At the airport, I was able to read my boarding pass and check the screens for my flight, my gate and seat numbers.

“Now when I go to a restaurant with my mates I take a menu and try to read it.”

John has since been able to renew his driver’s licence online and is now aiming to do a written test for a truck licence, which he hopes will lead to promotion at work.

He has now urged others struggling to read and write to seek help through programs such as those offered at Redlands libraries.

“I would tell them what I’ve done and how it has helped me in such a short time,” he said.

The libraries’ volunteer tutors meet weekly with their learners, with the free sessions tailored to the unique needs of each learner.

If you have a family member, friend or colleague who needs literacy help, tell them about the Redland Libraries’ Adult Literacy Program. They can call 3829 8400 for more information.



Carol McGregor, *Black seeds* 2016, Possum skins, cotton, ochre, ash and resin. Redland Art Gallery Collection. Acquired in 2017 with Redland Art Gallery Acquisition Funds. Courtesy of the artist. Photo: Carl Warner.

Insights of place across time

An extraordinary collaboration of Aboriginal artists will open a window to Quandamooka culture during an extended exhibition at Council's Redland Art Gallery from June 30.

Seeing Country, which will continue to 1 September 2019 and is a feature of this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations and the Quandamooka Festival, will champion reconciliation on Redlands Coast while showcasing the extraordinary creative talent of established and emerging artists.

Supported by an Arts Queensland grant and featuring the gallery's collection and loaned works, the exhibition will take visitors inside the cultural practices of the First Peoples of Australia, celebrating Aboriginal ecological understandings by highlighting resilient relationships with the lands and waters.

Curated by Quandamooka woman Freja Carmichael, it brings together artistic practices and experiences from saltwater, freshwater and rainforest

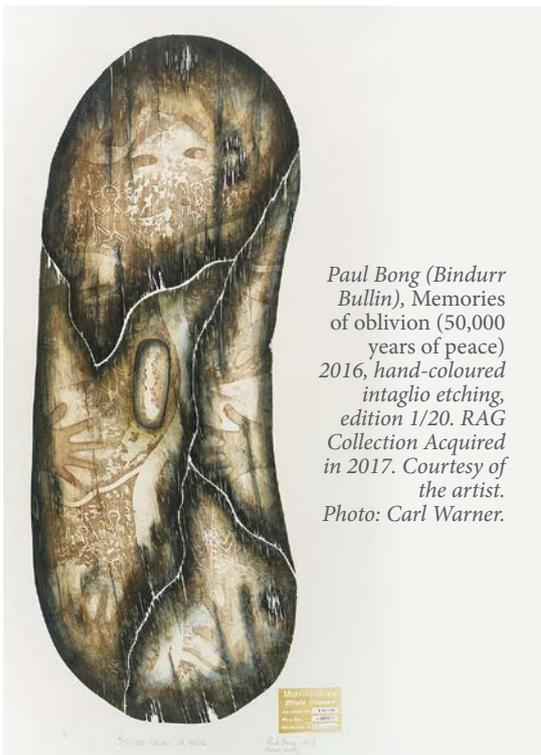
country to share insights of place across time.

Through diverse mediums and techniques, the artists express innovation, ancestral knowledge and the importance of the natural world.

Collectively, *Seeing Country* translates ways of seeing that are central to culture and caring for Country.

Seeing Country will coincide with *Already Occupied*, the solo exhibition of Quandamooka artist Libby Harward.

The synergies between both exhibitions will broaden understanding of the importance and ongoing connection to country for Aboriginal people as well as providing significant acknowledgement of culture and place.



Paul Bong (Bindurr Bullin), *Memories of oblivion* (50,000 years of peace) 2016, hand-coloured intaglio etching, edition 1/20. RAG Collection Acquired in 2017. Courtesy of the artist. Photo: Carl Warner.



Elisa Jane Carmichael, *Coolamon #3* 2017, Raffia. RAG Collection. Acquired in 2017. Courtesy of the artist. Photo: Carl Warner.

BRILLIANT RAYS SHINE OVER WELLO VILLAGE

Wellington Point Village, fast becoming recognised throughout South-East Queensland as a dining destination, has had a makeover.

The Village Green has been enhanced with imaginative play and shade to make it more user friendly for day visitors and tourists. Shelters also have been added to allow the popular “Dancing on the Green” to resume and for future markets.



VILLAGE LIFE: Cr Wendy Boglary with local traders at the Wellington Point eagle ray sculptures; village favourite Dougie the dugong, and lapping it up on the Village Green..

Local Councillor Wendy Boglary said the streetscape, on which there was more work to come, now included elements to enhance the visitor experience and create a sense of place.

“It is distinctive, coastal, relaxed and friendly with attractions such as Dougie the dugong for children to enjoy and also to learn about our valued marine life,” Cr Boglary said.

“Our unique geographical, environmental location is highlighted with the nautical theme and the use of art in practise to create a sanctuary which encourages people to stay longer in the village. Longer visitations means greater community involvement plus greater spends - building our local economy.

“Using the natural attributes of our area to guide business development is something identified in the Redlands Community Plan 2030, which says a well thought-out and managed economy is a must. To support our local businesses Council and I wish to create opportunities and unique business experiences to ensure Redlands is attracting the outside dollars and keeping our dollars from leaking.”

Cr Boglary said the new sculpture on the village roundabout was visually captivating and modelled on the spotted eagle ray found in Moreton Bay waters.

“Artist Braham Stevens has also captured the cultural heritage of the area with the design aptly named *Drift – Sand, Sea and Sky*, which followed feedback from the community who requested the welcome statement to represent our local area,” she said. “Supporting our local Redland business communities is vital as it is these businesses that employ locals, support our local P&Cs, our sporting teams, charities and even supply food for our homeless. There is a definite ripple effect throughout our community by supporting local.

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Exciting plans for Ormiston park

One ripple from the revamp is to build a strong and active community, which is also a goal of the current enhancing of the Raby Bay Esplanade Park at Ormiston.

“New exercise equipment was recently installed and, at present, a community information program is occurring on future park upgrades (right), so please forward your ideas for this park as it is a beautiful, well-located foreshore area that embraces our bay ... let’s create the vision together, our future is local,” Cr Boglary said.



STATE URGED TO CONSULT ON ISLAND LAND PROPOSALS

Redland City Council has urged the State Government to engage with the North Stradbroke Island community on the future use of land it is seeking as part of its economic transition strategy.

It has told the government that it is reluctant to relinquish its trust over several parcels of land on the island until the community is informed of the proposed uses of the land and the impacts.

Division 2 Councillor Peter Mitchell said a more coordinated and considered approach was needed to ensure the land was used in the best interests of the island.

“Mayor Karen Williams and I appreciate the State Government’s commitment to the economic transition of Straddie away from sand mining and we are thankful for the momentum it is now gaining,” he said.

“The recent signing of two significant agreements between the state, Traditional Owners, Sibelco Australia and the University of Queensland is really welcome news. But the Straddie community continues to be concerned that the process isn’t as transparent as it could be, particularly with respect to the potential future use of the land they want transferred.”

He said Council had made it clear to the minister leading the transition, Kate Jones, that any land transfers should be deferred until after the community is told of their intentions for the land, including any potential impacts for residents.



“Council has received numerous requests to relinquish trust over land that is in addition to the existing commitments it has made through its Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Quandamooka People. But often these requests come with little information about what is being proposed,” Cr Mitchell said.

“The community really would like to know more about what the future holds and Council supports their view.”

He said Council was not trying to impede progress of the economic transition.

“Quite the contrary, as we have been urging for it to progress as quickly as possible,” Cr Mitchell said. “Council simply wants to ensure all land-use planning and community impacts are considered and explained at the outset, giving it the best chance possible of providing the island with a sustainable future which fits in with the wishes of residents. We don’t want this opportunity to be overshadowed by community concern driven by a lack of information.”

Cr Mitchell said the State Government’s signing of a Memorandum of

Understanding with Traditional Owners and UQ, along with a Statement of Intent to affirm its shared commitment with Sibelco to maintaining employment and investment on the island, was an important step forward.

But he said residents of all townships wanted Council to strongly advocate for tangible, practical results on the ground that could directly help them now.

“Number one is transportation issues to and from Straddie and also between all three townships. This will support workers, students and tourism alike,” he said.

Sibelco Australia chief executive officer Tom Cutbush said the company would change its focus from mining to rehabilitation by the end of the year, creating new opportunities for workers.

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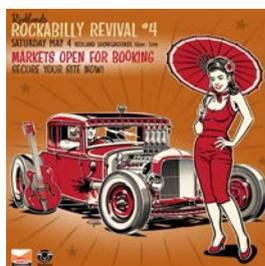
Cleveland the main event with sweet sensations on the way

Two big events are coming up in Cleveland, underscoring its attraction as a great day-trip destination.

The colourful and crazy Redlands Rockabilly Revival returns to Redland Showgrounds - Norm Price Park on Saturday 4 May, bringing with it plenty of rockabilly-themed entertainment, including live music, pin-up pageant, markets, gourmet food trucks and rides. There will be hundreds of hot rods and classic cars. on display. Information: www.rockabillyrevival.com.au.

If you are looking for something special to do on Mother’s Day, you can head to the Sweet As Dessert Festival at the showgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, 11-12 May.

You will be able to indulge in food creations from some of Queensland’s best dessert makers. There will be eating competitions, live music, pop-up bars, dessert cocktails, kids activities and cooking demonstrations each day. Info: SweetAsDessertFestival on Facebook.



DIVISION 2

Be part of making local laws

Local government is often referred to as the true coalface of democracy. It provides the closest access to decisions and decision makers that influence many aspects of our local communities.

This includes local roads, libraries, water and waste, as well as regulations governing matters from local parking and the keeping of pets through to advertising and even cemeteries.

These regulations or local laws administered by Council are often amended to address good governance and changing community expectations.

Some recent examples include allowing dogs in the Cleveland Markets or declaring a new bathing area for safe mixed use of the popular Wellington Point reserve.

Council's local law-making process provides for community participation by offering interested or affected

community members the chance to comment or make a submission on proposed changes.

If you are interested in local laws or other Redlands Coast projects, you can register on the Your Say Redlands Coast website and help to inform the making of new regulations and other projects which shape our community.

You will find it at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

Making recycling easy

Your recycling bin only loves these five materials:



1. Plastic

Firm plastic containers and bottles.

Soft, scrunchy plastics can't be recycled in the yellow lid bin.

Take them to your local supermarket instead.



2. Metal

Steel and aluminium packaging, including food and drink cans, aerosols and aluminium foil.



3. Glass

Glass bottles and jars, including beer and wine bottles, vitamin and perfume bottles, and jam jars.



4. Paper

Including newspaper, junk mail and glossy magazines.



5. Cardboard

Cardboard, including long-life milk and fruit juice cartons, pizza boxes and laundry detergent boxes.



Treat yourself to a larger recycling bin.

One-off bin establishment fee slashed to just \$30 for this financial year. Visit Council's website to order yours now and check what's recyclable.

redland.qld.gov.au/waste





Still Healthy & Active...

with a twist

You may have noticed we've tweaked the name ... but Redlands Coast Healthy and Active is still the same great value Council program of physical activities open to all ages and stages.

Kids are king this term with more activities from youngsters from 18 months-of-age to teenagers. There's Ninja Warrior Training, Fun Soccer, Youth Fitness and Billy's Buddies; started by rugby league legend Billy Slater to help two to six-year-olds build general ball skills as well as confidence and self-esteem.

Billy's Buddies general manager Alexandra Herrmann said more than 250 Redlands Coast children had participated in the program since August 2016.

"We want to be able to bring sport to as many young children as possible, to instil healthy habits from a young age they can continue with throughout their schooling years and beyond,"

Ms Herrmann said. "Teaming with Redlands Coast Healthy and Active helps us reach those not yet connected with local sporting clubs. These community based-sessions are great value at just \$5 per child."

Redlands Coast Healthy & Active also has been broadened to add indoor activities to the predominantly outdoor offerings. It's well worth a look and not too late with Term 1 spaces still available for many activities.

You don't have to make any long term commitment. If something takes your fancy, feel free to book a session for just \$5 and give it a go.

Info: redland.qld.gov.au/rchap



HAVING A BALL: Youngsters have fun while building ball skills as part of Council's Redlands Coast Healthy and Active program.

FAMILY PARK TAKING SHAPE ... AND THERE'S MORE TO COME

The finishing touches to the initial stage of Thornlands Community Park's transformation into an exceptional family recreation area are now in place.

Planning is also almost complete for the next phases of the park's development into the premier play space for a rapidly growing area of Redlands Coast.

Local Councillor Paul Golle said the park offered the space and amenities needed to make it an attractive and fun place for the increasing number of families who have made Thornlands their home.

"It is particularly great to see families getting out and active in the park," Cr Golle said.



FAMILY FUN: Sophie Winter enjoys the new additions to Thornlands Community Park which are already proving a hit with local families.

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"Now that we have barbecues, a shelter with picnic seating and other amenities in place, as well as shade trees and other plants in the ground, the park is really starting to develop a welcoming community feel about it.

"And there is plenty more to come. Subject to budget availability, we'll be adding an all-abilities play area and then exercise and youth recreation facilities. Detailed designs for these latter stages are almost complete."

Cr Golle said the scope of the park had been determined by the local community.

"It is an awesome example of how residents and Council have worked together to create a place that meets residents' needs," he said.

"The development of fun outdoor spaces such as this is a direct result of strategic planning for our growing area which relies heavily on community feedback and advice.

"A lot of families have moved into this area in the past few years and that influx of kids really underscores just how valuable Thornlands Community Park is going to be."

Cr Golle said Thornlands Community Park was one of a number of parks across Division 3 which had or may benefit from Council investing in such family friendly park enhancements.

"Council knows that spaces to run and play are as important now as they have ever been, if not more so, and continually looks at ways to ensure they evolve with their communities," he said.



CYCLEWAY WELL ON TRACK

Residents will soon be able to pedal from Cleveland to Victoria Point uninterrupted along the Moreton Bay Cycleway, with work on the latest section soon to begin.

Division 4's Cr Lance Hewlett said the new link would make it easier and safer for residents to commute to the Victoria Point and Cleveland shopping precincts and for families to enjoy a leisurely bike ride which connects with parks, sporting facilities and foreshores.

“Completion of this project will form a continuous, mostly off-road pathway linking communities between Cleveland and Victoria Point,” Cr Hewlett said. “The existing cycleway currently crosses the Pinklands Sporting Complex in Thornlands before diverting behind the Waterline development. It continues through to Beveridge Road and then over the Eprapah Creek bridge, continuing to Cameron Court Park and then Aspect Drive at Victoria Point.

“Stage one of this project will begin soon at



TRACTION: Mayor Karen Williams, Member for Redlands Kim Richards and Cr Lance Hewlett with a student looking forward to the next section of the Moreton Bay Cycleway.

Cameron Court Park, taking the cycleway behind Aspect Drive up to School Road. School Road to Orana Street, which will utilise the existing fire trail and includes an upgrade to the existing boardwalk, is planned for stage two which is due for completion next financial year. Lakefield Drive will remain an on-road cycleway.”

Cr Hewlett said the Moreton Bay Cycleway

would progressively be completed to Redland Bay in the future.

“It will make it so much easier for residents and visitors to take in all that our naturally wonderful Redlands Coast has to offer,” Cr Hewlett said.

The cycleway will eventually connect the Redcliffe Peninsular with Redland Bay.

Reflection Space honours our heroes

The new Reflection Space is a wonderful addition to Coochiemudlo Island's war memorial.

Jointly funded by Redland City Council and the State Government and created in collaboration with residents, it includes a new connecting pathway from Coochiemudlo Foreshore Park and a seating area adjacent to the memorial and flag pole, with materials and plants chosen to complement the natural landscape.

“This is now a beautiful place of reflection for people to remember those who have served our nation,” local Councillor Lance Hewlett said.

Redland City Council invested more than \$70,000 in the project, including \$25,000 allocated by Cr Hewlett as part of the Division 4 Capital Infrastructure Program. The Queensland Anzac Centenary Lasting Legacies grants program added \$32,200.

Cr Hewlett said community input had been crucial to its success.

“Coochiemudlo Island residents have a strong tradition of honouring our servicemen

and women at commemorations, and it is wonderful this improved war memorial is now available for these special events,” he said. “Support and feedback from the Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society, Coastcare and Doug Cope of the Coochiemudlo Island Memorial Events Committee and RSL were key to the successful grant application.

“Coochiemudlo Bushcare Group also gave amazing support in completing the landscaping around the new structures, so it has been a truly collaborative effort.”



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DIVISION 4

"ORANGE ANGELS" EVER READY TO LEND A HAND TO THOSE IN NEED



Members of Redland Coast's award-winning SES crews and Bay Islands' Community Champions showed the true spirit of volunteering when they put their hands up to help Townsville residents deal with the recent heartbreaking floods.

The volunteers worked alongside Townsville locals and state agencies to help the community deal with the unprecedented flooding which left many people homeless.

Division 5 Councillor Mark Edwards said the SES volunteers headed to North Queensland to offer support to their exhausted northern colleagues at the height of the emergency.

"They literally jumped from fire to flood, helping tarp Townsville homes, perform emergency roof repairs and chainsaw fallen trees and debris," Cr Edwards said.

"Meanwhile, our island Community Champions were on their first ever deployment outside of Redlands Coast, called in by the Red Cross to use their experience of evacuation centres gained during the Russell Island and North Stradbroke Island fires. They helped in setting up more evacuation centres as the number of people fleeing their homes increased. Our community can be very

proud of our 'Orange Angels' and Community Champions who are ever willing to step up when and wherever they are needed."

Just two months earlier, Redlands SES members had been working hard to move fire fighters around the North Stradbroke Island, keep them fed and staff road and track closures, while the islands' community champions were preparing for the potential of embers causing flare-up on Russell and Macleay islands.

The team which headed to Townsville also included experienced Council officers, as well as newly qualified operators who learnt much from their involvement. Redland City Council also sent an environmental health officer and an experienced disaster management officer to help with recovery efforts at Hughenden, inland from Townsville

"They really did the Redlands Coast community proud," Cr Edwards said. "And, to top it off, they were all back ready and willing to help the community during the threat from Cyclone Oma."

If you would to become be involved with the SES, go to ses.qld.gov.au. To become a Community Champion, call 3829 8999.



ORANGE ANGELS: Members of the Redlands SES crew on the job in the wake of the Townsville floods and, below, bay islands Community Champions about to head off to lend a hand.



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TIME TO ACT: The flowers of fireweed are daisy-like and bright yellow, with seeds easily dispersed by wind to areas such as local track and trail parks and conservation areas.

RAZING FIREWEED AN URGENT ISSUE

Residents struggling to control fireweed on their properties can get advice and assistance through Redland City Council’s environmental team at IndigiScapes.

Fireweed (*Senecio madagascariensis*), which originates from Madagascar and Southern Africa, has become a significant problem in the Mt Cotton, Redland Bay and Sheldon areas and can be poisonous to livestock such as horses and cattle.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said its listing as a restricted invasive plant under the Biosecurity Act meant residents had an obligation to control fireweed.

“While it might look like a wildflower, the risks associated with this aggressive weed are significant, particularly for acreage residents who have horses and other

livestock,” Cr Talty said.

“Fireweed usually dies back in spring and then regrows in autumn, which is the ideal time to tackle it before it seeds again, so this is the ideal time to put your control plan into action. It is important that all property owners, Council included, understand that they have a general biosecurity obligation – or GBO – to take all reasonable and practical steps to minimise the risks posed by fireweed.

“The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has a fact sheet which advises how to deal with fireweed infestations but residents who need further information on fireweed control can join one of Council’s Environmental Partnerships programs or contact IndigiScapes on 3824 8611.”

Cr Talty said DAF advised that the best control for fireweed, a biennial herb which can grow to 50cm and is mostly found on disturbed farmland, involved the use of herbicides and physical removal.

“The scope of the issue is highlighted by the fact that fireweed in light infestations can produce around a million seeds per hectare,” Cr Talty said.

“Fireweed seed can be transported via wind, water, or stock to surrounding areas. Animals which eat fireweed can be severely affected, losing coordination, becoming sensitive to light and suffer from abdominal pains.”

Information is available at www.daf.qld.gov.au by searching for “fireweed” or by contacting IndigiScapes on 3824 8611.

Bonus for trail users

The reputation of the Redlands Coast hinterland as a destination for outdoors lovers will be boosted by Council’s plans for the 186.68 hectare Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area.

The recently endorsed plan provides a blueprint for the creation of new outdoor recreation and ecotourism opportunities for Redlands Coast.

Division 6 Councillor Julie Talty said the Eastern Escarpment Conservation Area offered both existing and future connections with important koala conservation areas, Mt Cotton summit, nearby Sirromet and Karingal Scouts, Redlands Track Park, the Bayview conservation area and beyond.

“Council’s plan for the Eastern Escarpment has the potential to link our many hinterland bush experiences with other nearby attractions and services such as food and accommodation,” Cr Talty said. “The aim is to provide a new level of trail experiences for walkers, cyclists and horse riders while enhancing the environmental values of the area.”

The plan was developed after broad consultation with outdoor recreation groups, local and traditional landowners, current area users, trail planners and ecological specialists. It proposes improved access off West Mt Cotton Road.

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DIVISION 6

Local parks better by design

Playground upgrades are now complete in Redland Bay’s Denham Boulard and Grevillea Street parks, with Mt Cotton’s Seeana Drive Park soon to join them.



The stage is set!

The culture of Redlands Coast will be celebrated on Council's Redland Performing Arts Centre (RPAC) stage with an eclectic mix of more than 50 shows in the next few months.

It is a program designed to appeal to lovers of music, circus and acrobatics, family theatre and comedy.

Music features prominently, with a highlight being the return of **Katie Noonan** to the RPAC stage with her ARIA Award-winning jazz trio **Elixir**. They will share songs from their latest album, plus a few favourites from their back catalogue of hits.

Dan Sultan is also back with his guitar and keyboard for his new **Aviary Takes** tour.

You can relive musical memories when **Toni Childs** is live in concert with her greatest hits and some brand new songs from her latest albums.

The Best of Bubl  will also bring all of your favourite hits from the ARIA chart-topping star Michael Bubl  to the RPAC stage, while **Rain or Shine** will share the unforgettable songs and stories of theatre legend Judy Garland.

If you prefer your music classical, you can look forward to the spell-binding **Orava Quartet** - the first string quartet invited to sign with Universal Music - and, later in the year, the magnificent **Queensland Symphony Orchestra** will return. Its previous concerts have been sell-outs, so book early if you don't want to miss out.

No year at RPAC would be complete without a showcase of awe-inspiring physicality and skill. You can look forward to the incredible acrobats in **Flipside Circus' Revolve**, which was commissioned by the Commonwealth Games' Festival 2018, and **Circa's Wolfgang's Magical Musical Circus**, which

brings the thrill of the circus together with the mayhem and musical magnificence of Mozart.

The program also has plenty to keep families entertained. Anyone with young children is in for a treat when the antics of **Dr Seuss' The Cat in the Hat** are lovingly brought to life on stage.

Patch Theatre will ignite your child's imagination when they attempt to make friends with their shadows in **Me and My Shadow**. Then **The Whale's Tale** will give you a belly laugh and leave you and your children wanting to make a difference, as it tells the story of Manilayo the humpback whale, complete with a life-sized whale puppet on the stage!

If comedy is more your thing, then you can laugh off a few pounds at **Waist Watchers The Musical!** as it takes a light-hearted look at some of our all-too-familiar everyday obsessions.

There are also other comedies and comedians to look forward to later in the year, along with a variety of concerts, workshops and events from local artists and art groups, as well as national touring productions. Many of the shows have early-bird specials available for a limited time.

For details, get a copy of the RPAC 2019 program or visit www.rpac.com.au to see what fantastic entertainment options are available right on your doorstep in Cleveland. Copies of the 2019 RPAC Program are also available at Redland City Council Customer Service centres and Redland City Council libraries.



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Showcase of life's rich tapestry

Redland Performing Arts Centre, in Cleveland, will be filled with the vibrant colours of handcrafted quilts when the Redlands Quilt Extravaganza opens for display in July.

Having been held biennially since 2009, and sponsored by Redland City Council through a community grant and space at RPAC, the Extravaganza is a dynamic showcase of quilts, quilting, embroidery and textile arts.

The show's major attractions will be quilt, embroidery and textile competitions, with adult and children's categories and entries open to all Redlands Coast crafters.

Prizes will be on offer for the pieces judged as best in show, other prizes also will be awarded, and visitors can buy tickets in a fund-raising raffle to win one of two handcrafted quilts, a piece of embroidery and a piece of crocheted.

Held across three days, the Extravaganza will also feature

free textile arts demonstrations, and a range of exhibitors will be on hand to discuss their products and answer questions.

Redlands Quilt Extravaganza coordinator Jenny Jorgensen said the show was organised by a local, not-for-profit group and the support from Council was invaluable.

"We think it's fantastic and we're so grateful," she said.

"We're a small committee and we could not hold this show without Council's support. Our aim is to promote local crafters on Redlands Coast."

The Redlands Quilt Extravaganza will be held at RPAC from 9am to 4pm on Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 July, and from 9am to 3pm on Sunday 21 July.

Entry is \$5, car parking is available, and the venue is an easy walk from Cleveland train station.

For more information, visit redlandsquiltextravaganza.com



Dîner en Rouge



Paint the town red for a worthy cause



The fifth annual Dîner en Rouge, Mayor Karen Williams' fundraiser for Redlanders affected by domestic and family violence, will paint the town red on Saturday 18 May this year.

The popular gala evening, each year at a secret location that is only revealed on the night, has so far raised more than \$260,000 for the cause.

The funds, including those raised this year, will go towards supporting the State Government's recent pledge to provide more crisis accommodation for Redlands Coast and expanding the work of the Maybanke Accommodation and Crisis Support Service.

Tickets to the sumptuous banquet, which has a red and white theme (red is for Redlands Coast and white is to acknowledge the national campaign to stop violence against women) are available from the Redland Performing Arts Centre box office at www.rpac.com.au or by calling 3829 8131.

Tickets are \$175 each or \$1700 for 10. Check redland.qld.gov.au/dinerenrouge for updates.



Tour de Brisbane heading our way

Some of the hardier riders in the inaugural not-for-profit Tour de Brisbane will be headed to Redlands Coast on Sunday 14 April.

While most of the event is in Brisbane, the 110km course for serious competitors also takes in Avalon Road at Sheldon, as well as a stretch between Avalon Road and Alperston Road, which will offer prime viewing for spectators.

There will be changed traffic conditions throughout the area during the event, which starts and finishes at Brisbane's South Bank.

There will be a significant police presence and major traffic control operation to assist motorists who may be inconvenienced close to the course.

For information about road closures go to www.tourdebrisbane.org/roads.

Redland Libraries step into the future with self-service checkouts and returns

After closing for refurbishments you might notice that your local library is now missing its borrowing counters. It's the result of the new and exciting Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology installed to make it much easier for you to checkout and return your books.

Redland Libraries Manager Jo Jones explained that, unlike barcodes that have to be scanned individually, the new RFID tags on all library items allow five to eight books to be scanned at once.

"New check-in bookshelves will also let customers return books as they enter the library, and those books will be immediately available for others to borrow," she said.

"Aside from easier checkouts and returns and more items available out on the floor for customer use, the removal of borrowing counters has created more public space for community use.

"Library staff will also be on hand out on the floor to continue to help customers

with their needs, along with new reference pods to assist with inquiries.

"The technology will allow us to improve our workflow and enable us to redirect resources towards our increasingly popular community programs, including children's, seniors, adult literacy and IT sessions.

"A big thank you to everyone involved in bringing the RFID technology to Redlands Coast, including to customers for their patience.

"Installing the technology was a mammoth undertaking involving cross-collaboration across multiple areas of Council – the tagging of the collection alone took three months to complete, so well done to everyone who worked hard to bring this project to fruition.

"The technology is a key step towards delivering our Library Services Strategy 2017-2022 and will bring Redland Libraries in line with all other south-east Queensland libraries and industry standard."



REDLAND ART GALLERY UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

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Parallel
Catharine Ellis and Kay Faulkner

From Little Things
Artist books by Robyn Foster
and St James Lutheran
Community Kindergarten

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

For more information and opening hours visit:
artgallery.redland.qld.gov.au
Admission free
Tel: (07) 3829 8899 or email:
galler@redland.qld.gov.au

Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba
Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street,
Capalaba Q 4157

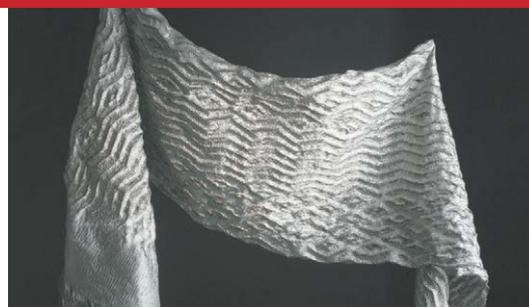


Redland Art Gallery is an initiative of Redland City Council, dedicated to the late Eddie Santagiuliana

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Adorned Narratives

Images (top to bottom): Catharine Ellis, *Four hundred steel threads* (detail) 2005, hand woven stainless steel, woven Shibori torched. Courtesy of the artist. Photography by Robert Gibson. Robyn Foster, *Mount Cotton* (detail) 2018, Canson Aquarelle 250gsm watercolour paper, watercolour pencils, photograph straw board, adhesive. Courtesy of the artist. Maggie Goose, *Munjimunjingu Manma* (sea food bush tucker) print from the *After the rains* collection, print designed by Nancy McDinny 2018. Modelled by Esmeralda Philomac, Katherine. Courtesy of Maggie Goose. Photography by Kate Harding.





ARE YOU READY REDLANDS COAST?

Be prepared for storms, bushfire and emergency events

Prepare your home

- Clean gutters and down pipes
- Securing loose items around your property
- Trim trees around the house (check with Council first), install metal screens and ensure LPG cylinder relief valves point away from the house to minimise fire risk

Make a household emergency plan

- Prepare an emergency kit with essentials such as medications, legal papers, first aid, a battery operated radio, batteries, pet food, money and a torch. Communities should prepare emergency kits sufficient for three to seven days, including bottled drinking water.
- Identify a safe place to shelter in a storm or to evacuate to in a bushfire and decide how you'd look after your pets
- Decide whether to go early or stay and defend in bushfire situations
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan

Know your neighbours

- Your neighbours can be a source of support during emergencies
- If you don't know who owns the property next door call Council on 3829 8999 for their details
- Those without family or friends close by who would like more social contact can organise for a Red Cross check-in call by phoning 1300 885 698

Be informed

Visit disaster.redland.qld.gov.au for information on how to prepare, respond and recover from natural disasters.

For weather and warning updates:

Bureau of Meteorology @ bom.gov.au/qld

For updates during events:

 disaster.redland.qld.gov.au

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 emergency@redland.qld.gov.au

 Tune to 612 ABC or 100.3 BayFM

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