

# The Community Leader

## Redlands

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### REV UP FOR GREAZEFEST: THE ULTIMATE ROCKABILLY AND HOT ROD WEEKEND!

Get ready, Redlands! GreazeFest, the ultimate rockabilly and hot rod weekend, rolls into town on August 2, 3, and 4. This iconic event will transform Cleveland into a buzzing hub of ultra-cool action, drawing thousands of enthusiasts from near and far.

It's your chance to immerse yourself in the electrifying atmosphere with a display of hot rods, vintage bikes, and lowrider cycles to the tune of live rockabilly bands and DJs. And whether you're hanging out all weekend or just dropping by for a squiz, GreazeFest is sure to be a wild ride!

Come along and join the cool kids for a souped-up weekend and be part of Cleveland's rockin' celebration of all things rockabilly and hot rods. Turn to page 3 for more details.

We hope you enjoy reading this month's Community Leader and make the most of all the awesome things your community has to offer.

*Pictured: GreazeFest Miss Tiki Wahini and Hot Rod Belle Pinup Pageant hostess Bettie Butcher. Photo by Peter Walker.*

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# HIT THE DANCE FLOOR WITH BIG MUSIC FOR A BIG NIGHT OUT!

If the sound of Big Band music gets your toes tapping and your hips moving, if the strains of swing classics like Sheikh of Araby or Basin St. Blues make you smile, or if your face lights up at the mention of Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey or Glenn Miller – well, keep smiling, because the Redland City Big Band has a night for you!

Swing, jive, jazz, Latin – and for the more sedate or less energetic, an occasional waltz – will be the order of the evening on July 20th at the band's Winter Magic dance night at Cleveland. Era-appropriate costumes are always welcome.

"There are quite a few dance groups around, and people enjoy really getting into the swing with clothes from the '30s and '40s," says Stephen Phoenix, a long-time Big Band member.

"The women lead the fashion stakes, but we occasionally have men turn up in peaked caps, braces and knickerbockers – it all adds to the atmosphere and the fun."

The Big Band is one of the music groups under the aegis of the Redland City Bands, which also includes the Concert Band, the Beginner Concert Band, the Wind Ensemble and the Smith Street Jazz Band.

"A number of musicians in the Beginner Concert Band are experienced musicians who are trying their hand – and perhaps their embouchure – at a new instrument," Stephen says.

As for brass, woodwind and rhythm players, the Big Band is certainly the place to settle into. A 22-piece band under the direction of Dr. David Salisbury, it boasts seven saxophones, three trombones, five trumpets and a rhythm section that would get the shyest dancer onto the floor.

If you're tempted to dig out the petticoats and flared skirts, the bobby socks and dance shoes, you can get more information by calling Joy Lovey on 0400 529 451, or go to <https://redlandcitybands.org.au>.



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# GREAZEFEST BRINGS ROCKIN' 1950S VIBES TO THE REDLANDS

What do you get if you blend early rock'n'roll, hillbilly, country, rhythm and blues, western swing and boogie woogie with a really big beat? Rockabilly.

Stir in a lavish helping of retro costumes and hairstyles, classic and hot rod cars, vintage motorbikes and a knockout License Plate Art Show – you get a weekend packed with nostalgia and excitement.

Add food outlets, a licensed bar, retro clothes stalls and a special zone for the littlies then you're talking GreazeFest – a two-day Kustom Kulture Festival that will take you to the 1950s in a whirl of entertainment and memories.

Love the chrome and colour of vintage cars and motorcycles? You'll revel in the display of American and Australian pre-1980s classics that will compete for GreazeFest trophies. Frock fanatics will bliss out at the retro clothes stalls and the GreazeFest Pinup Party, featuring hairstyles and fashions from the 1940s through to the 1970s. And while you're frocked up, join in the photo calls that will try for the highest number of pinups captured in a single photo.

And once you're in the sweetheart necklines, rope petticoats and dancing shoes why not head onto the dance floor and join the action? With more than 20 performers and bands the weekend promises to be a musical heaven for folk who like to move with the beat – and it's not just the oldies who are hooked on swing.

"Rockabilly was the punk rock of the 1950s, where everything started – and that's the live energy we recreate at GreazeFest," says Lori Lee, GreazeFest Director. "It's a celebration that draws together different groups – hotrod, pinup, music, art, fashion – who live and breathe the Kustom Kulture lifestyle, because it's the only place you'll find it. And for the public, it's a wonderful, vibrant, weekend escape."



*Pictured: Eliza May with a hot rod, photographed by Peter Walker.*

GreazeFest is scheduled for Friday August 2 to Sunday August 4 at Redland Showgrounds.

For more information <https://www.greazefest.com/tickets/greazefest-2024/>



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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## DELIVERING COST OF LIVING RELIEF

The Miles Government is delivering the biggest cost of living relief in Queensland's history. This is only possible because we are making multinational mining companies pay their fair share. Queensland's resources working for Queenslanders.

- \$1300 off your energy bill in the next financial year, with \$1,000 upfront off your first bill after 1 July.
- Lowering public transport fares to 50c per trip anywhere in Queensland.
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- Abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers for purchases up to \$700,000.



## MORE HEALTHCARE FOR REDLANDS



This includes a new intensive care unit and expanded mental health unit, and will deliver 85 more beds. We've just opened our new Redlands Crisis Mental Health drop-in centre co-located with the Redland Hospital. We are delivering more nurses, doctors, paramedics and allied health professionals. On top of this the Redlands Satellite Hospital is taking pressure off our emergency departments while providing crucial care for locals. This all means better access to better healthcare, right here in the heart of our community.



## \$200 FAIRPLAY VOUCHERS FOR QUEENSLAND KIDS

We are expanding the FairPlay program, because we know kids and families in sport is great for our community! Every Queensland child aged between five and 17 years of age will be eligible for the FairPlay program as a new direct cost of living measure. Our Fairplay vouchers have already helped Queensland families to the tune of over \$30 million with costs such as memberships, registration and participation fees. Now, with round 11 of the Fairplay program opening on July 1, we're increasing the value of vouchers to \$200 and increasing the number of vouchers from 50,000 to 200,000.

## CHEAPER PUBLIC TRANSPORT



From 5 August this year our Government will lower public transport fares to 50 cents per trip anywhere in Queensland on any Translink bus, train or ferry. This is amazing news for our Southern Moreton Bay Islands community and for locals wanting to visit our amazing islands. It makes public transport more affordable for everyone. And with more people using public transport, we will take more cars off our local roads.



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.



## NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTING

Sunday July 28, 9:00am to 12:00pm, Hilliards Park Creek Corridor, Hilliards Park Drive, Wellington Point

Get your hands dirty and plant 2000 native seedlings in the ground to help expand the habitat of Hilliards Creek Park. The area is an important wildlife corridor where locals and visitors often spot koalas and other native animals. At 10:00am and 11:00am, the University of the Sunshine Coast Detection Dogs for Conservation will take participants on a guided walk to spot koalas. There will be a free sausage sizzle at the conclusion of planting. You can register by scanning the QR code.



## GREAZEFEST 2024

August 2, 3 and 4, Redland Showgrounds, Cleveland

Do you have a passion for hot rods and classic cars? Billed as Australia's ultimate rockabilly and hot rod weekend, GreazeFest is an annual event that welcomes thousands of guests for a weekend celebrating cool cars and bikes and everything rockabilly! Live bands and DJs will play throughout the event, so put on your dancing shoes and join the fun, or pull up a chair at a food truck, check out the art show, enter some competitions and browse the markets. There's something for everyone at this year's premier rockabilly event, so get your tickets now! Scan the QR code for tickets or go to [www.greazefest.com](http://www.greazefest.com).



## FOREVER DIAMOND

Friday July 12, 7:30pm, Redlands Performing Arts Centre, Cleveland

Starring the talented and internationally acclaimed performer Peter Byrne, this tribute to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Grammy Award-winner Neil Diamond is a must-see for fans of the music legend. Byrne will perform Neil Diamond's greatest hits spanning three decades with his uncanny portrayal that has to be seen to be believed. Hear sublime renditions of *Sweet Caroline*, *Song Sung Blue*, *I Am I Said*, *Cherry Cherry*, *Beautiful Noise*, *Cracklin Rosie*, *Crunchy Cranola Suite*, *Holly Holy*, *Solitary Man* and many more hits in one unforgettable concert. Scan the QR code for tickets.



## PUPPYPALOOZA DOG MARKET

Sunday July 14, 8:00am to midday, Faith Lutheran College, Beveridge Road, Thornlands

PuppyPalooza is back, and this July, it promises to be an even more exciting morning filled with fun for the entire family – including your beloved furry friends! Start your day by exploring over 40 unique specialty stalls. Show off your dog's skills by entering one of the many entertaining competitions, where great prizes await. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in a free training demonstration class with your pup, which is perfect for building obedience skills and bonding. Join Dr Sam for an insightful talk on pet health, with valuable tips and answers to your pet questions. This event is a perfect outing for pet enthusiasts of all ages, so mark your calendars and get ready for a tail-wagging good time!





# RESTORING THE PAST: A MOTORCYCLE'S TWO-YEAR TRANSFORMATION

BY JAN NARY

Restoring old motorcycles can be a challenging business, particularly when you aren't a motorcycle petrolhead, there are no extant workshop manuals and every photographic reference of (allegedly) the same bike has different features. That didn't stop John Heselwood and Ralph Gofton from embarking on a two-year restoration of a 1920's Indian Scout and achieving a breathtakingly good result.

John and Ralph are both members of the workshop restoration team at Redland Museum. They inherited the bike's restoration as a task no-one had been willing to undertake since it was donated to the museum in September 2017 by Mary Lee and her daughter June. The bike had belonged to Ray Lee, Mary's husband and June's father, who kept it going and rode it until he was well into his 90s. John had extensive experience in restoring vintage cars and Ralph was an innocent abroad in the world of mechanics.

"What we both knew about motorcycle restoration could have been written on the back of a postage stamp with a carpenter's pencil," John laughs, "but we put our heads together and got on with it. We stripped it down in a day then followed the restoration procedure; save what you can, find out what you need and then source it."

"Everything on the bike needed restoration. There was no such thing as a workshop manual so we started with the luggage rack."

Like house restoration, when stripping off the wallpaper reveals a myriad unexpected faults, taking off the paint revealed etching primer that had to be ground off, in turn revealing extensive metal pitting over the whole rack. The pair developed a hybrid metal/fibreglass filler that did the job – after repeated filling and sanding – and then moved on to the monumental job of saving the frame.

"We each took home bits and pieces to work on; it took each of us about a hundred hours to get the frame back to where it should be. Then we moved on to the mudguards and had to deal with the same metal pitting as we had on the rack."

"The tank was one step worse; it had pinholes that had to be silver soldered and treated internally with rust remover, cleaned several times with various solutions before a pH-altering liquid, then a special fuel tank sealant. On the original inspection we'd thought the tank was fine but then discovered we'd been looking at the oil compartment in the front of the tank!"

The world-wide hunt for spare parts and advice seemed endless; some specialist clubs were wary of these two unknown enthusiasts but an introduction to the network by an old friend of John's proved invaluable and help started to flow in.

"We found sources of reproduction parts in Sweden and Poland," says Ralph. "The parts were really expensive but they did the job. The hardest part was the magneto; we opened it to find that three components were missing, with no indication of what they were."



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The pair's ongoing sleuthing paid off with tracking down a data book that had a list of part numbers and – serendipitously – a few diagrams. The missing magneto parts identified, the Dynamic Duo located them – in Poland, the USA and Melbourne respectively.

Despite gathering photographs and reference material world-wide, John says that specific model identification can be a tricky business. "They were very popular in Australia but models sold here didn't always have the updates that appeared on the corresponding American model," he says.

Confused identity notwithstanding, a splendid piece of motorcycling history has been respected and preserved. Scouts continue to be a popular motorbike; they were the bike of choice for the Wall of Death riders at Coney Island and they've also had their Hollywood show pony moments.

"Think of the bike Burt Munro rode in the movie *The World's Fastest Indian*," says Ralph. "That could be the same model as the one on show at the museum."

**John and Ralph will be giving a Floor Talk presentation of the restoration at Redland Museum on Wednesday July 24 at 10:00am; more information is at <https://www.redlandmuseum.org.au/whats-on/events/>**

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## Mayor's message

Redland City Council is investigating a number of ways it can more effectively and efficiently service our community.

One area is the use of digital channels to speed up some processes and get communication flowing effectively between Council and ratepayers, providing more information to more people and gaining more feedback.

I encourage you to have a look and consider engaging with Council online. It not only helps streamline interactions, reduce paper waste and administrative costs, but you can do it at a time that is convenient for you.

You can use Council's online customer request form to report issues such as graffiti, potholes, fallen trees, water leaks and park maintenance. You can ask a question, provide feedback, or make a suggestion. It is where you can report a missed bin collection, bin repairs and exchanges, or order a new bin. Council Library services are also available online.

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of post, change your address, and conduct property searches.

You can also lodge a development application online or a submission for or against an application.

Another great option is signing up to receive Council's monthly Our Redlands Coast e-newsletter about Council initiatives and events. You can also read the latest news from Council on the Redlands Coast Today website.

Signing up to Redlands Coast Alert is an important way to receive Council messaging on local disasters, flood warnings for four local roads, weather warnings and targeted alerts on planned burns.

Want to have a look? Go to [redland.qld.gov.au](http://redland.qld.gov.au) and check out the ways you can connect with Council and see how Council reaches out to our community.

Kind regards,



**Cr Jos Mitchell**  
**Mayor of Redland City**  
**Email: [mayor@redland.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@redland.qld.gov.au)**



## Don't throw away the chance to make a difference to waste costs Folks, we need to put a lid on it!

The amount of waste that Redlands Coast residents are sending to landfill is continuing to grow and, without some changes in behaviour, it is going to cost the city dearly.

It is a critical issue for Redland City Council with the cost of waste management set to rise substantially over the coming years. This is due to the Queensland Government increasing the waste levy statewide and reducing the rebate it currently provides to local governments.

Redlands Coast residents are being urged to put a lid on their household waste to mitigate costs to the community and improve environmental outcomes across the city.

Poor waste and recycling habits have already contributed to a significant rise in waste management costs for Council over the past two years.

The problem is that about 17 per cent of what is currently ending up in landfill from household red-lid bins could be recycled. The main culprits are items like cardboard and pizza boxes, junk mail, tuna cans, sushi containers and meat trays.

A further 30 per cent of what ends up in landfill is made up of garden organics and food waste.

Each city resident currently generates 682 kilograms of waste each year on average – the goal is to reduce this by 15 per cent and increase the amount of materials being recycled to 60 per cent by 2030.

These targets are Queensland Government benchmarks that have been adopted in Council's *Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2021–2030*.

The size of the waste operation is considerable, with Council contractors collecting waste from about 63,000 households across the mainland and islands each week.

More than 112,000 tonnes of waste and recyclables were handled by Council in the 2022-23 financial year alone, which goes to show the scale of the undertaking.

Lowering waste to landfill will benefit the entire community, as the costs to provide waste services are included in residential rates.

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- Get a green waste bin or take your green waste to Council's recycling and waste centres. Residents can offset the cost of a green waste bin by downsizing their 240L waste bin to a 140L waste bin at time of ordering.
- Compost your food waste at home via home composting systems. Council is currently offering a Compost Bin Subsidy program to support residents.
- Recycle the right items.

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**Combined, the contractors and Council maintain more than 19,000ha of public space on its maintenance schedule**

## Efficiencies provide better value for ratepayers

As Redlands Coast continues to grow, Redland City Council is investigating new ways of providing better value for its ratepayers' dollars.

Economy of scale can be applied across many areas of Council as the number of residents grow, but efficiencies are also being achieved through new technology and “smarter” ways of doing things.

One practical example has been the evolution over the past five years in how Council's city operations officers deal with maintenance requests from the public.

It is estimated that the percentage of the city's maintenance work that is handled by design – meaning it is pro-actively planned and scheduled, as opposed to being reactive to customer requests – has grown from about 25 per cent five years ago, to close to 70 per cent currently.

Five years ago, Council officers printed out hundreds of customer requests daily and triaged them via pigeonholes.

Today almost 20,000 of City Operation's 30,000 work orders for the year are based on planned inspections and/or planned programs of work and are now put in by digital daily worksheets.

The change means resources can be deployed more efficiently, rather than in the ad hoc manner caused by being reactive.

City Operations has also created efficiencies in how it engages contractors to support the city's landscape and vegetation management, and bushfire mitigation services.

Earlier this year, Council signed a \$28 million contract covering the next five years for contractors to provide services including mowing, pruning, brush cutting, slashing and edging works.

Previously provided through seven separate arrangements, the new contract consolidated this to three suppliers, which simplified the procurement process, bringing efficiencies in operational areas.

Combined, the contractors and Council crews maintain more than 19,000ha of public space on its maintenance schedule – an area larger than Moreton Island

(18,600ha). They mow and slash close to 500ha of vegetated areas every week.

To further maximise efficiencies, Council crews are trained, licenced and qualified to work across the business, allowing Council to react quickly to emergencies and where the need is greatest at any point in time without having to call on a contract crew.

In another holistic initiative, the way customers interact with Council on a daily basis is also being transformed to create efficiencies.

Council is rolling out an exciting, multi-year Digital Transformation Program that will ensure residents have easier access to Council's information and digital services and the flexibility to choose when, where and how they engage with Council.

It is set to bolster Council's cyber security, enhance productivity and help increase efficiencies across the organisation, delivering cost savings and better provision of services to the community.

It will also increase the efficiencies in customers' interactions with Council using new methods that have evolved with the aim of making these experiences better, easier and more cost-effective for all involved.

Efficiencies are also being made through the reuse and upcycling of materials.

Even small changes in this area not only provide savings within Council but also create an organisational culture that is considerate of a circular economy and enforces the notion to not be wasteful.

For example, the old coffee cart at Council's Redland Performing Arts Centre, Cleveland, was upcycled to be part of its new Encore Café.

Council's commitment to managing resources in an effective and efficient way is predicated on maintaining and, in many cases, improving its services to the community.



### Budget in detail

To read the Redland City Council Budget Publication 2024-2025, go to [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) and search “budget”, or scan the QR code.



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# Maggie's Mates



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**Where do you live?** Thornlands.

**How long have you lived there?** Since I was kidnapped by humans from my real parents 11 years ago.

**What's your favourite local walk?** Anywhere I can get free pats and cuddles.

**What is your most treasured toy?** Ruffy, a stuffed toy doggy.

**What is your favourite food?** Chicken pieces off the BBQ.

**What's your worst habit?** Drooling while waiting for chicken pieces off the BBQ and leaving dog hairs around the house.

**What is your favourite local hangout?** Waiting by the fridge in the 'drop zone' around dinner time. I also love swimming and chasing my 'wooshie' (frisbee) at Stradbroke Island.

**Who is your best doggo friend?** Boris, a big golden retriever.

**Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories?** As a puppy, I stole Mum's eye fillet steak off the table while Dad was preparing to cook it on the BBQ.

**What do people love most about you?** I greet visitors with a stuffed toy from my extensive collection, a happy smile, and a waggy tail.



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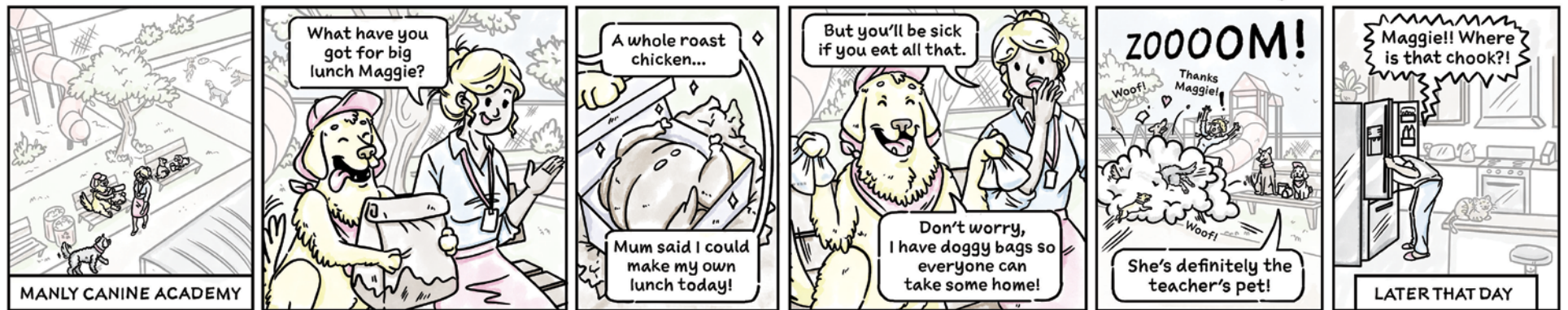
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## FIVE FREEDOMS FOR KEEPING YOUR PET HAPPY AND HEALTHY

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Pets can bring so much joy and companionship to our lives. As responsible pet owners, it is important that we give our pets a safe, happy and healthy life to the best of our abilities. The RSPCA has a list of the five freedoms essential to wellbeing, which outline the areas in which we can ensure our pets are well cared for.

### FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

Your pet needs a complete and balanced diet appropriate for their life stage. Depending on your pet's requirements there should be a balance of protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals to provide the necessary daily requirements. It is important that your pet not be over or under weight as both states can cause health issues. A supply of clean, fresh water should be available at all times.

### FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT

Your pet needs shelter from wind, rain, hot sun and colder temperatures. Smaller animals should be kept in housing that offers protection from predators. Housing should be as large and comfortable as possible, and there should be a supply of appropriate clean, dry bedding or substrate.

### FREEDOM FROM PAIN AND INJURY

Pet owners are obligated to seek medical attention for their pets when necessary – this includes both treatment for injuries and illness and preventative care where possible. Animals demonstrating a loss of appetite, difficulty moving, rapid weight loss, vomiting, diarrhoea, eye/ear or nasal discharge or any lumps and bumps should be seen by a veterinarian. Prevention of disease through a parasite control and vaccination program should be discussed with your vet.

### FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL BEHAVIOUR

Animals should have the opportunity to move and exercise as appropriate for their species and age.



Environmental enrichment with exercise, toys and games can help animals to demonstrate normal behaviours.

### FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS

It is important to be aware of your pet's mental and emotional needs. Animals should not be left unattended for extended periods as they may become anxious and destructive.

Providing a home of love and understanding of your pet's physical, mental, and behavioural needs will help keep your pet happy and healthy for as long as possible and ensure the development and maintenance of the human/animal bond.





# LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT

## JUMPING JACKFRUIT!

BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

**If you read my blog, you would already know about my jackfruit escapades. If you don't read my blog, you should! But I'll forgive you for now and update you.**

Quite a few years ago, I stopped at a garden on the side of a country road that had plants advertised. It was a very eclectic mix with an equally eclectic owner, and although I couldn't find anything of value to buy, I admired the large arching tree she had in the centre of the garden providing lovely, dappled shade – a jackfruit tree she told me.

Now, I was slightly naïve, having developed most of my garden love and experience in cooler climates, and it didn't occur to me to really investigate. I knew what jackfruit was, I liked it (cooked green), and I loved this tree. So off I went and acquired one.

It turns out hers was probably not the best specimen, and they don't grow like that at all, but have rather dense foliage, and, due to their propensity to develop said jackfruit (which can weigh up to 50kg!), are best kept pruned so you

can reach them at harvest time. Handily, jackfruit are cauliflorous, which means they bear their flowers (and subsequent fruit) directly off the trunk and large branches, so the heavy fruit are at least well supported. But well supported or not, you don't really want bowling balls hanging above head-high.

My little tree had a rough start to life, but this summer, it finally gave me my first jackfruit! At just under 4kg, it weighed the same as my newborn niece. I dutifully dipped my knife and hands in oil and proceeded to chop it up. The oil helps stop the latex substance that the fruits exude from sticking to everything. In hindsight, I needed more oil. I had just enough to make the knife tricky to hold but not enough to stop me from spending 10 minutes afterwards scraping chewing gum-like goo off my hands! Gross. But it was worth it. I pre-boiled the pieces and shredded them, giving me several ziplock baggies in the future for delicious sloppy jackfruit burgers (think pulled pork!). You can find the recipe on my website.

### ABOUT KAT

I love gardening, and growing my own food and plants in general. I've been working on our current garden in subtropical Brisbane for the last five years but have been gardening for much longer in all sorts of places. I'm an ex-engineer, recently turned horticulturist (life's too short not to work in something you love!). I grow edibles and ornamentals in an often wild, rambling jungle, filled with birds and bugs, including a handful of pet chooks and a dog (though to be honest you're more likely to find him inside on the couch). Find out more at [www.girlinthegreen.com.au](http://www.girlinthegreen.com.au).



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# DAVID BINDI HUDSON IS BRINGING THE CAMPFIRE INTO THE SPOTLIGHT

“Come on David, you’ve got to get a real job, get to college, be an educated man...where’s this music going to take you?” The concerns of David Hudson’s mother echoed those of many mothers when confronted with a passionately creative child.

But David is a born performer and you can’t run away from who you are. His boyhood dreams of being an entertainer have taken David around the world but he’s also graduated as a teacher and has added a Doctorate of Culture, Music and Art to his impressive CV.

“I grew up in a musical family and music’s always been a part of my life,” says David. “Dad was a guitarist and singer and as a kid I learned guitar, drums, cornet, clarinet and Yigi Yigi (Didgeridoo) I make my own now, I’ve got about 80 in my personal collection.”

The music was always an inspiration. Amongst other achievements, David is co-founder of Tjapukai Aboriginal Dance Theatre.

“Mum grew me up on a cattle station until I was about five then it was down to the Big Smoke to get an education. After finishing school I worked on the railways, in a pest control company, played football – but Mum was my inspiration and I wanted that education.”

A chance collaboration with Ernie Dingo and a later tour of America made David realise that education and entertainment could work together, and the concept of a cultural show could be a reality.

“That American trip made me realise that they were more interested in Aboriginal history and culture than most of my fellow Australians were, and that there was a real need for education – of young Indigenous folk as well as white folk. Only older Indigenous people have any understanding of what it was like to live on a mission reserve, not allowed to walk off it without an Exemption Card; I still have my mother’s. Until I was five I was classified – like all our people – without citizenship.”


David calls himself an edutainer, and together with his company Didge-Ralia and the Jute Theatre Company, has developed his Campfire show, this telling the story of his life set within the bigger frame of post-white settlement Indigenous history. The stage is filled with music, story-telling, songs, projection – and, of course, a live band.

David laughs; “I’m a musician, no backing tracks for this show!”

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# NATURALLY WONDERFUL...WITH RANGER STACEY

BY RANGER STACEY THOMSON, PRINCIPAL ADVISER – COMMUNITY EDUCATION (REDLAND CITY COUNCIL)

Nature's calendar features wonderfully wild events that automatically pop up around the same time each year – masses of red crabs marching across Christmas Island, turtle nesting season at Mon Repos, and the epic migration of humpback whales.



Closer to home, a natural phenomenon is about to kick off – Swooping Season! While this news may not be music to everyone's ears, it's important to understand the primary reason for this dramatic behaviour.

Magpies, plovers, and bush-stone curlews will go to extreme lengths to protect their precious offspring from potential danger. As a parent you'd do the same for your babies, right? Okay, minus the flapping of wings and clapping of beaks.

I'm a fan of magpies (and I don't mean the footy team). I enjoy their melodic songs, admire their smart black and white plumage, and marvel at their curiosity and intelligence. They're smarter than the average bird, capable of human facial recognition, but the thing I admire most about them is their dedication as parents!

Nesting season is July to December. Interestingly, magpies aren't 'born swoopers'. It's a defensive behaviour they learn after a negative interaction with people. That's why only a small percentage of magpie dads swoop.

Some target specific humans like cyclists or posties, while others aren't fussy, swooping anyone who enters the defence zone (up to a 150-metre radius of the nest). If you've ever been the target, you'll appreciate the nickname 'feathered torpedo'! This behaviour lasts around six weeks while mum takes care of eggs or chicks in the nest.

To stay safe and let these sometimes overzealous parents of the bird world raise their babies, it's pretty easy to modify our behaviour.

- Avoid the area if you can and temporarily change your route.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses or use an umbrella.
- Get off your bike and walk on by.
- Decorate your helmet and bike with spikes and a flag.



I know plovers and bush-stone curlews would also appreciate the same consideration. Remember, it won't be long before swooping season is over for yet another year.

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*Ranger Stacey*

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# SWINGIN' SENSATION: REDLANDS DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA DAZZLES

The recent Swing Dancing Extravaganza, co-hosted by Redlands Body Corporate and Swing Patrol, was an unforgettable night of sensational live music and sizzling dancing.

Attendees were transported back to the glamorous era of swing dance, with beginners and seasoned dancers hitting the floor, revelling in the infectious energy and camaraderie.

"We are thrilled with the overwhelming success of our swing dancing event," said Tina Scanlon of Redlands Body Corporate Management. "It was truly heart-warming to see our clients, partners, and community members come together for an evening of joy and entertainment."

Swing Patrol, renowned for its expertise in teaching and performing authentic swing dance styles, added a touch of flair to the event with captivating performances and expertly led dance lessons. The Redlands City Swing Band set the perfect tempo with their soulful melodies, ensuring that every step resonated with the rhythm of swing.

"We were honoured to be part of such a vibrant and well-organised event," said Scott Cupit, founder of Swing Patrol. "The enthusiasm and energy of the attendees were infectious, making it a night to remember."



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# TAILS OF THE WORLD BRINGS GLOBAL PHOTOGRAPHERS TOGETHER

FROM PAM HART

*Tails of the World* is an international collaboration of 90 photographers, each committed to supporting local animal welfare organisations through a unique fundraising initiative. Each photographer has a designated area and selects a local animal charity to receive the photo session fees. Proceeds from the upcoming *Tails of the World* coffee table book will benefit the Geelong Animal Welfare Society (GAWS).

In Brisbane, photographer Pam Hart of Pets with Pam Hart Photography is partnering with Precious Paws Animal Rescue (PPAR), a Brisbane-based volunteer organisation dedicated to rescuing dogs at risk of euthanasia.

PPAR has faced significant expenses this year, including over \$100,000 in veterinary costs and more than \$30,000 for trainers, food, and medicines. The organisation relies heavily on donations to continue its lifesaving work.

Pam is looking for dogs of all breeds, sizes, and quirky personalities from Redlands and Bayside to participate in this project. Ten photo sessions are available, each requiring a \$199 tax-deductible donation to PPAR.

Participants will receive a pet photo session, five 5x7 prints, a \$100 in-store credit with Pets with Pam Hart Photography, and their dog's inclusion in the *Tails of the World* book.

Applications are open until July 30, and photo sessions will be held in August and September. The book will be released on December 1, 2024.

For more details about this project and how to get involved, visit [www.pamhartphotography.com/tailsoftheworldthebook](http://www.pamhartphotography.com/tailsoftheworldthebook) or follow Pets with Pam Hart Photography on Facebook and Instagram.



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# STUDENTS TO SHOWCASE CREATIVE ARTS AT CLEVELAND DISTRICT SHS

FROM CLEVELAND DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

**After a busy semester 1, the Creative Arts department at Cleveland District SHS is gearing up for another whirlwind of creative events in semester 2, and we welcome our community to join us for these events.**

We kick off the semester with 37 of our students joining 1500 students from around Queensland to perform at the Convention Centre, South Bank, in July at the annual performance of Creative Generation: State Schools on Stage. It is the 20th anniversary of this performance extravaganza, and the show will be broadcast on Channel 9 later in the year.

In August, our Year 12 Music Extension students are presenting their final performances for the year. This is always a fabulous night of music, with a performance repertoire that ranges from contemporary and classical music to jazz and music theatre. This free event is held on the evening of Friday, August 9, at Cleveland DSHS.

For those who enjoy visual and performing arts, we welcome visitors to campus for our FAMED exhibition on Monday, September 9, from

5:00pm to 8:00pm. This free event showcases fantastic work from our Film, Art, Media, and Drama students.

In October, on Thursday 17 we are proud to present our annual Dance Fusion, which is a vibrant evening showcasing the colour and energy of our three dance teams and talented elective dance students. This is followed on Friday October 18 by our Music Showcase, featuring our instrumental and choral ensembles – these ensembles are well worth hearing, having just scooped up a heap of Gold and Platinum awards at the recent State Fanfare competition! Both of these shows are held on campus at the Paul Bancroft Centre and are highlights of our school calendar. Tickets will be available through Trybooking links in August.

Our final performance event of the year is our annual Jazz Under the Stars – a relaxed evening of jazz and popular music performed by our Instrumental Music students. This free concert on Sunday, November 3, is held at our outdoor amphitheatre from 5:00pm to 8:30pm; BYO chair and picnic blanket and settle back for an enjoyable evening of smooth musical grooves.



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We hope to welcome members of our local community to these events. Please contact our Head of Department, Simon Watson, for more information about the Creative Arts events at Cleveland District SHS, or email [swats176@eq.edu.au](mailto:swats176@eq.edu.au).



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## PROPERTY MATTERS

# Achieving Balance: Meeting tenant desires while supporting landlords in Redlands

BY SAMARA BEDWELL, MACWELL PROPERTY

In the dynamic landscape of Redlands real estate, finding the equilibrium between tenant needs and landlord considerations is essential for a thriving rental market. Let's delve into the desires of tenants and explore strategies to strike a balance while alleviating the burden on landlords.

Tenants in Redlands prioritise affordability without compromising on quality. Their ideal home is priced at \$750 or less, offering a clean, well-presented environment that fosters a sense of security and belonging. While they appreciate the charm of older properties, they expect landlords to invest in refreshing interiors with recent paint and newer carpets, ensuring a comfortable living space.

Stability is another key factor for tenants. Despite the common perception of rental transience, studies reveal that the majority seek accommodations for longer than 12 months. However, annual rent increases of \$100 can strain budgets, threatening their ability to remain in their homes. Balancing rental affordability with the need for landlords to cover holding costs is crucial to fostering sustainable rental relationships.

Safety and convenience are also paramount for tenants in Redlands. They seek properties located in safe neighbourhoods with access to local transport and essential amenities, enhancing their overall quality of life. Landlords can leverage these preferences by highlighting the advantages of their properties' locations while considering measures to mitigate holding costs.

Indeed, landlords face their own financial challenges, with many navigating affordability concerns themselves. Recognising this reality, it's essential to approach the rental market with a balanced perspective, acknowledging the needs of both tenants and landlords. Strategies such as efficient property management, proactive maintenance, and exploring alternative revenue streams can help landlords manage holding costs without compromising on tenant satisfaction.

Ultimately, achieving equilibrium in the Redlands rental market requires collaboration and innovation from all stakeholders. By prioritising tenant desires while supporting landlords in managing holding costs, we can



cultivate a rental ecosystem where both parties thrive. It's not about giving tenants every right but rather finding common ground to create mutually beneficial rental relationships that endure over time.



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**Green is the new red on Redlands Coast – especially when it comes to kerbside bins.**

Redland City Council has reached a milestone 25,000 green waste bins now in use across the city’s mainland suburbs.

Mayor Jos Mitchell said it was encouraging to see so many residents taking up the green habit of separating their garden organics from general waste.

“Audits show that about one-third of waste that ends up in landfill is garden waste and Council is supporting residents to get this number down by providing a green waste service,” she said.

“The green waste bins provide a convenient fortnightly kerbside collection service where the bins are emptied and the material is taken to an organics composting facility.

“It is then processed and turned back into valuable garden and landscaping material such as mulch and soil, therefore reducing waste to landfill.

“In the past 12 months, Council has collected a record 8471 tonnes of kerbside green waste, which is due to the excellent take-up rate of green bins and a wet summer.

“The green waste bins can help save time and effort by

reducing the number of visits residents need to make to Recycling and Waste Centres.

“They are also useful in helping people prepare for storm and fire season, by providing somewhere to place hedge trimmings and leaves from gutters.”

Redlands Coast resident Brian Siebert said he ordered a green bin after noticing a neighbour had one.

“It is an easy and affordable way to dispose of green waste,” Mr Siebert said.

“We don’t have a lot of green waste as we have a small controlled garden, so the green bin comes in handy and means we no longer have to make trips to one of Council’s waste centres.

“I think it’s important for residents to recycle their waste correctly.

“We follow a strict recycling program as this contributes to a healthy and cleaner environment.”

Green waste bins are provided with no establishment fee and an ongoing fee of \$70 per annum, which can be offset by downsizing a 240 litre waste bin to a 140 litre waste bin at the same time.



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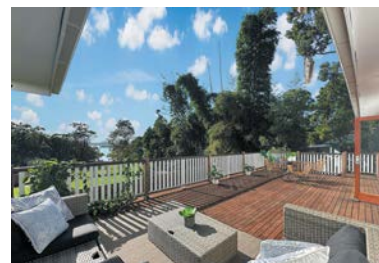
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# AN EPIC JOURNEY: BUILDING A DREAM CAT WITH STRADBROKE YACHTS

BY DASHA KARAULOVA, REDLAND CITY MARINA

Brian and Kazza, of the YouTube channel *Sailing SV Delos*, have spent the past 15 years navigating the globe, sailing approximately 85,000 nautical miles across six continents and 50 countries. Now, this adventurous young family is embarking on a new chapter: the creation of Delos 2.0.



Their quest for the perfect vessel led them to Dan Schofield, a metal fabricator and owner of Stradbroke Yachts at Redland City Marina. The vision for Delos 2.0 took shape when Brian and Kazza saw Dan's first catamaran, designed by renowned New Zealand naval architect David de Villiers.

Witnessing the dynamic collaboration between New Zealand ingenuity and Australian craftsmanship, the couple knew they had found what they had been looking for.

The upgrade from a sailing monohull to a catamaran marked a significant transition for Brian and Kazza. Eager to be involved in building their new 'home at sea', they will document the process on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/@svdelos>).

Stradbroke Yachts is located within Redland City Marina premises in Thornlands. With an aim to bring a modern edge to a classic material, Stradbroke Yachts revolutionises the world's perception of aluminium sailing yachts, designing their vessels for both strength and speed.

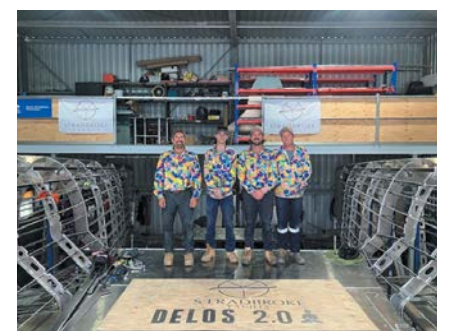
Delos 2.0 will feature all-aluminium construction, a large solar array, an integrated rainwater system, and a low-maintenance exterior. With collision and watertight bulkheads, the catamaran will boast a unique hybrid propulsion system, allowing Brian and Kazza to sail using diesel, electric power, or a combination of both.

Redland City Marina provides the perfect backdrop for a project like Delos 2.0. With top-class slipping facilities and the largest chandlery in the Redlands, Dan and his team have all the resources they need. The marina's comprehensive facilities cater to marine enthusiasts of the Redlands Coast, offering convenience and a wide selection of boating supplies and marine chandlery.

On July 13, Redland City Marina will host an Open Day filled with fantastic deals and a special event where the Stradbroke Yachts team will flip the hull of Delos 2.0. Come along and witness this exciting moment and see first-hand the craftsmanship and innovation behind the project. Explore the marina, snag some special deals, and see the progress of Delos 2.0 up close.



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# LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS RECOGNISED WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC HONOURS

FROM REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB



Andea Lago – Protective Mother.

Redlands Camera Club members are striving for – and achieving – photographic honours and distinctions from the national organisation, Australian Photographic Society (APS). Three club members – Andea Lago LAPS, Charlotte Carter AAPS, and Tarnjah Myers AAPS – were recently recognised for their photographic achievements.

It's natural that there comes a time in any serious photographer's journey when they want to venture outside of their comfort zone and push themselves even farther. This step can take many forms, and for some it means entering their photos into national and international



Charlotte Carter – Lunch for One.

photographic exhibitions with the aim of receiving recognition for exemplary works. Success in exhibitions with APS patronage means an entrant's images are in the top 30% of entries, including a component required for the awards.

To be successful requires time, persistence, and the capacity to analyse one's own images while also adjusting and improving along the way. Entering exhibitions shows where your images stand on a national and international scale, and it challenges and pushes photographers to extend their talents, experiment with new techniques, and evolve.

Congratulations to Andrea, Charlotte and Tarnjah!



Tarnjah Myers – Joy.



Andea Lago, Tarnjah Myers, and Charlotte Carter. Photos: Supplied.



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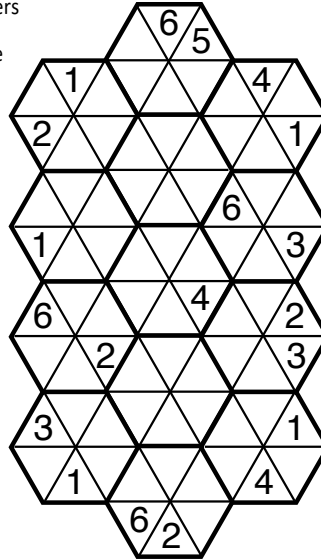
### Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers from 1 to 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3x3 block.

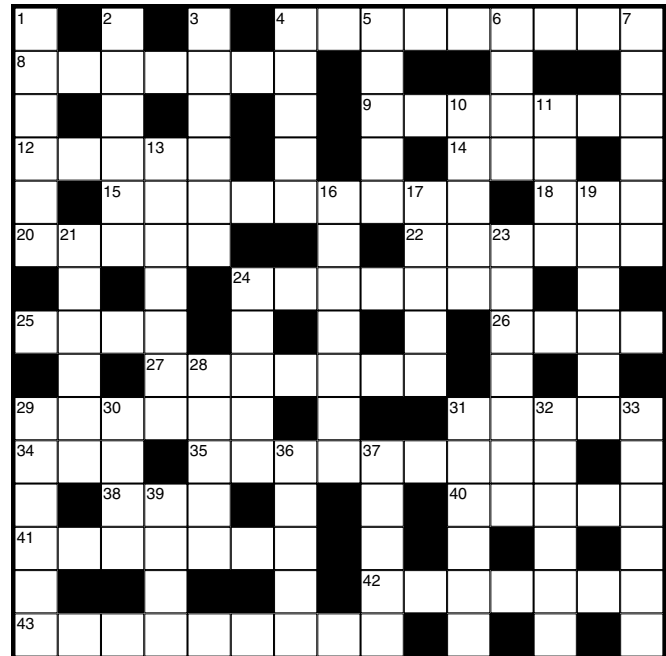
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### Quick Workout

Fit the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 into the hexagons so that where the hexagons touch, the numbers will be the same. No number is repeated in any hexagon.



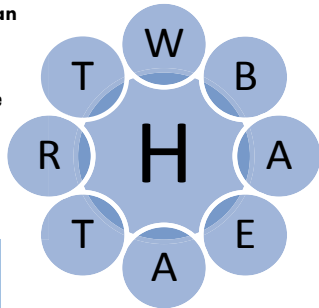
### Crossword



### Focus

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- \* No proper nouns and no hyphenated words



**TODAY'S FOCUS** Good: 15 words  
Very good: 22 words  
Excellent: 35 words

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Reference: Macquarie Concise Dictionary  
Focus No. 3883

#### ACROSS

- 4 Give up
- 8 Wonder
- 9 Speaks indistinctly
- 12 Sharp ridge
- 14 Snake
- 15 Names for office
- 18 Corn spike
- 20 Measure of length
- 22 Bear witness to
- 24 Strut with insolent air
- 25 Make silent
- 26 American state
- 27 Try to equal or excel
- 29 Instructive example
- 31 Motionless
- 34 Lyric poem
- 35 Vendor of writing materials
- 38 Respectful fear
- 40 Take as one's own

#### DOWN

- 1 Preserve a body
- 2 Of pressing need
- 3 Plot
- 4 Saloon car
- 5 Send money
- 6 Fasteners
- 7 Place much frequented
- 10 Sample
- 11 Duelling sword
- 13 Flashlights
- 16 Unyielding
- 17 Bird of prey
- 19 Assault
- 21 Oozed out
- 23 Gave credit to

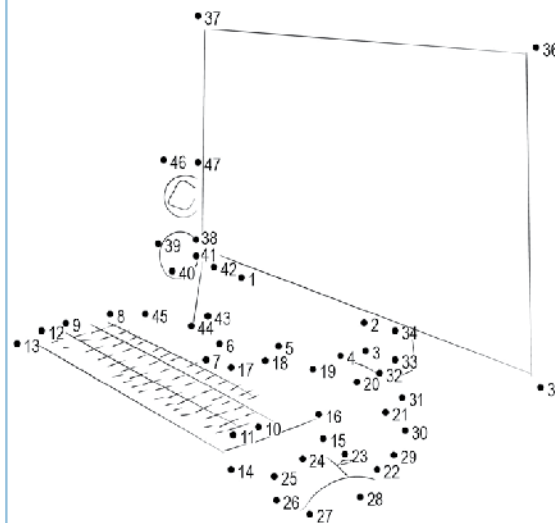
- 24 Showy deed
- 28 Biblical character
- 29 Lets down
- 30 Close up
- 31 Garden pests
- 32 Seemingly mocked by fate
- 33 Most recent
- 36 Advantage
- 37 Lazed
- 39 Hairpieces

### Spot the 5 Differences



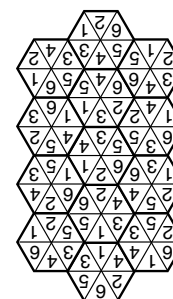
### Join the Dots

What is this? Find out by joining the dots.



### Solutions

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SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES: Eyebrow moved, bag has extra lump, extra buckle on shoe, shoe heel shorter, broomstick longer.

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## INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red, green or yellow capsicum, diced
- 2 medium carrots, diced
- 2 celery stalks, diced
- 1 zucchini, diced
- 1 can of black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can of kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can of pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can of diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 cups vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon chilli powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika (smoked or sweet)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional, for fire!)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- Juice of 1 lime

## OPTIONAL TOPPINGS TO SERVE:

- Grated cheese
- Sour cream or Greek yoghurt
- Avocado/guacamole
- Tortilla chips

## METHOD

1. Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat. Add the diced onion and garlic. Sauté until the onion becomes translucent, about 3 to 4 minutes.
2. Now add the capsicum, carrots, celery, and zucchini. Cook for another 5 minutes or until the vegetables start to soften.
3. Stir in the black beans, kidney beans, pinto beans, diced tomatoes, and tomato paste.
4. Pour in the vegetable broth, add the chilli powder, ground cumin, paprika, ground oregano, cayenne pepper (if using), salt, and pepper, and stir well to combine.
5. Bring the chilli to a boil, then reduce the heat to low, cover, and simmer for about 35 minutes, stirring occasionally.
6. After 35 minutes, add the frozen corn kernels and simmer for 5 minutes.
7. It's time to enjoy your chilli! Stir in the lime juice and serve.



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# CAPALABA SPORTS CLUB GIVES BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

FROM CAPALABA SPORTS CLUB

In 2024, Capalaba Sports Club held a raffle for Mother's Day, with the proceeds donated to a deserving local organisation. After discovering the fantastic work being done by The Centre for Women and Co., it felt like the right choice to support them.

The club takes pride in raising funds for non-profit organisations in the community and has continued its support of The Centre for Women and Co. since the Mother's Day raffle.

For Father's Day, the club will extend support to The Centre for Men and Co., which does equally important work in our local community. The club will be running a Father's Day raffle, and tickets will be available to purchase at a reception in the lead-up to September. The club prefers those who purchase tickets to also be members, as this aids in contacting the winner.

If you would like to contribute to The Centre for Women and Co. or the Centre for Men and Co., please contact them via their web addresses: [www.centreforwomen.org.au](http://www.centreforwomen.org.au) and [www.menandcoservices.org.au](http://www.menandcoservices.org.au).



Kelly Regenet of Capalaba Sports Club with Sarah Wright from The Centre for Women and Co. with a cheque for \$450, representing funds raised from the Mother's Day raffle. Photo: Supplied.



## LOCAL POETRY STILL WITH US

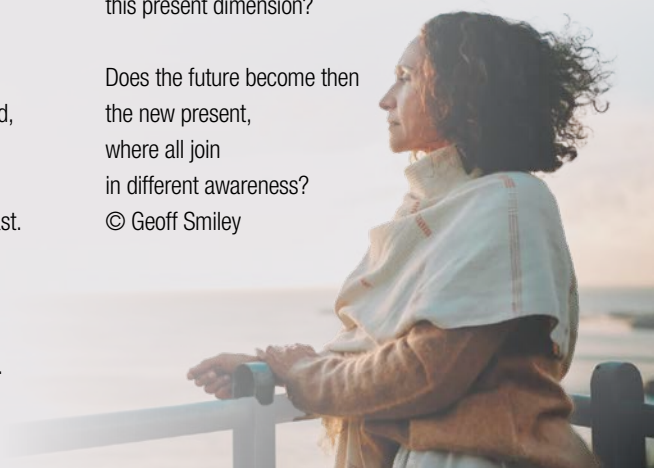
BY GEOFF SMILEY

Loved ones live in awareness  
and in feeling,  
even if only one of us survives.  
Like a scene remembered,  
relationship abides.

The loss of a partner or child,  
how can they not  
still be with us?  
The present includes the past.  
They live in our hearts-  
those we have known.  
In our private self they stay,  
when others have forgotten.

Perhaps they join the past  
only when those who knew them  
have all left  
this present dimension?

Does the future become then  
the new present,  
where all join  
in different awareness?  
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# EXHIBITIONS REFLECT ON REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCES

FROM REDLAND ART GALLERY

**Two new art exhibitions inspired by the cultural heritage of the artists are on display at Redland Art Gallery until July 30.**

*Liminal* by artist Sha Sarwari responds to both the experience and representation of refugees in Australia.

The full title pairs “liminal” with the Farsi written language for “Barzakh” which refers to the experience of being in limbo, a place of lingering between death and resurrection.

Sarwari’s work entangles the refugee experience in language, holding both pasts and futures, alienation and acceptance, remembrance and forgetting and, ultimately, embracing its potential as a source of hope.

Language is an important element of the exhibition, with words given presence through sculptures and installations that use postcards and newspaper articles as raw materials.

The works transform these often generic and biased texts into objects that reflect Sarwari’s personal journey as a refugee from Afghanistan.

*Off the Pages, Between the Lines* by artist Pamela See uses papercutting to engage with natural histories, historical events and cultural symbols.

The practice is applied to the history of Redlands Coast and, specifically, to recognising the contribution of Chinese immigrants to the area.

The exhibition includes *Cropped*, an installation based on woodblock prints and drawings that were produced by local participants in workshops facilitated by See.

This work, and its process, further expands the visibility of Chinese migration and labour in the region and intertwines this historical narrative with a celebration of the present-day local community.

Redland City Council Mayor Jos Mitchell said showcasing cultural heritage and experiences through art was enriching for the Redlands Coast community.

“These upcoming exhibitions provide an insight into the experiences of refugees in our country and the contribution of immigrants to our local area,” she said.



Sha Sarwari, *Liminal* څزرب (Detail), 2023. Photograph by Louis Lim. Courtesy of the artist.

“The artists’ commitment to educating and inspiring through their chosen mediums helps all of us connect and develop mutual respect and understanding.”

**The exhibitions will be open to the public during gallery hours until Tuesday 30 July, 2024.**

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FROM THE REDLANDS SEA DRAGONS

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The club has 80 members and is always looking for more keen paddlers to come and try the sport. There are many benefits to dragon boating. Apart from keeping fit, it’s excellent for mental health and for meeting new friends, and if you’re competitive, there are some great regattas to compete in, where Redlands Sea Dragons have won many a medal!

If you’d like to try dragon boating, go to [www.myrsd.club](http://www.myrsd.club) or email [secretary@redlandsseadragons.com](mailto:secretary@redlandsseadragons.com).



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# LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

## WHERE THE FISH ARE BITING THIS MONTH AND THE GEAR I USE

BY SPERO KARTANOS

July is upon us, and the westerlies remind us why we like summer, but the fishing is fantastic! There's plenty of whiting, school mackerel, tailor, squire and snapper, and lots of cuttlefish and arrow squid – we really can't complain; Moreton Bay is just tremendous for fishing in winter.

I've had plenty of time to clean the whiting rods and reels every time we get bad weather and to get all my favourite rigs ready for the run of winter whiting, which are starting to move back to all the usual winter haunts. Try the Rous Channel, Fisherman's Gutter, Amity Banks, Maroon Gutter and the Sand Hills at Moreton Island. Also, don't forget the Blue Hole is holding some very, very large whiting at the moment, and closer to home, the eastern side of Darcy Light is worth a try.

I receive lots of emails asking what the best rods, reels, setups, and baits are for our bay whiting. I know everyone has their own preferences, but I thought I would share what I have used and my current preferences.

My favourite rods are ultra-light 5 to 6-ft rods, but my absolute favourite is the Berkley Cherrywood ultra-light 5-ft 6-inch with any of the 1000 reels, Daiwa or Shimano, or any brand that has enough ball bearing and is well sealed to last a while.

I started off always using a running sinker, but after an old fisherman was out fishing us and explaining the benefits of a paternoster rig and keeping the hook out of the weed, I was converted and have never looked back. Hooks were the other item that I changed a few years ago, and now I use much smaller round hooks. The black magic whiting hooks KL101 – I really can't believe how good these little hooks are sometimes. They are hard to bait, especially with fat little fingers like mine, but I find you use half the bait of the long shank hooks (but I still use my red long shank as well) and that's quite a saving these days. Here is a web address to an article I wrote about trialling these hooks: <http://tacklejunkie.fish/black-magic-whiting-rigs/>.

Bait is the most important, and you can't beat live

blood worms, but if you're on a budget and trying to save a dollar or two, then red beach worms, peeled small prawns, and strips of frozen small squid are the other options that work well. The sandworm plastics are hit-and-miss; sometimes, they work really well, and other times, there's not a touch.

As for tides, my preference in the bay is plenty of run in the tide. When there are small tides and slack water the whiting don't bite as well. Drifting is by far the best way of finding them; anchoring up and using burly will hold them behind the boat.

So, get the thermals, beanies and jumpers out, stay warm, and catch plenty of fish. And remember, with westerly winds, you can't see the whitecaps from shore, and we have lost too many lives in the bay this time of year, so it's better to put off a fishing trip for another day than to have a tragedy.

Until next time, good fishing!



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# YOUR BOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST REMINDER

CONTRIBUTED BY MARINE CARE QLD

## Safety equipment for boats in Queensland

Having the right safety equipment on your boat and knowing how to use it is essential. This could save your life in an emergency. Marine Care Qld has stock of all types of safety gear and can assist if you have any questions.

### What safety equipment do I need?

There are three types of safety equipment for boats registered in Queensland:

- Compulsory equipment for all registerable boats.
- Compulsory equipment for all boats operating in certain areas.
- Other equipment that's recommended you carry to meet your General Safety Obligation.

The safety equipment you're required to carry depends on the size of your boat, whether the boat needs to be registered and where you're operating.

Some boats (also known as prescribed other Queensland regulated ships) may be required to carry additional or specific types of safety equipment such as those required under the national system.

To comply with your General Safety Obligation, you should carry the appropriate safety equipment for the waters where you will be boating. This will ensure you are prepared for an emergency or unexpected events.

## STANDARD SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR REGISTERED BOATS

Equipment	Smooth waters	Partially smooth waters	Beyond partially smooth waters
<b>Must carry the following equipment</b>			
EPIRB or PLB*			✓ #
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Fire fighting equipment	✓	✓	✓
Signalling device if operating at between sunset and sunrise (e.g. torch, lantern, glow stick)	✓	✓	✓
V sheet		✓	✓
Lifejacket	✓ Lifejacket level 50, 100, 150, 275 or level 50 special purpose	✓ Lifejacket level 100, 150, 275 or level 50	✓ Lifejacket level 100, 150, 275
<b>Should carry the following equipment</b>			
Anchor	✓ (with cable appropriate for size of vessel)	✓ (with cable appropriate for size of vessel)	✓ (with cable appropriate for size of vessel)
Chart		✓	✓
Compass		✓	✓
Drinking water	✓	✓	✓
Handheld electronic navigation device (if not equipped with a chart and compass)		✓	✓
Oars or paddles (for boats under 6m)	✓	✓	✓
Pumping or bailing equipment	✓	✓	✓

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# Onwards and Upwards

**Dan Davies' career with Bartons has been a steady progression, with a major step every one or two years – and he's still upwardly mobile.**

Specialising in Holden and Mitsubishi, he started as a mechanic for Bartons Wynnum in August 2013 and within a year had won the Technician of the Year award.

"I absolutely love engines," Dan says. "Even now that I'm a service manager I'm often out in the workshop with a tech shirt on, helping out. It's an aspect of leadership that shows I'm happy to be out there, shoulder to shoulder with the others – and I thoroughly enjoy it so it's like a mini-holiday for me!"

2014 saw Dan's promotion to Service Advisor in the same department, a quantum leap from dealing with engines to dealing with people, not an easy transition for a self-identified introvert.

"It was a massive change," he says; "I was very introverted back then – just talking to people was scary and dealing with difficult customers compounded the difficulty. I approached it as a challenging situation, seeing if I could turn them around and make them happier. Some of the best long-term customers I have now started out as a very rough trot!"

Dan obviously has the touch; in 2015 he was presented with the Aftersales Employee of the Year. He says that winning two awards in as many years was encouraging.

"Getting that nod of approval was absolutely a boost," he says. "For me, job satisfaction isn't all about money, it's also about appreciation and helping other people in the business. I was lucky to have two experienced work colleagues, ladies who

gave me guidance and support. They made me realise that I really like dealing with people. I can pretty confidently say that without Bartons' support I wouldn't be where I am today."

The pattern has continued. Dan's next promotion was to the position of Service Manager for Wynnum, then to the role of Manager at Capalaba, where he added the award for Manager of the Year in 2020 to his growing collection. That was followed by a year as Group Service Manager and a move in September last year to the position of Service Manager Capalaba. After 10 years at Bartons he is convinced that he's in the right place.

"I know it's asking for a lot of stress to take on more but I'm used to that, in fact I like it, I get satisfaction from dealing with challenges. I can do my current job with my eyes closed and I'd really like to move



Dan Davies.

up to the position of General Manager." Given his past record that sounds eminently achievable. And perhaps Dan could be advised to make some more room on the trophy shelf.

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# New (Financial) Year's Resolutions

BY LAURENCE SMITH, FINANCIAL ADVISER, UEM WEALTH

The start of the financial year is a perfect time to make plans for the year ahead. The 2024/25 financial year brings with it some minor regulatory changes that may warrant some changes to your personal financial plans.

## First up is increased superannuation contribution caps.

If you're familiar with the strategies of salary sacrificing or making personal contributions, you may already know that you are limited each year based on an annual cap (subject to your balance on 1 July of each year). These caps have now increased.

Concessional contribution caps have increased from \$27,500 to \$30,000 per annum. This cap covers superannuation guarantee payments from employers, salary sacrificed contributions, and personal contributions that you intend to claim as a tax deduction.

As the concessional contributions are increasing, so too are the non-concessional contribution caps – from \$110,000 per year to \$120,000 per year.

## Superannuation guarantee rates increased

Superannuation guarantee rates have now also increased to 11.5%. This is the mandatory superannuation contribution that employers must make for salaried employees.

## Marginal rates of income tax have changed.

As of 1 July 2024, the marginal rates that apply to the lower tax brackets (between \$18,201 to \$45,000 of income, and between \$45,001 to \$135,000) have reduced, and the threshold to enter the 4th marginal tax bracket has increased from \$120,000 to \$135,000.

## That's a lot of numbers... but what does it mean?

It means that if you were salary sacrificing already, you may be able to salary sacrifice a little bit more while staying within the caps. Keeping in mind that your employer will also be increasing their contributions, it may be worthwhile to review your strategy.

It also means that your employer will be required to increase their regular contributions to your superannuation fund slightly.

Finally, you may be paying less tax, and as such there may be slightly less tax withheld from your regular fortnightly or monthly pay.

For the superannuation savvy investor who is keeping track,

These changes are a reminder to keep a close eye on your first few payslips to look at how much extra you might be able to contribute while maintaining the same take-home income.

Before leaping on additional contributions, superannuation fund members should still consider their previous year's contributions,

especially if they've triggered the bring-forward rule during the 2022-2023 or 2023-2024 financial years.

## What is missing?

That's the last point – there haven't been any changes made to the more nuanced superannuation rules, such as the bring-forward provision for non-concessional contributions, the ability to utilise unused concessional caps from prior years, or the First Home Super Saver Scheme. However, the smaller changes outlined above can still provide opportunities for you to make the most of your superannuation and investments.

If you need help to determine what strategy may work best for you to hit your retirement goals, it's the perfect time to engage with a financial planner to take full advantage of the changes.

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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?

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**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!

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