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BLOOMING BEAUTIES TO STAR IN SPRING SHOW

Orchids are awesome. Just ask the members of the Redlands Orchid Society, who are gearing up to showcase a stunning array of natural beauties at their upcoming Orchid Show.

Just like people, orchids have a variety of personal traits. They can be complex and colourful, sometimes difficult to deal with, but often easy to live with, intriguing, and can make delightful housemates. They'll likely make you smile, rarely make you cry, and if you're ever stuck for a gift to give, an orchid won't let you down.

So come along and get to know these fascinating plants at the Spring Orchid Show. Orchid Society members would love to share their knowledge and their orchids with you. Take a look at page 3 for more in-depth orchid info!

What: Redlands Orchid Society Spring Show
Where: Redlands Multi-Sports Club, Randall Road, Birkdale
When: Saturday October 7, 2023, from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

*Pictured:
Orchid Society members
Ann and Barry Kable.*

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LOCAL STUDENT GETS BRONCOS BOOST TO CONQUER CORAL

Confidence and cultural awareness have pushed Cleveland student Brianna Morrison to dive into the deep end, forging a new path in protecting Australia's endangered coral reefs. The Beyond the Broncos student from Cleveland District State High School was recently awarded the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award at the 2023 South East Queensland Training Awards.

Reflecting on her success, Brianna acknowledged the Beyond the Broncos Leadership Program for nurturing her cultural awareness and reigniting her confidence. "I had to make a speech when I accepted my award, and the Broncos Leadership Program really prepared me for that," Brianna said.

"I've met a lot of new people that I've become good friends with, and I've learned so many skills I can take away with me from the program as well."

Balancing marine studies with her Senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ambassador role at Cleveland High School, Brianna completed her VET Marine Placement Program and now has her sights on coral reef conservation.

"My studies were on how to protect and conserve the marine environment, and that went for over a year, and I definitely want to study marine biology at university now," Brianna said.

Broncos Student Support Officer Taylor Button said she was proud of the successful marine student and what she has accomplished with confidence and public speaking since the program. "She said to me the other day how going to the leadership camp and being in the leadership program has helped her with her confidence speaking," Ms Button said.

Christine Halliwell, General Manager of Community & Government Programs at the Brisbane Broncos, said the program was important in shaping the next generation of leaders like Brianna.



Brianna Morrison (right) and Broncos Student Support Officer Taylor Button. Photo: Supplied.

"Our Beyond the Broncos Program has helped more than 216 students in the Redland City region to find their feet, re-engage with their learning and become strong leaders," Ms Halliwell said.

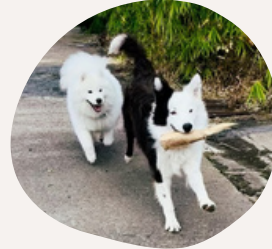
"The Redlands region also has the highest program attendance rate of all the regions; we're in at 90.12%."

Since its establishment in 2016, Beyond the Broncos has supported over 4,000 students, recognising the pivotal role that young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders play in shaping the next generation.

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ORCHIDS AREN'T AWKWARD...COME AND MEET THEM

BY JAN NARY

Many gardeners avoid orchids because they see them as exotic, demanding and expensive. According to the treasurer of the Redland Orchid Society, Bruce Prebble, nothing could be further from the truth.

“Any hobby can be as expensive as you make it; you can pay a thousand dollars for an orchid or pick up an Australian beauty for twenty dollars; they’ll both give you the same amount of pleasure.”

The society promotes orchid growing and has an active “citizen science” role of researching, photographing and cataloguing local species. Bruce, who is one of the organisers of the society’s biannual charity fundraising shows, has been in love with orchids since his youth; a passion he may have inherited.

“I used to work in the Cape York Aurukun community and I remember the first time I saw native orchids growing wild in trees; they just took my breath away,” he says. “I later discovered that my grandparents were passionate orchid growers and I share their love of this very special flower.”

For many of us, our first encounter with orchids was the showy catalea, the corsage presented by a hopeful beau to his date for a dance. As wonderful as they are, the world of orchids has many others less flamboyant but just as lovely.

“Orchids are captivating by their beauty and their complexity and by the way they’ve adapted to microclimates and specific pollinators – like the Madagascar orchid that can be pollinated only by a nocturnal moth with an exceptionally long proboscis,” he says. “Growers can hybridise them but there are many naturally occurring hybrids – forty to fifty thousand – including our Queensland emblem, the Cape York dendrobium.”

Bruce says that much of the public perception of orchids as difficult “prima donnas” comes from lack of knowledge.

“Many first-timers treat orchids like other flowers; they plant them in soil and water them frequently – that can kill them with over-love. If you have them in a greenhouse and they don’t like it they may need just a different place in the greenhouse or if they want rainforest conditions, if you grow them in the open with occasional water they’ll find their own way. Growing orchids isn’t daunting – after a while it becomes second nature.”

Folk wanting to learn more about the secret life of orchids can learn from fellow enthusiasts in the Redlands Orchid Society, which will be holding its annual Spring Charity Show on Saturday October 7 at the Redlands Multi-Sports Club, Judy Holt Park, Randall and Bailey Roads, Birkdale. The show, which raises money for the Redlands



Photos: Supplied.

Hospital Auxiliary, will run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm and features orchid displays and sales – and potting demonstrations, for those of us who are still tempted to cram them into soil.

More information is available at <https://www.redlandsorchidsociety.org/>.

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NEVER THE BRIDESMAID...ALWAYS THE BRIDE

Local actor Jill Tuckwood seems destined for the role of stage bride. She has played the poignant, wordless Ghost Bride in two Theatre Redlands Hallowe'en productions (*When the Darkness Moves* and *Through the Dark Door*) and is now rehearsing TR's forthcoming play, *There Goes the Bride*, directed by Ray Noonan. This time around, she has lines.

"Having a speaking role is a bit outside my comfort zone," she says. "I'm used to being in the band, playing alto sax or clarinet or working backstage. Being the Ghost Bride required focus and feeling but learning lines will be a whole new challenge!"

Jill's *Bride*, while being the title role, is perhaps one of the more low-key characters in this classic comedy by John Chapman and Ray Cooney, who have written some of Britain's most popular stage comedies. Surrounded by a family which includes a father who seems to be losing his wits – and his stiff British sense of propriety, a grandfather who slides effortlessly between reality and somewhere else, a grandmother who is the ultimate matriarch, an increasingly outraged father-in-law-to-be (perhaps); an intrusive bra model who might be her father's lover – or not – and a mother who's trying to hold it all together, poor dear Judy the Bride just wants to get married... Good luck with that.

Ray Noonan, a Theatre Redland's Principal, actor and director, selected the play for its cleverly-dialogued comedy.

"These are hard times; everybody needs to forget their troubles for a few hours and have a good laugh," he says. "While it was written in the mid-seventies it embodies the classic sit-com device of unfolding a series of human foibles and inviting us to have a good laugh at ourselves."

Ray's casting includes well-loved favourites of the Redlands stage such as Chad Sherrin, Jim Gilbert and



Jill Tuckwood goes bridal. Photos: Supplied.

Diana Gogulski and introduces some new performers, in keeping with Theatre Redlands' commitment to developing new untapped talent. And, of course, coaxing previously silent talent into speaking roles...

There Goes the Bride will play at Redland Museum Saturday 11 to Sunday 19 November; for bookings go to <https://www.redlandmuseum.org.au/whats-on/events>.



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SATELLITE HOSPITAL OFFICIALLY OPEN

Our new Redlands Satellite Hospital at Meissner Street, Redland Bay has officially opened! It includes a Minor Injury and Illness Clinic which will be open to patients seven days a week from 8am until 10pm. Appointments with Queensland Health clinicians will be available in consult and treatment rooms for services including neurology, cardiology, older persons care, wound care, musculoskeletal, allied health, and mental health services. The Redlands Satellite Hospital will provide a range of convenient specialist services including chemotherapy and kidney dialysis treatment. This new facility means locals will not need to travel far from home to access the healthcare they need – and this is something I am really proud of.



RUSSELL ISLAND HOUSE FIRES

The tragic Russell Island House Fires left our community heart broken and grappling to come to terms with such devastating loss. Our love, prayers and thoughts are with all the families. With this tragedy has come the most amazing rallying of our community support. I have never seen such kindness, caring, support and assistance come to the fore from our community. There are so many people, community groups, organisations and businesses to express deepest gratitude to for everything they have done from across the Redlands and further afar. Our island frontline personnel were world class in their response, our Rural Fire Fighters, our Police Officers and our Paramedics were, put simply, incredible. Deep gratitude to our Bay Island Community Services, Russell Island RSL and the Russell Island Bowls Club. Our island businesses, Carol and the Russell Island Taxi, the IGA, our cafes, and our real estate agents thank you for all your support. There are so many individuals that have provided kindness, support, food, goods and donations that it is impossible to list everyone. I am so proud to represent a community that has epitomised the spirit of kindness and giving – thank you all so very much.



VMR 447 REDLAND BAY COASTGUARD'S NEW VESSEL

Meet Redland Bay Coastguard - VMR 447's new state-of-the-art rescue vessel the 'Kev & Eileen Talbot', the team have worked tirelessly to bring this new rescue boat to our waters! Our Coastguard and Volunteer Marine Rescue do a fantastic job keeping our boaties and community safe across the waters of Moreton Bay! Thank you to all of the crews that give of their time and skill in keeping our community safe!



Kim RICHARDS MP



LOCAL EVENTS

See what local events are happening in your community.



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If you're looking for something to do locally, check out The Community Leader's What's On page here and online.

DIVERSITY IN ART EXHIBITION



Saturday September 2 to Sunday October 1
Old School House Gallery, 124 Shore St North, Cleveland

Jenny Fidler and Margaret Rose Howick have collaborated with guest artists, painter Margo Wood and glass artist Meg Stevenson, to showcase a diverse display of art representing a variety of mediums.

REDLAND SINFONIA: SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEVER



Saturday September 9, 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm
Redland Performing Arts Centre, 2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland

From Flingamango Tango to the Bee Gees and Beatles, Redland Sinfonia will perform a collection of music spanning three centuries. The program features the Sinfonia's performance prize winner, Haydn Li, who won the 2022 Orchestral Composition award. Adults \$30/Seniors \$25.

CLEVELAND MARKETS: PETS IN THE PARK



Sunday September 10 from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm
100 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland

Pets In The Park is a great day out for you and your pet. Enjoy a morning out and shop for fresh fruit and vegetables, plants, bread, clothing and accessories, homewares and much more!

2023 CLEVELAND CARAVAN, CAMPING, BOATING 4X4 EXPO



Friday September 15 to Sunday September 17
Redland Showground, Norm Price Park, Smith Street, Cleveland

The 2023 Cleveland Caravan, Camping, Boating & 4x4 Expo will feature caravans, camper trailers, boating, vehicles, 4x4 and camping accessories, gadgets and a whole lot more.

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Wednesday September 20 from 10:00 am and 11:00 am
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PHO3NIX QUEENSLAND TRIATHLON SERIES AGRO UP LATE



Sunday September 24
Raby Bay Harbour Park, Shore Street West, Cleveland

Cleveland plays host to Australia's largest triathlon series, the Pho3nix Queensland Triathlon Series. Athletes of all ages and abilities are welcome to join the fun. Scan the QR code for more info.



Friday September 29 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm
Redland Performing Arts Centre, 2 - 16 Middle St, Cleveland

Crowd favourite Agro and "the bald man under the table", Jamie Dunn, bring their hilarious live show to Cleveland in September. Hosted by Ranger Stacey, the show promises a stroll down memory lane, featuring Aussie showbiz stories behind an accidental puppet that became an Aussie icon.

OVER 50'S FITNESS CLASS



Cleveland Scouts Hall, 26 Bainbridge Street, Ormiston, Mondays from 9:30 am to 10:30 am

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MEN'S SHED: BUILDING COMMUNITY, SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

FROM THE REDLAND BAY MEN'S SHED

It seems that issues facing men in older years can be categorised as Health (both physical and mental), Wealth (not much we can do about that one), and Lifestyle (retired, bored, lonely or depressed).

The Redland Bay Men's Shed is a group of men, mostly retired but not exclusively so, who meet at our purpose-built shed at Redland Bay.

We provide support, company, friendship, activities, and a workshop in a relaxed atmosphere. Our main objective is men's health, both physical and mental, and to achieve this, we provide a neutral atmosphere where our members can discuss issues while enjoying a social outing and even a cup of tea and a biscuit. How good is that?

Our wives and partners support our participation in the Men's Shed gatherings for several reasons. It gets us out from under their feet and allows us to get back into society after retirement. There is a real risk of retirees becoming isolated and falling into depression once we are no longer in a structured working environment.

The activities undertaken in the Redland Bay Men's Shed are varied, depending on members' interests. Art and craft are becoming popular, leatherwork, card games and even snooker; a generous member donated a pool table. We have wood lathes, lots of tools and even a metal lathe and a milling machine for those interested. Maybe our attraction to sawdust and metal filings is somehow part of our genetic makeup.

The Australian Men's Shed Association slogan is 'Shoulder To Shoulder', shortened from 'Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder'. That means we are more prone to talk to each other about various topics while in a relaxed and familiar location and somehow engaged in an activity.



The Redland Bay Men's Shed. Photo: Supplied.

The Redland Bay Men's Shed is located at 8 Donald Road in Redland Bay, next to the skate park on School of Arts Road, and we are open from about 8:00 am until noon from Monday to Thursday.

Our email address is admin@redlandbaymensshed.org, and our phone number is (07) 3134 0918, but the best way to contact us is to call in and say "Hello". You will be most welcome and might even get a cup of tea.



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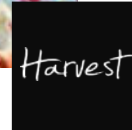
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ORGANISATION PROFILE: NATIONAL SENIORS AUSTRALIA

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The organisation provides members with a range of benefits, from securing discounts on everyday shopping and once-in-a-lifetime holiday experiences, to selling tailored insurance products and pushing for policy changes at the highest levels of government.

Anyone can join – a process that takes just a few minutes online or by phone – and fees go back into the research and advocacy work the organisation does to improve accessible housing, pension poverty, health costs, aged care, and retirement income.

Members have access to exclusive discounts offered by major retailers such as Bunnings, Ampol, Target, Kmart, Big W, Woolworths, Coles, Harvey Norman, and Officeworks. Members also have access to speak to a Financial Information Consultant for independent information, plus tools and resources to guide them through an array of services, and government regulations. National Seniors Travel is also on hand to offer special pricing and exclusive itineraries across the globe for National Seniors members.

National Seniors helps members expand their social circle with a network of branches where members can get together in person, over morning tea or lunch. Some branches also organise excursions to places of interest and invite guest speakers to their meetings.

To become a member, or enquire further about National Seniors Australia, visit <https://nationalseniors.com.au/become-a-member> or call 1300 76 50 50.



ABOUT NATIONAL SENIORS, VICTORIA POINT

National Seniors has a branch located in Victoria Point. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Baptist Church, Barcrest Drive, Victoria Point. The cost to attend is \$5, which includes morning tea and a guest speaker. New members are welcome. For more details, contact President Jill Welldon at 07 3820 6122 or 0412 702 593, or email jillmwelldon@dodo.com.au



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Name: Hi, my name is Tonka. My mum was a Tonkinese (which is a cross between Siamese and Burmese). My dad was a black cat and I'm black, but I have the features of a Siamese cat.

Suburb: I live with my servants in Redland Bay. I have lived here for about seven years.

Your favourite activity? My favourite activity is seeing where Anzac (the dog) is, and chasing him off so that I can get his warm spot.

Your most treasured toy? My sister Matty – I play with her, attack her and generally boss her around. Great fun!

What's your favourite food? My favourite food is everything! If you put it down in front of me, I'll eat it and if you don't put it in front of me, I'll eventually find it and eat it. When my lady-servant (Dawn) brings in the groceries, I help her by opening the packets of vegies and help her by tasting each one. It's strange, but she doesn't seem to appreciate that.

What's your worst habit? I don't think I have any bad habits, but I do like to vary where I take a pee. My servants have provided me with two litter trays but I often prefer having a pee under the pool table or in the laundry sink.

Who's your best friend? I don't have one best friend; all humans love me, but if I have to have a favourite one it would be servant Dawn. She spends many hours stroking me when I climb on to her lap for warmth and petting. I'm always kind to her and let her, it seems to make her happy, and happiness means more treats for me.

What do people love most about you? People love almost everything about me, but if I have to pick one thing, it is the way I allow anyone and everyone to pick me up, cuddle me and stroke me.



Name: Tidum, aka 'Spawn of Satan'.

Where do you live: I'm from Birkdale.

How long have you lived there? I've lived here for 12 years.

What's your favourite local walk? Walk! Ppfff I'm a cat, I don't do walks. A nice spot to sleep is more my style.

What's your most treasured toy? A small ball that I like to bat around and sometimes chase if it's thrown towards me.

What's your favourite food? Definitely tuna.

What's your worst habit? Knocking Lego models off the shelf and watching as they smash on the floor.

What's your favourite local hangout? I'm an inside cat, I don't get out much except for the cat run.

Do you have a doggo friend? I met a dog once, didn't think much of him.

Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories? My mum had guests over for the weekend. I wasn't impressed, so I 'marked' the guest bed. So Mum ended up giving the guests her bed and she slept on the couch. I thought it was funny, Mum not so much.

What do people love about you? I have the softest fur and still act and look like a kitten, even though I'm 16.5 years old.



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MISS MAGGIE OF MANLY



UNDERSTANDING EYE PROBLEMS IN DOGS

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Dogs are prone to a number of different conditions affecting their eyes.

CONJUNCTIVITIS

Conjunctivitis is often triggered by allergies.

Signs of conjunctivitis:

- Green or yellow discharge
- Squinting/holding the eye closed
- Scratching or rubbing at the eye
- Red sclera (the white part of the eye) and red, swollen eyelids

Treatment of conjunctivitis includes cleaning away any discharge from the eye and an appropriate medication as dispensed by your vet.

CHERRY EYE (PROLAPSED THIRD EYELID GLAND)

Cherry eye is more commonly seen in brachycephalic (short nosed) dogs such as French and English bulldogs and pugs.

Signs of cherry eye:

- The tear gland prolapses from behind the third eyelid causing a ball of pink tissue (which may resemble a cherry) to protrude at the inner corner of the eye

Treatment of cherry eye may sometimes be achieved with anti-inflammatory medication but in the long term surgical intervention may be required.



GLAUCOMA

Glaucoma is the term for increased fluid pressure within the eye.

Signs of glaucoma:

- A “blue and red” eye – the cornea (outer covering of the eyeball) becomes blue and the sclera (white of the eye) becomes red
- The globe can appear swollen
- Marked eye pain can occur rapidly

Treatment of glaucoma requires medication to reduce the pressure in the eye and assist drainage of fluid from the globe. Uncontrolled glaucoma may require removal the entire globe as the condition is very painful if not resolved.

ECTROPION (DROOPY EYELIDS) OR ENTROPION (EYELIDS ROLLING IN)

These conditions are due to a dog’s conformation so are more commonly seen in particular breeds.

Surgical correction is usually required.

CORNEAL ULCERATION

Corneal ulceration occurs as the result of an injury to the cornea or due to degenerative change in the cornea.



Signs of ulceration:

- Squinting
- Excessive tearing
- Cloudiness of the cornea

Treatment of corneal ulceration includes pain relief and antibiotic medications. More severe injuries may require surgery.

Eye issues can occur very acutely in dogs and become very serious in a short period of time. If you notice any issues with your dog’s eyes it is important to seek veterinary attention so the appropriate treatment can be commenced.

PUPPY PALOOZA



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REDLANDS COAST PUP-UP MARKET

Calling all pet lovers! We are so excited to announce that after the HUGE success of our first Pet Market in May, Redlands Coast Collective Markets is running PuppyPalooza again! It's going to be a PAWsome day!

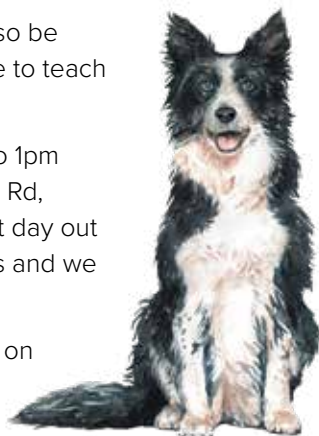
There'll be lots of pet specialty stalls to pamper your pet, including a dog wash, 'Puppycinos' (and of course coffee and food for the hoomans), a pet photographer to capture that special moment with your furbaby, and so much more!

We will also be running some fun pet competitions with prizes to be won, and some awesome raffles with all donations going to one of our rescue groups in attendance!

Want to teach your dog some fun tricks? We will also be running a special trick class, where you will be able to teach your pup to spin, take a bow and peek-a-boo!

Held on Sunday the 17th of September from 9am to 1pm at Faith Lutheran College Redlands, 1/15 Beveridge Rd, Thornlands, this PUP-up market will be the PAWfect day out with your best mate. So grab your pup and the kids and we will see you there!

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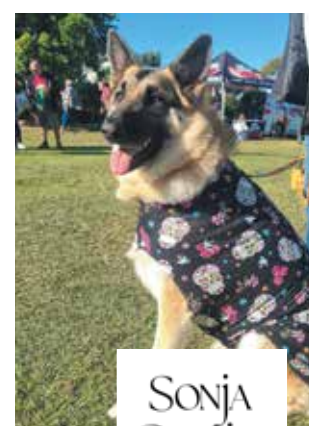
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LOCAL PERSONALITY PROFILE

Name: Bruce Smith.

Suburb: Alexandra Hills.

What's your business? I'm currently nearing the end of three consecutive terms as President of Redland Museum. I have been a volunteer at the museum for the past seven years. I was a Financial Planner for 28 years prior to retiring in 2014.

Do you have any fun/interesting stories about your job? When I commenced volunteering at Redland Museum, I was given the task of cataloguing, digitizing and researching the extensive photograph collection. During the first long Covid lockdown in 2020, I took photograph albums home with me to work on during this period of solitude. I found one photograph of a young ballerina with just a name on the rear side: Lisa Bolte. Following some research, I discovered that Lisa was the world renowned Principal Artist for The Australian Ballet during the 1990s to early 2000s, who had grown up in the Redlands. I contacted this lovely woman who lives in Melbourne, and out of this discovery, a magnificent exhibition on her life and career was staged at Redland Museum during 2022.

What's your favourite local dine-in and take-away? My "go to" coffee shop is Café Mila at the Horizon complex, Allenby Road and Old Cleveland Road East, Wellington Point. I enjoy dining at both Wellington Point Farmhouse, and The Courthouse, Cleveland. I also enjoy the takeaway seafood from Cooked @ Bayside, Wellington Point.

Best local activity? I have a passion for volunteering which is so positive and enjoyable. I was involved in school P&Cs plus junior sport as my children grew

up, and now I am very active in exercising my grey matter at Redland Museum. I enjoy walking through the bush pathways within the Hilliards Creek Corridor where Alexandra Hills, Wellington Point and Ormiston converge. I also like walking around the seashore areas of Wellington Point and Cleveland Point.

What is the last book you read? *Daughter of Calabria* by Tania Blanchard.

What's the last tv show or movie you watched? The last full TV show of note that I watched was the documentary on ABC, *The Black Hand* with Anthony LaPaglia, and I am currently watching *Bay of Fires*, with Marta Dusseldorp on ABC; the last movie that I went to see at a cinema was *Elvis* in 2022.

Is there anything you'd like to see happen in the local area? I would like to see more connectivity of the several isolated walkways and bikeways in the Hilliards Creek corridor so that one can walk along the creek from around the Redlands Softball Complex right through to the Scribbly Gums Reserve in Alexandra Hills. Walking is such a great way to exercise and to relax. Also, within the public transport sphere, I want to see the rail line between Manly and Cleveland fully duplicated to achieve greater capacity and efficiency. The more people we can get out of cars and off the roads, the better the long term benefits for all.

Is there a local business/community group/club you'd like to give a shout-out to? Redland Museum for moving beyond a place of collection to the provision of an attraction to empower learning, memories, adventure and enjoyment for the community. Also, the museum's associated Theatre Redlands for bringing stories associated with our local history to life for enjoyment by our people.

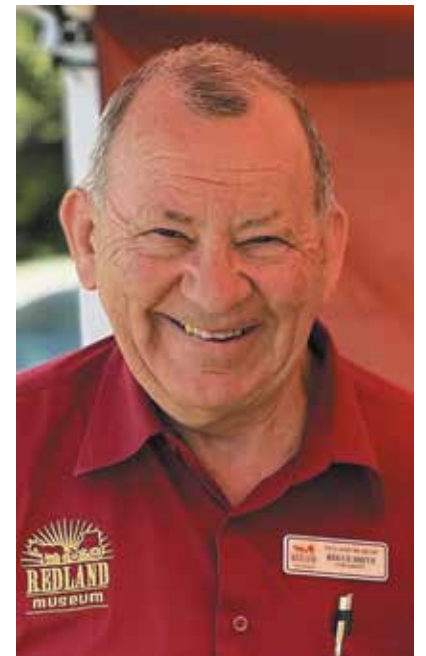


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RISE AND SHINE — IT'S BREAKFAST TIME AT CLEVELAND STATE SCHOOL

It's often said that breakfast is the most important meal, the one that sets you up to fly into the day's mental and physical activity with a well-supplied fuel tank. That's part of the philosophy that's driving Cleveland State School's in-house free breakfast initiative – though there's more to it than that.

School mum Bec Brown, the driver behind the plan, says that the school realised that providing breakfast for students and siblings would also provide an opportunity for greater social impact.

"Inviting all students, their parents and siblings and our teachers and staff to a communal gathering - outside the regulations and restrictions of the classroom – gives us all a chance at wider social interactions," she says.

"It provides opportunities for easy conversations and good role modelling for a caring community. Having senior students, aged eleven and twelve, to help with serving and clearing away gives them first-hand experience in the social protocols needed for so many careers."

The initiative was originally inspired by the breakfast plan run by the YMCA, which provides participating schools with a refrigerator, a freezer, basic utensils and a fortnightly delivery of assorted breakfast foods – all selected with reference to the Queensland Education Department's Smart Choices – Healthy Food and Drink Strategy.

While that was a ground-breaking start Bec realised that more food supplies would be needed so she approached the Seasons IGA Cleveland principals. They had already indicated willingness to support the school and responded readily with a regular donations of fresh fruit, one thing that the YMCA scheme couldn't provide.

Shopping list in one hand and courage in the other, Bec then contacted Cleveland Central Woolworths to see if they could help with more food and kitchen utensils. The response exceeded Bec's expectations and

the plan was almost ready to roll. To complete the sweep, Bec's next call was to popular local bakery Banjo's, who willingly came on board with baked products. The school breakfasts now run three mornings a week and are proving gratifyingly popular.

Bec says that there are a variety of reasons that families may skip breakfast; some students have pre-school sports commitments, time may be a problem for working parents, financial pressure or unawareness of nutritional needs may all play a part. What YMCA research has clearly demonstrated is that students work better and are less likely to be disruptive if they start the day with a good meal.

Cleveland State School Principal Rob McCullough says that the benefits of the breakfast initiative reach beyond attendance and academic achievements.

"It's important for our students to have access to an intimate, safe place that encourages a good relationship with the school and their peer group – and cross-generational interaction encourages the development of leadership qualities.

"The breakfast structure has the flexibility needed to accommodate a changing number of children," he says; "At present we have about two hundred students attending, with help from teachers, staff and parents."

Rob, who was previously the Principal of Stradbroke Island and Dunwich State Schools, says that the generosity of sponsor companies doesn't surprise him.

"Cleveland people are very generous, it's something I've noticed in every posting I've had in this region."

For Bec, the generosity sees her doing a food collection run several times a week. Perhaps the next sponsor donation will need to be a delivery van!



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REDLANDS ROOFTOPS HELP BATTLE BILLS WITH NEW SEQ SOLAR SOAKER BATTERY

CONTRIBUTED BY KIM RICHARDS MP

Residents of the Redlands are set to reap the cost-of-living benefits of more cheap solar energy with the Palaszczuk Government officially starting work on Southeast Queensland's first network-connected battery.

The new 4MW battery, part of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, is designed to soak up cheap solar energy from rooftops in the Redlands during the day to put downward pressure on prices in the evening.

The program is funded through a \$150 million reinvestment from public ownership dividends, meaning more money going directly back into the pockets of Queenslanders.

Work is expected to start in early 2024 at the Ormiston site next to Energex's substation on Gordon Street, with an expected completion date of mid-2024.

The battery announcement comes after the Palaszczuk Government funded the nation's largest cost of living relief package with rebates off Queensland household and small business electricity bills.

All Queensland households will automatically receive a \$550 Cost of Living Rebate on their electricity bill in 2023–24, while around 600,000 vulnerable households will benefit from a higher \$1,072 Cost of Living Rebate.

"By basing this battery here in the Redlands, where there are 43,000 solar systems, cheap solar energy can be generated, stored, and used locally to help bring down power bills," said Member for Redlands Kim Richards.

"That means more money in the pockets of those with or without rooftop solar and allows for additional solar energy to be installed in our local area over the next decade.

"This battery will act as the Redland's own super solar soaker, taking exports from rooftop solar to drive down power prices in the evenings."

According to Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen, Mick de Brenni, "Queensland has hit new world record amounts of rooftop solar with 800,000 homes and small businesses across Queensland generating over 5,000MW of cheap solar energy".



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LOCAL POETRY

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Age has overtaken him now. And he sees around, not from front seat status but from behind; seeing what I see and accepting my opinions as once I accepted his.

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We owe a lot to our parents who spent time with us and so included us in their lives. Who does not love them for that sacrifice?



LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER PROFILE: MARGARET DUNCAN

FROM REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB



Photos: Margaret Duncan.

I inherited a bit of an artistic streak from my mother and always dabbled in a bit of drawing, painting and photography. Our family moved to Queensland, where I eventually got excited about photography, but it was a long time before I met up with someone who explained that taking family holiday shots on auto was only the beginning. She recommended joining a camera club, and here I am, with boundless support and learning opportunities!

I like all sorts of photography, but I particularly like working in black and white. Even though most of us see the world in colour, it is sometimes more exciting seeing it stripped down to one colour made up of light and dark shades, tones and textures.

Modern cameras enable us to shoot in colour and convert to black and white later, in which case you need to be able to imagine that scene or person in black and white. But not all colour images are suitable to

convert. Conversely, we can shoot in black and white with an option to convert to colour later. See how much I am learning?

I am trying to train myself to visualise in black and white. It is refreshing walking around and imagining the scene and people in front of you stripped of colour and focusing instead on tone and light.

I've still got a long way to go, but it is really a never-ending journey and at the end of the day, it's all about enjoying the journey.

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS AND ROLLING OUT THE MEMORIES

Time rolled back 80 years at Birkdale School of Arts Hall when more than 80 people gathered to commemorate the Hall being declared the region's first permanent Land Army Camp in August.

The afternoon's celebrations, facilitated by Cr. Paul Bishop, included excerpts from Theatre Redlands' production *The Other Diggers*, which recently played to capacity houses at the Redland Museum, and talks were given by folk who had been involved in and contributed to the history of the Australian Women's Land Army.

Lorraine Newtown, whose mother Beryl Price was a member of AWLA and who donated her uniform to Redland Museum, spoke of her mother's life and extensive experiences in the service, drawing on lovingly-preserved records and photographs that her mother had kept.

Pamela Rushby, highly popular historical novelist, talked about her forthcoming book, *Those Girls*, which follows the lives of three young women in the Land Army. *Those Girls* is due for release in February 2024.

Courtney Wilson is a producer/presenter with ABC TV's *Landline*; in 2022, the 80th anniversary year of the AWLA's foundation, she produced a *Landline* segment on the Land Army which virtually "went viral" and proved universally popular. The audience was treated to a re-run of the show (still available online) with Courtney's commentary on researching it.

Jan Nary, who wrote *The Other Diggers*, spoke of the research and unexpected delights of creating a play about a largely unacknowledged part of our history.

Members of the audience contributed to a Q&A session and proffered more information about local Land Army narratives; Caroline Wacker shared some recollections from her Land Army mother, Nesta Benbow.

Without doubt, the stars of the show were two ninety-seven-year-old Land Army "girls"; local Elsie Stiller and Auriel Nixon, whose family brought her down from Toowoomba for the event. The real excitement began when the mothers and daughters started comparing notes, photographs and work placements; old connections were rediscovered, memories polished and contacts exchanged. Once again, the AWLA had the rafters ringing.

Theatre Redlands, which is based in Redland Museum, continues to seek out local anecdotes and memories of Redlands in WW2 on which to create future productions. Redlanders are invited to make contact through the Museum on 3286 3494.



Four proud daughters; L-R Jill Sweet, Judith Butler, Lorraine Newton, Caroline Wacker. Photo by Greg Pope.



Auria Nixon. Photo by Paul Bishop.



Elsie Stiller with a service record book. Photo By Paul Bishop.

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WHAT IS DEMAND METERING AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

FROM GOODHEW ELECTRICAL AND SOLAR

In today's energy-conscious world, optimising electricity consumption is crucial for both homeowners and businesses. To achieve this, power companies are adopting advanced technologies such as demand metering. Demand metering - or time-of-use metering as it is sometimes referred to - allows your energy retailer to charge a premium for electricity used during peak periods.

Over the past few months, a considerable number of homeowners across the bayside have found their properties have been switched to demand metering. Many of these homeowners have not had a proper explanation of what demand tariffs are or how they work - leaving confusion when their bills arrive.

Put simply, with demand metering - power consumed during the "peak" incurs a surcharge. With some retailers this can be upwards of an additional 15c per kilowatt hour on top of the standard usage tariff. Demand meters or next generation digital meters allow consumption data to be sent in real time to the energy retailer and therefore, usage during the peak period is then broken down on your bill.

At Goodhew Electrical and Solar, we've spoken to a number of homeowners who have been switched over to demand metering,

many of whom were not informed by their power company of the implications to their bill. Many of these customers are paying up to 45c per kilowatt hour for electricity consumed between 4PM and 9PM. For a standard working household - this means that the majority of usage in the evening after occupants return from work or school falls within the peak period.

The move to demand metering, coupled with the ever increasing wholesale power price and low solar feed-in tariff has left many households with bill shock. This is a timely reminder for homeowners to go through their bill line-by-line and not hesitate to query any charges or tariffs that have changed.

Our team is often asked how to offset demand pricing and reduce household electricity bills. The answer is simple, homeowners should seek to optimise their power consumption to reduce the evening load where possible. Things like moving large appliances including electric hot water systems and pool pumps onto timers to operate through the day. By making small changes to your habits, you can save even more money. For example, try to use the washing machine, dryer and dishwasher during the day when prices are lower. Alternatively, for homes that have a higher electricity



consumption in the evening, a battery storage system may benefit you by allowing you to store energy during the day for use in the evening peak - therefore saving you a considerable amount each quarter.

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“We are extremely delighted to have McGrath Bayside extend their support to STAR as a sponsor,” said Patsy Wilshire, CEO of STAR Community Services.

“This financial support will help us expand our programs and services, reach more vulnerable older people in need, and bring about positive change in our community.”

McGrath Bayside is committed to making a positive difference in the areas they operate in.

“We are thrilled to join forces with STAR. It is our way of supporting the community we live and work in,” said Principals of McGrath Bayside, Pamela Neilson and Stephen Everett. “Collaboration and community define our culture. Our team is proud to be providing sponsorship and support to STAR and in turn, giving to the community. We



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are excited to be working even closer to STAR staff over the next year.

“This is support that will create a living legacy of support. Our fight against the social isolation need the support of community spirited businesses like McGrath Bayside. Thank you,” added Ms Wilshire.

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Clothes washing machines (incl. washer/dryer)	\$300	\$550
Clothes dryer	\$300	\$550
Dishwashers	\$300	\$550
Refrigerators (incl. fridge/freezers)	\$350	\$600
Air conditioners	\$400	\$650
Heat pump hot water systems	\$800	\$1,000
Solar hot water systems	\$800	\$1,000

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Redlands developer ready to match population growth drives new style of housing

CONTRIBUTED BY CS DEVELOPMENT GROUP

A Redlands developer is preparing for the forecast growth in south-east Queensland by bringing large, affordable apartment developments to the region.

Steven Pantic, founding director of CS Development Group, said in recent years the group identified the Redlands, and more specifically Cleveland, as a population growth area.

“Along with many parts of South-East Queensland, it’s an area of high demand with supply of larger, quality apartments being low,” Mr Pantic said.

“Based on our delivery experience over 20 years, we know apartment residents are looking for spacious, well designed property that is most importantly, soundly built. Further, over the next 25 years the number of older people aged 65 years or older will increase.

“Many of our past buyers are downsizers, telling us they are looking for single-level living at an affordable price and the ability to continue living in their local community.

“We have committed to bringing a new pipeline of quality residential developments to the area, commencing construction of Casa Residences prior to launching the sales campaign to provide the local market with confidence in our ability to deliver.”

Queensland Deputy Premier, Steven Miles, has released updated population projections, forecasting growth of over 2 million new residents in South-east Queensland by 2046.

“We are in our decade of opportunity. We have a strong economy. We have a 10-year pipeline of infrastructure projects in the lead up to and beyond Brisbane 2032,” said Mr Miles.

“Thanks to all of this, and our great Queensland lifestyle, we’ve seen record levels of net interstate migration and now increasing international immigration.

“Because our population is growing, we need to get ready to build more of the Queensland we love.”

The population of Redland City Council alone is expected to increase by 50,549 people between 2021 and 2046 (based on 161,730 people in 2021 forecast to grow to 212,279 people in 2046).

Position Property, the exclusive agent for both Casa Residences and Banyan Residences developments, noted three sales have already been made to local buyers. Founding Principal, Richard Lawrence, said, “The local interest in both Casa and Banyan Residences



CS Development Group: Andrew Jakovac, Ross Higgins, David Chen.

has been exceptional in the few short weeks the project has been on the market. Our buyers in Casa appreciated not only the size of the apartments, but the considered approach to design, and of course, the value these presented.”

ABOUT CASA AND BANYAN RESIDENCES

- Casa is primarily located in Middle Street, Cleveland along with the group’s second project, Banyan Residences.
- Casa offers just ten boutique apartments ranging in size from 102m² two-bedroom apartments, through to 186m² three-bedrooms apartments with a second living area and a huge 40sqm balcony. Under construction now.
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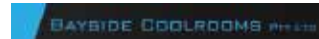
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CLEVELAND ROTARY TEES UP FOR 22ND ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF DAY

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If you're a golf enthusiast who cares about your community, consider getting involved in Rotary's upcoming charity golf event as a player or sponsor.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is pleased to announce its 22nd Annual Charity Golf event, which will be held at Redland Bay Golf Club (RBGC) on November 3, 2023.

Cleveland Rotary is now in its 62nd year and has been involved in several key community projects during that time, including:

- Formation of the Redland Museum;
- Rotary Lodge, Redland Hospital Precinct, providing accommodation for families of trauma and emergency patients, particularly from the Southern Moreton Bay Islands;
- Lamb Ward – the club funded important medical equipment for premature and ill babies in the Bayside area at the Redland Hospital;
- Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley Flood appeals.

During the past 21 years, Cleveland Rotary has raised about \$400,000 (\$600,000 in today's value) for deserving local causes such as Mater Hospital Auxiliary, Redland Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, and many other local charities. This year's beneficiaries include Redland Community Centre and Special Olympics Australia – Redlands Club.



The Redlands Sporting Club team at last year's event, led by Don Seccomb. Photo: Supplied.

Rotary is the world's most respected charitable organisation, established for over 100 years, with 1.4 million serving members in over 30,000 clubs around the globe. Local Rotary Clubs do great things for local communities.

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MODEL RAILWAYS: MORE THAN JUST A LITTLE LOCO

“There’s more to it than just watching miniature trains run around on a track!” Roy Walsh should know, he’s been involved with model railways since he emigrated to Australia in his early twenties. In his luggage were two prized Hornby locomotives.

His passion for trains is hardly surprising; the house he grew up in in Cumbria’s Lakes District was next to a railway yard and one of his favourite playgrounds was the shunting yard, where mountains of coal offered endless climbing challenges to a small and energetic boy.

Now the President of the Redlands Model Railway Club, based in the Redland Museum, he has a collection of 50 locomotives and nearly 200 wagons and carriages. As well as collecting and maintaining exquisite working models, Roy says that one of the most satisfying aspects of railways in miniature is being able to create dioramas – the model landscapes that the trains run in – that remind him of the mountains and cliffs of his first home.

“Creating the landscapes for your model trains calls on a lot of different skills and taking the time to make them as close to reality as possible is really therapeutic,” he says. “The secret of localising a scene is to include something that’s iconic in that area, that will have people saying oh, look, I’ve seen that tower – this is Paris!

“Of course, you can make a diorama that’s created totally out of your own imagination; there’s no reason that Alice’s Wonderland can’t have a train running through it.”

Model trains, like most working machines, have undergone changes as a result of microchip technology. Roy has seen the changes first-hand, having run a hobby shop specialising in working models, for nearly ten years in Capalaba.



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“The old model trains had headlights and track lights and such which responded to the speed the train travelled – and later, were operated by remote control. Now we can use computers and iPads and mobile ‘phones to control speed, lights and sound, smoke blowing out of the chimney and even the sound of firemen shovelling coal into the locomotive’s firebox.”

Roy says that members are more than happy to train (pardon the pun) new members in the creation of dioramas and the selection, operation and maintenance of their locomotives and trains. The club has nearly 30 members – with one lone woman member striving to keep the gender balance – but Roy says that women members are more than welcome.

OFF THE CATWALK — FASHION THROUGH THE AGES

If *Downton Abbey* and *Quant the movie* are your idea of visual bliss, you’ll love the latest exhibition at Redland Museum.

“Fashion through the Ages”, devised by Textile Department head Jan Banks and her team of volunteers, is a display of more than 20 articles of women’s clothing, plus accessories, ranging from 1788 to the 1980s. Jan says that the concept of the exhibition grew out of the textile collection itself.

“Over the years we’ve accumulated a notable collection of donated garments, some with an impressive back story of their own,” says Jan – who has worked in textiles for 22 years. “Two of our earliest pieces are replicas, painstakingly created from the originals, but the rest of the collection are originals.”

The earliest gown is a recreation of a dress belonging to Esther Arndell, daughter of an emigrant English surgeon, who became the wife of explorer William Hovell. Another dress in the collection belonged to a descendent of one of the Whitman brothers, who finding themselves stranded in the Barcoo with a broken cart axle, became founders of Isisford in central west Queensland. A fur jacket that belonged to Lillie Maude (the wife of Brisbane’s first Lord Mayor, William Jolly) is a featured garment- but Jan’s favourite is perhaps a hand-beaded blue

silk “flapper’s” dress, so delicate that it has to be displayed laid out flat, rather than on a model.

“Originally we didn’t have a designated textile area and items were displayed on models or stored throughout the Museum,” Jan recalls. “The late Dorothy Templeton BEM, a founding member of the Museum, had handwritten cards for every item, then in 2000 the whole collection was computerised and housed in a new upstairs textile room until 2013, when our current hall and workroom were built.”

Textile experts from the Queensland Museum had advised and trained Dorothy on the care and storage of textiles; Dorothy and the qualified curator in turn trained the volunteers. When Dorothy retired in 2009 she handed the baton to Jan, whose lifetime passion for textiles made her the automatic choice.

In the exhibition each decade is represented by at least one garment. The changes in the type and amount of fabrics used and the styles and the freedom they accorded the wearer are all indicators of prosperity, wartime austerity, depression economies, development of new fabrics and changing social attitudes. A highlight of the exhibition will be a talk and PowerPoint presentation on 23rd October given by members of the Textile Team; Jan Banks, Anne Tully, Nola McCullagh, Val Taylor, Robin Matfin and Susan Hoy.



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For more information contact the Redland Museum on <https://www.redlandmuseum.org.au/whats-on/events/> ; to book for the talk go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events>.



Bartons Continue Expansion Drive with Acquisition of Jayco Brisbane Camperland

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Selling was not an easy decision for the Carnavas family; however, the opportunity to sell to another like-minded and local family-owned business was a decisive factor in ensuring the legacy continues and that all staff and customers are well protected into the future. As part of the transaction, all staff will remain with the business, and to put it simply, it’s business as usual despite the ownership change. The operation continues with the same name, team and values and will continue trading from the same locations.

The only changes operationally to the business will be the promotion of Craig McLennan to Sales Manager and the appointment of Lee West to General Manager. Craig has been with the business for over 30 years in a Sales Manager’s assistant role and is deserving of this internal promotion. Lee, a Wynnum Manly local, returns to the bayside and brings over 25 years of experience in management and leadership roles in similar industries. Lee is the brother of Bartons Managing Director Mark Beitz, ensuring that the family-owned and operated management remains. To ensure a smooth transition from one family to another,

Josh and Shane Carnavas will remain management consultants over the next 12 months.

The acquisition of the Brisbane Camperland family sees the Bartons Group now employ over 370 staff across multiple locations and businesses, including Bartons Automotive Sales and Service Dealerships in Capalaba and Wynnum, East Coast Commercials (Acacia Ridge and Robina in a Joint Venture with BMD), Brisbane Camperland with Caravans/Motorhomes/Campervans/Campertrailers Sales and Service, PAF Financial Services A full Asset and Home Mortgage brokerage with Financial Planning services, Annual Pest Management (local joint venture) and EV Moto specialising in road-registered electric bikes and golf buggies.

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FROM CYC



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CYC welcomes members, volunteers and visitors to their clubhouse next to The Lighthouse restaurant at the historic Cleveland Point, with direct ramp access to Moreton Bay.

The club's website hosts its sailing calendar, with racing on Sundays between September and April for both monohull dinghies and catamarans.

There are also 'destination sails', with the group heading out for a social sail and BBQ.

Training is available for anyone learning to sail, with lessons generally held on Sunday mornings. The Summer Season launch will also see the christening of a new safety boat, with a pre-season 'shake-out' and boat maintenance day (visitors welcome) on Saturday, September 9, to ensure everything is ship-shape! Please email the club (cyc@outlook.com.au) if you're interested in participating.

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NUT-CRUSTED BAKED FISH RECIPE

Here's a quick and easy fish recipe that adds extra crunch and flavour to your catch of the day. Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS

- 4 firm pieces of fish – Barramundi is excellent for this
- 1-2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 cup of your favourite mixed nuts (e.g. almonds, pecans, walnuts, macadamias, or use just one nut variety), finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons honey or maple syrup
- 1/4 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Lemon wedges to serve
- Chopped fresh herbs for garnish (optional)

METHOD

1. Preheat your oven to 200°C, then line a flat baking tray with greaseproof paper.
2. Combine the mixed nuts, breadcrumbs, and parsley in a bowl, then season with a pinch of salt and black pepper.
3. Now coat the fish. Start by patting the fish dry with a paper towel, then brush each fillet with a layer of Dijon mustard on the top. This is important as it helps the nut mixture stick to the fish.
4. Press the nut, parsley and breadcrumb mixture onto the mustard-coated side of each fish fillet to create an even layer of nuts.

5. Drizzle honey (or maple syrup) and olive oil over the fish. The olive oil will help to create a crusty crust!
 6. Place the fish on the baking tray, nut-crust side up and bake for 10-15 minutes or until cooked through.
- Serve with lemon wedges, and garnish with whatever herbs you have on hand – dill works well with this recipe.





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BY SPERO KARTANOS

I know it's a fishing column, but when the whales are in, and you see the size of them as they go past your boat, and you realise that the calf is as big as your old bay cruiser, it's pretty amazing! Especially to see Mum being so protective; it's one of the best sights in the bay this time of year. And, how lucky are we to see them just east of Green Island and Wellington Point and around Peel Island? Looking at records, the next four weeks are when most whales come in to rest before the long journey to the South Pole, so if you get a chance during the school holidays, it's worth a look around the bay to see these magnificent mammals.

The school mackerel season is at its peak this month, and you should start to catch them all through the bay from close in at Manly Harbour, last leads, to King and Green Islands, all the way to Ormiston and east to the Naval Banks. So, there's no excuse for not getting a good feed; you can troll to find them, anchor up, drop some pillies on ganged hooks, and wait.

The whiting should be in the small boat channel and the Rous this time of year, and the Sand Hills at Moreton should also be firing, along with Amity Banks, close in at Darcy Light. The area between the shallows in front of Wynnum Creek out towards St Helena has also been good over the years, and the snapper and squire/sweet lip should be looking for us. Since the opening of the snapper season in mid-August, there are always plenty of snapper and squire in the bay to keep us all happy in September. My favourite areas to find them are around the shallow grounds around all the Bay Islands.

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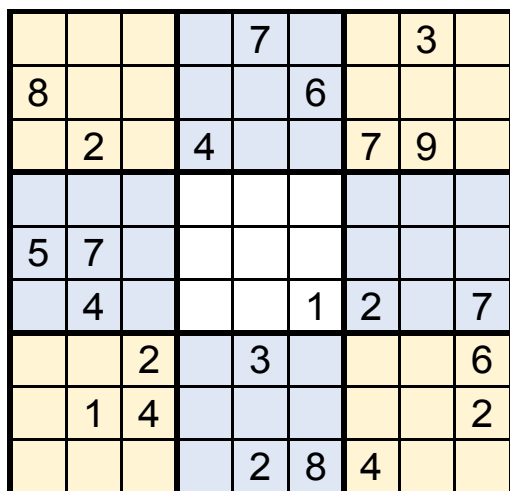
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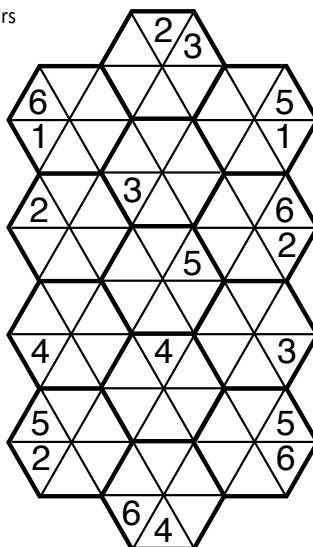
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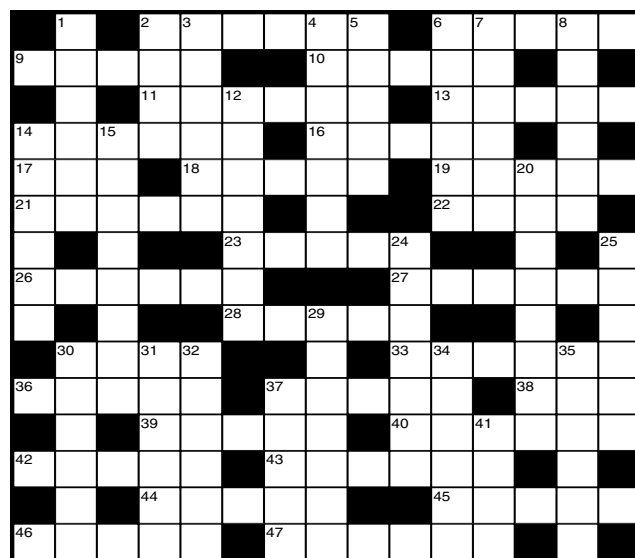


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Crossword



ACROSS

- 2 Suitable
- 6 Bird
- 9 Boat
- 10 Let down
- 11 Whips
- 13 Primary
- 14 Withdraw from federation
- 16 Limiting marks
- 17 Period of time
- 18 Roof's overhanging lower edge
- 19 Wanderer
- 21 Goes in
- 22 Break suddenly
- 23 Exterior
- 26 Japan
- 27 Hire
- 28 Slender supports
- 30 Otherwise

DOWN

- 1 Large cave
- 2 Citizen of Poland
- 3 Library user
- 4 Component
- 5 Flowers
- 6 Alludes to
- 7 Prayer

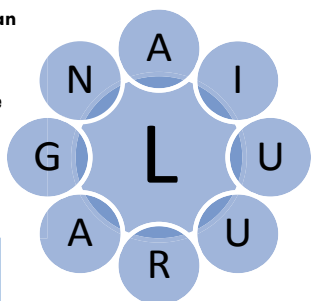
ACROSS

- 8 Part of the foot
- 12 Times of the year
- 14 Observing
- 15 Slingshot
- 20 Holiday
- 24 Show esteem
- 25 Lower
- 29 Distinguished
- 30 Birds of prey
- 31 Composed
- 32 Newspaper executive
- 34 Worshipped
- 35 Confectionery
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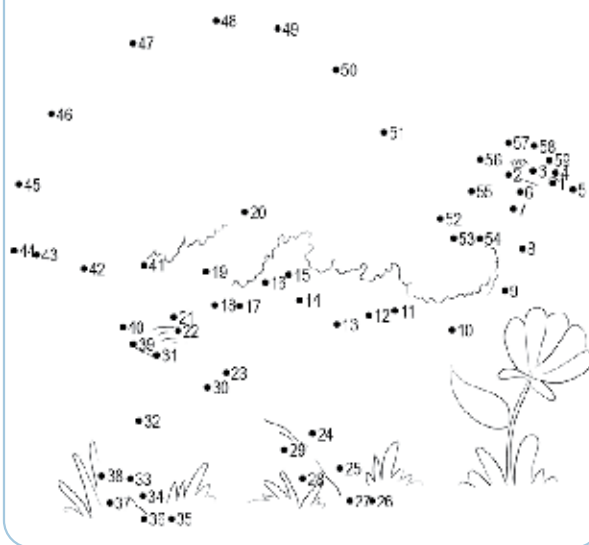


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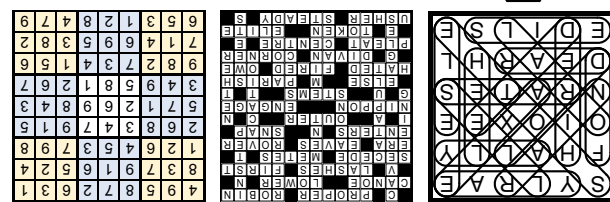
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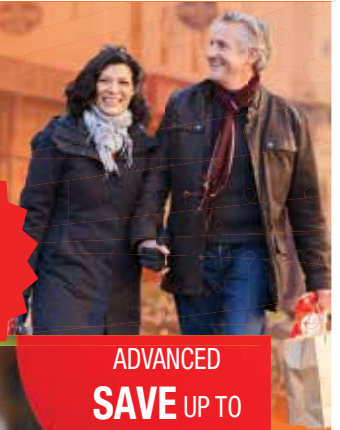
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SPRING PLANTING TIPS WITH ROGI

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Linda Brennan with ROGI President Peter Haakman. Photo: Supplied.

Many of us would love to grow our vegies from seed, but what seeds should be planted at this time of the year?

Redland Organic Growers Inc. (ROGI) is fortunate to have horticulturist Linda Brennan as a member to provide best practices for its budding vegetable growers. The group recently awarded Linda life membership for her willingness to inspire, educate and share her love of gardening. She said her passion for teaching organic gardening stems from her early childhood, where she learnt to grow delicious, fresh food in her very productive family garden.

Linda's philosophy embraces organic growing and biodynamic principles that not only support human health but also encourage a living, healthy garden environment.

"I believe every garden, no matter how small or large, can be a source of food and joy. Spring is a wonderful time for planting," says Linda.

LINDA'S FAVOURITES

"I love to grow beetroot at this time of the year. Detroit Dark Red is always popular but if you haven't tried Chioggia Beet, you must give it a go. This beautiful Italian heirloom variety, sometimes called Candy Stripe, is distinguished from other varieties with its unique alternating pink and white rings inside, and sweeter taste.

"Do yourself a favour and plant sweet corn. You'll need to plant at least a dozen though, as each plant fertilises the following one.

"If you have trouble growing snow peas – sometimes they will go curly – why not try growing sugar peas on your trellis instead. They have the same beautiful flavour with a little more sweetness and crunch.

"Leeks will thrive now, especially with a sprinkle of sulphur. All members of the onion family love a little sulphur."

ROGI holds bi-monthly workshops where members can gain hands-on experience using different seed treatments and planting techniques.

To make it easy, ROGI Seed Savers have put together a bulk pack of eight seeds for its members to purchase, complete with growing instructions. The pack includes a rainbow mix of cherry tomatoes, sweet corn, sprouting broccolini, a salad mix of different lettuces, basil, sugar snap peas, and the root vegetable kohlrabi. Small packs of seed-raising mix are also available for purchase. For more information visit www.rogi.com.au



Planning for the next generation

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Superannuation works fantastically well as a retirement vehicle. Once a person has met a condition of release (that is, retired and met the access rules), funds can be accessed with no tax payable. Superannuation payments can supplement or replace the age pension to support lifestyle in retirement.

Part of retirement planning should also consider the end of the retirement journey. That is, what will happen to superannuation when a member passes away (hopefully after a long and joyous retirement). Superannuation doesn't automatically form part of a person's estate. There are specific rules that govern what will happen to a superannuation account when a member passes away. Firstly, a death benefit must be paid. There is some choice surrounding the form that this can take.

To determine the best strategy, it's prudent to start by considering the possible beneficiaries.

Superannuation death benefits can only be paid to certain individuals. These are a person's spouse, their child, or someone with whom they have an interdependent relationship. If none of these people are available (or if preferred by the member), funds can also be paid to a person's estate and distributed via wishes set down in a Will. Keep in mind that this will allow the superannuation to form part of the estate,

which can be challenged. A correctly documented binding death benefit nomination accepted by a superannuation fund cannot be challenged.

There are further options to consider, such as what form the benefit should take (lump sum or a pension), and what tax consequences may apply. It can be very useful to seek some advice from a financial planner or a superannuation provider to find out more about the options that are available. For example, lump sums paid to a spouse, partner, or interdependent can be tax free, while lump sums paid to adult children (non-dependents) may have tax applied to a portion of the payment.

Effective estate planning goes beyond superannuation, and is about getting the right assets, to the right beneficiaries, at the right time, as tax efficiently as possible. It's well worth investing some time into planning out this type of wealth transfer ahead of time. The best way to approach this is to think about what you want to happen, and discuss with both a solicitor and a financial planner to get the correct provisions and documents in place.



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It can be a very confusing time and it helps to have a professional, experienced advisor to help you answer the 6 most important questions.

WHAT? What is my property worth?

This question is the most common question asked by prospective sellers. Ensuring you receive an accurate market estimate on your property's true value is essential when making the decision to sell. Many agents will offer inflated prices and build false hope in the seller's mind - just to win the listing. Tidbold Real Estate does not do this. In fact, we are held accountable to our clients to ensure we are providing truly independent and accurate valuations based on the current market, recent sales activity and property age and condition.

HOW? How does my suburb and property type compare to the rest of the market?

The local market can appear fickle. Prices go up one day and seem to flatten out the next. One minute the papers are talking about a real estate bubble and the next minute it's a boom. How do you get accurate information about the market, your suburb - and your property? Tidbold Real Estate is not a traditional real estate agency, we are purely a residential sales specialist agency and have access to all of the latest market information, sales activities and statistics. We can provide you with an evidence-based opinion supported by market facts that are relevant to you and your property.

PRICE? How do I ensure I am getting the best price?

Most sellers are keen to obtain the highest possible price for their property. Tidbold Real Estate has a five star reputation and 20 years' experience working with homeowners to guide and assist them in preparing their property to maximise the sale price. The best sales outcomes are achieved when the agent and the seller work collaboratively on the property preparation timetable in advance of the sales and marketing activity. This ensures when prospective buyers first become aware of the property, it is already looking its best - giving the homeowner the greatest opportunity of achieving their desired price.

TIME? Is now a good time to sell?

While we believe there is no 'bad time' to sell (there are ALWAYS buyers), it is still important to know when the best time is right for you and your circumstances, and when to put your property on the market and what are the necessary steps to maximise the sale price. Another important factor is understanding what is the best method of sale for you and your property type. We will explain the different methods of sale such as auction, private treaty sale, no price vs. price, tender, public open house, seller paid advertising etc. Tidbold Real Estate has an experienced team with extensive local experience in Redland City and can advise you on the best time, method and marketing options to sell your property and achieve the ideal price.

WAIT? If I wait, will prices go up - or down?

Property prices generally move up, go down or stay level. Whether you wait or sell now will depend on many factors. For example; is there a property available for you to buy, or what is your property doing compared to the one you want to buy. A seller can determine the best time for them to put the property on the market and maximise the sale price by understanding supply and demand and a range of key market trends and indicators. Tidbold Real Estate is here to help you decide on the best time to sell by providing information and helping you with the answers to all your questions. We're here to help!

WHERE? Where do I even begin?

So, if this seems like a lot to do - it is. But only if you try and do it all by yourself. Our role at Tidbold Real Estate is to make the decision to sell your home an easy one and the process of achieving your desired sales result even easier! We understand the decision to sell a property is a major life decision. For many, it is the largest financial decision they will make in their lives. Tidbold Real Estate is here to help guide you through the complex maze of questions and decisions regarding selling your property. Tidbold Real Estate has built our reputation on ethics, honesty, reliability, professionalism, expertise and service - and we would be delighted to help you make an informed decision about your property today.

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