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Redlands

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PERFORMING WITH HEART: CHARITY CONCERT SHOWCASES COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Get set for the feel-good concert of the year when Here's to Life stages its dazzling annual charity variety showcase at RPAC.

More than 150 performers of all ages and abilities have worked hard in rehearsals and are excited to unveil a unique program spanning art, drumming, dancing and singing.

Programs run by non-profits such as Here's to Life make a rich contribution to our community. They connect people through shared learning and activities, promoting laughter and friendship in an inclusive environment. The annual concert puts all this joy, camaraderie, and much more on stage for everyone to enjoy.

If you'd like to expand your social network, shake off the winter blues, and learn some new tricks, why not join the fun? There are numerous groups in your neighbourhood ready to embrace new members, from sports and arts to gardening and book clubs.

Read more about Here's to Life and the concert on page 13. We hope you love this edition of The Community Leader, and if you've got good news to share, let us know!

Pictured L-R: Marie Rossetto, Ellen Bennett, Jaie Stanley, Megan Constable, Renee Allotta and Anthony Scott will take part in Here's to Life's annual concert.



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SWITCH ON TO INTERACTIVE SCIENCE AT REDLAND MUSEUM

Education, excitement, and entertainment will be on offer for all ages at Switch on to Science, Redland Museum's celebration of National Science Week.

Science is fascinating – and it's everywhere! A team of volunteers will introduce visitors to various scientific applications through demonstrations of vintage equipment. What does it do? How does it work? How and why has technology evolved?

Visitors will be encouraged to try their hand at various activities, such as spinning wool, churning cream into butter, communicating through amateur radio, exploring the workings of old switchboards and telephones, sending telegraphs, and discovering the mysteries of Morse code. There will also be microscopes, crystal set radios, and an old-fashioned lolly shop.

The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, will present two science shows and take visitors into the realms of dry ice and liquid nitrogen. Designed mainly for children with their grownups, the day will also provide nostalgic entertainment for parents and grandparents.

Ross Bower is the museum's science coordinator, and he has a long view of science. "We're not just looking at vintage technology but at the way it is evolving into the future with such applications as hydrogen fuel and new technology textiles," he says.

Switch on to Science will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Monday August 12, (the Redlands' Ekka holiday). For more information, go to www.redlandmuseum.org.au.



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CELEBRATING THE WORK OF REDLAND HOSPITAL'S ED PAEDIATRIC TEAM

The Emergency Department (ED) paediatric team at Redland Hospital is making a real difference for children and their families.

Piper (pictured) and her mum, Cristie, recently visited the hospital to check for one of those nasty winter bugs.

Cristie said it was reassuring to have the paediatric Emergency Department close to home.

"Piper has been more lethargic than usual, so we are getting her checked.

"Just last week, I was here with my son, Benji who had a terrible earache."

With close to two decades' experience Clinical Nurse Paediatric Emergency Department Dania Bryant said working with children and babies in the Emergency Room could be tough.

"Building trust with kids and their parents takes time, especially in a place that can be scary," she said.

"We make sure to explain things in simple terms to help reduce fear and anxiety.



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"The most rewarding part of the job is knowing the care provided can improve a child's health and help families manage their child's recovery.

"Playing with the kids, blowing bubbles, and getting them to smile or giggle is always the best part of my day," Dania said.

However, there are also difficult moments.

"Seeing children in pain and dealing with anxious or grieving parents

is always hard but the team works to provide support and comfort during these times."

Dania said she loved working at Redland Hospital because of its friendly, community feel.

"It's great to work close to home in a place where people look out for each other, and the coffee cart and scones are a nice bonus!" she said.

She said a typical shift for the paediatric team involved a variety of cases, keeping them on their toes and working closely with the children's inpatient team to make sure each child received the right care.

"We see all sorts of cases, which means we have to manage how patients move through our small department to leave hospital, or be admitted," Dania explained.

The work of Dania and the ED paediatric team at Redland Hospital helps many children and their families and their efforts show the importance of caring, compassionate healthcare.

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This month, we look at your stormwater drainage system and how it efficiently removes rainwater from your home and garden. Well maintained drainage systems quickly redirect surface water running from the roof, gutters, and gardens to prevent flooding and water damage, even in heavy or prolonged rain.

Problems can occur if one or more aspects of the stormwater system slows or fails to function effectively. Blocked gutters, a build-up of garden debris in drains, or drain clogs from sediment, leaves or tree roots can lead to flooding, even in light rain.

PREVENTING STORMWATER DRAIN BLOCKAGES

Avoiding stormwater pipe and drain clogs is easy with a little bit of preventative plumbing maintenance.

DRAIN INSPECTIONS

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DRAIN CLEANING

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CLEAR GUTTERS REGULARLY

Keeping gutters clear of leaves prevents debris from being collected in the roof water and travelling into the stormwater drains. Using gutter guards can limit this effect, but they also need to be cleared out regularly for them to be effective.

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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.



THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

Friday August 16, 7:30pm to 10:15pm, RPAC, Middle Street, Cleveland

Fancy a trip down a musical memory lane? *The Good Old Days of Rock 'n' Roll* is a live music showcase of authentic rock 'n' roll tunes performed by legends of the genre. Relive the iconic hits from stars who emerged from TV shows like Johnny O'Keefe's *Six O'Clock Rock* and Brian Henderson's *Bandstand*. Starring Jade Hurley OAM, Dinah Lee, Little Pattie, Digger Revell and Lucky Starr, this is one energetic show you won't want to miss! For tickets scan the QR code or call RPAC at 3829 8131.



REDLAND YURARA ART SOCIETY'S 2024 ART EXHIBITION

Saturday August 10 to Sunday September 1, Pinklands Reserve, 262 Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, Thornlands

The Redland Yurara Art Society is thrilled to announce its major art exhibition for 2024, featuring a distinguished panel led by Kerryanne Farrer, Galleries Manager at Redland Art Gallery. Come along to the official opening at 2:00pm on Sunday, August 11, where Redland Mayor Jos Mitchell will inaugurate the event and award prizes and certificates. This vibrant exhibition promises a diverse array of artworks, all available for purchase, offering a unique opportunity to support local artists.



SATURDAY STORY TIME

Saturday August 10, 9:30am to 10:15am, Capalaba Library, 14 Noeleen Street, Capalaba

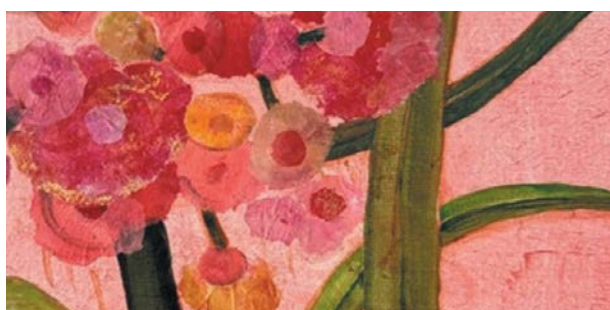
Parents, are you looking for a fun, free activity you can enjoy with your child? Encouraging a love of reading and discovering the magic of books is important for young children, and Capalaba Library's Story Time sessions do just that. Perfect for kids aged 0 to eight years, Saturday Story Time combines storytelling with fun crafts. Join the free session and ignite your child's imagination and foster a lifelong love of reading. No bookings are required, just turn up!



TWILIGHT MAKERS MARKET

Saturday August 24, 4:00pm to 8:00pm, Raby Bay Harbour Park, Shore Street West, Cleveland

Watch the sun set as you browse more than 65 stalls bursting with gorgeous handmade fashion items, unique jewellery, beautiful homewares and delicious gourmet goodies. Set amongst the gentle bustle of Raby Bay's waterfront, this once-a-month market is a great evening out for the whole family and your chance to support talented local artisans.



COOCHIE ART GROUP EXHIBITION: BEYOND THE BRUSH

During August at Redland Museum, 60 Smith Street, Cleveland

Established in 1972, Coochie Art Group (CAG) is one of the oldest community art groups in the Redlands. The group's first annual art show was hung on hessian, draped over ropes and tied between trees on Coochie's foreshore, risking rain and wind! This year, CAG's 52nd annual art show, *Beyond the Brush*, will be held at Redland Museum and will include new, original works of art – 2D and 3D – in varied mediums and genres. Art can be purchased, along with hand-painted cards and unframed works.



ORCHID SOCIETY SPRING SHOW

Saturday September 7 (8:30am to 4:00pm) and Sunday September 8 (8:30am to 2:00pm), Brisbane International Shooting Centre at the Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont

Explore a stunning variety of orchids in all shapes at the Eastern District Orchid Society's (EDOS) Spring Show. The plant sales area will feature a fantastic selection of species and hybrid orchids, many in bloom, along with exquisite floral arrangements. Brisbane Orchid Supplies will offer everything you need for potting, including pots, labels, pest control, bark, and potting mixes. Admission price is \$4.00 for adults, with children under 14 years free.

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Redland Bay Men's Shed

Redland Bay Men's Shed is a place where men meet, support others and share skills. With over 110 members all supporting numerous projects for various Community groups. Our main objective is men's health, both physical and mental, and to achieve this we provide a neutral atmosphere.



Redlands Coast Suicide Prevention network

A thriving community group developed by concerned residents of the Wynnum and Redlands Coast community in 2017 to build responsive pathways towards a safer community to reduce incidents of suicide.



Redlands Darts

We are focused on fostering and growing the sport of darts within the Redlands Darts Association, by driving forward new initiatives and innovation. Our priority is developing pathways to have all members feeling valued, included and welcomed from the moment they walk in our doors, whatever pathway they choose to progress their career.



Scenic Shores State School

Opening in 2024, Scenic Shores State School has the newest P&C in Queensland. The P&C is needing help to boost funds to go towards creating a mural at the entry of the school to add some fun and flair to the school drop off/pick up zone.

Community Bank Victoria Point provide First Aid training to 200 residents – Register now!

Community Bank Victoria Point is proud to offer 200 residents an opportunity to participate in a First Aid training course, free of charge. It is our belief with knowledge the community can be empowered to help each other, growing our community spirit and passion for the local area in which we live and work.

The First Aid Course comprises two components:

1. 2-3 hours online training, self paced which must be completed before the course date
2. 3 hour face to face training

For course dates and times or to register your interest scan the QR Code or contact JJ Cowley via: JJ@BankingOnCommunity.com.au



Council delivers financially responsible Budget

Redland City Council has adopted a \$444 million Budget for 2024–2025 that is framed around fiscal fairness across generations and sustainable and responsible financial management.

Every budget allocation has been carefully considered to foster the local economy and enhance the city’s liveability.

Despite a range of cost pressures impacting Council’s bottom line, and land valuations increasing by more than 31 per cent on average city-wide, Council has limited the minimum general rate increase to 5.51 per cent. This is below the increase Council forecasted 12 months ago.

This means an owner-occupier in rating category 1a with a valuation equal to the median property value will pay an additional \$1.49 per week, excluding other levies and charges.

Community savings

Council did everything possible to keep the rates rise to a minimum, including completing an organisation-wide expenditure review.

This process allowed Council to identify community savings and reduce the amount of revenue needed through rates to cover costs.

An example of this is Council’s improved procurement practices, which are estimated to have saved the organisation about \$2 million.

A further \$11 million in savings were reallocated in the Budget through identified efficiencies in operating costs without any impacts to Council’s service levels.

Council also adopted a small budgeted operating deficit of \$1.47 million for this financial year to mitigate impacts to ratepayers.

Budget influences

Unfortunately, Council is not immune from the current economic climate, in which everything from electricity and fuel to insurance premiums and waste disposal have increased significantly in price.

With this city having a lower amount of commercial and industrial land compared with many of our neighbouring councils, it means the city’s costs must be shared mostly across residential properties.

Council is also responsible for maintaining more than \$3.4 billion in public assets, such as car parks, boat ramps, street lighting, playgrounds and other public amenities.

Other special attributes of our city are our 335km of coastline and our six island communities, which make us unique of all the Local Government Areas in south-east Queensland.

Our coastline and islands are part of what makes our city the naturally wonderful place it is, and our island residents, being separated from the mainland by water, require unique services from Council.



Investing in our city

In Redland City Council’s 2024–2025 Budget, the annual capital works program includes investment in roads, footpaths, cycleways, community buildings and sporting venues.

Significant funding has also been set aside for the organisation’s key assets as well as projects and programs that will help advance the city, ensuring every dollar goes further.

Roads, community facilities, sports venues, parks, and a range of infrastructure used to deliver Council’s core services – such as water, waste and wastewater projects – all received a boost.

There is also \$6 million allocated to the Digital Transformation Program, enabling

Council to continue the multi-year rollout of improvements to its suite of digital services.

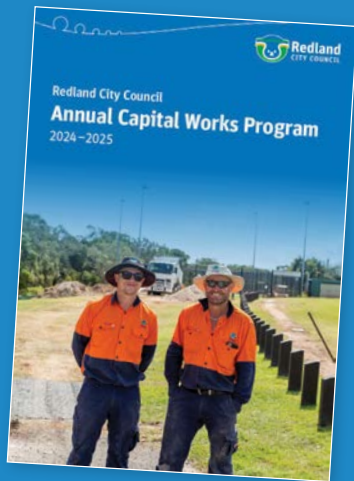
Overall, the Budget maintains Council’s strong financial position, provides significant investment in the organisation’s core responsibilities, and is fair for current and future residents.

Council will once again support pensioners in paying their rates with rebates of \$335 per year for a full pensioner.

For full details of Redland City Council’s 2024–2025 Budget, visit redland.qld.gov.au/budget

Every \$100 of your rates enables Council to deliver a range of services

 \$25 Delivering water to more than 61,000 households and collecting and treating wastewater from more than 53,000 households.	 \$10 Providing customer service, governance and administration.
 \$23 Maintaining our 1300km road network, bridges, stormwater systems and other public infrastructure.	 \$9 Operating community facilities such as libraries and galleries, Redland Performing Arts Centre and halls.
 \$13 Managing and maintaining open spaces including pathways, parks and conservation areas, sports fields, and marine and foreshore protection.	 \$5 Developing and implementing environmental programs and compliance activities, including koala conservation and animal management.
 \$12 Collecting and managing waste from more than 62,000 households, operating recycling and waste centres, providing recycling initiatives and waste education.	 \$3 Providing development assessment and planning.



Council's new capital works program guide now online

Read about the projects planned for your suburb in Council's new Annual Capital Works Program. Scan the QR code or visit redland.qld.gov.au and search 'Annual capital works program'



Works boost for our naturally wonderful lifestyle

Redland City Council's \$118.3 million capital works program for 2024–2025 includes significant investment in the city's much-loved community facilities and lifestyle assets.

The projects budgeted for investment this financial year will help create more liveable, vibrant and well-connected communities across Redlands Coast now and into the future.



Key project investments for 2024–2025:

\$7.62 million for Redlands Coast Sport and Recreation Precinct development

\$6.92 million for Wellington Street/Panorama Drive upgrade

\$5.65 million for the Weinam Creek PDA program

\$3 million for RPAC refurbishment

\$3 million for road upgrade and expansion program (SMBI)

\$2.6 million for Valley Way, Mount Cotton

\$2.16 million for Redland Bay Road (north bound lanes), Capalaba

\$1.74 million for Redland Bay Road (south bound lanes), Capalaba

\$1.82 million for netball facilities upgrade at Pinklands Sporting Complex

\$1.04 million for Cleveland Library building renewal

\$1 million for sportsfield lighting renewal program at Redlands Softball Park

2023–2024 in review: Record project delivery

In a record year of project delivery on Redland Coast, Redland City Council delivered more than 120 projects for our city during the 2023–2024 financial year.

Projects included city-wide footpath and asphalt programs, island road sealing and marine infrastructure improvements.

Council has also delivered revetment wall renewals at Raby Bay, upgraded numerous parks, and finalised works on the Southern Moreton Bay Island ferry terminals.

The total investment in capital works across the financial year was about \$129.3 million, more than half of which went to road and infrastructure projects.

This included a major investment of \$38.3 million in the continuation of stage one works at Wellington Street/Panorama Drive in Thornlands.

A further \$1.9 million was invested in green sealing of roads on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Improving the city's parks and open spaces was another significant achievement for Council, with 12 venues across eight suburbs receiving upgrades.

The improvements include new play equipment, landscaping works, footpaths, seating and shade structures.

Council has also made significant progress on heritage works at Willards Farm in the 62-hectare Birkdale Community Precinct off Old Cleveland Road East.

This precinct will become the city's biggest park once completed, rivalling Brisbane's South Bank with a diversity of food, culture and entertainment offerings.



Wellington Street / Panorama Drive road upgrade program

Council's record year at a glance:

\$7.8 million for parks and open space upgrades

\$2.3 million for car parks

\$5.7 million for revetment wall renewals in Raby Bay

Completion of the Southern Moreton Bay Island ferry terminals

\$3.4 million for paths and cycleways

\$10.9 million for road infrastructure on top of a \$38.3 million investment in Wellington Street/Panorama Drive

\$3 million for water supply upgrades at Makaha Drive and Mary Pleasant Drive, Birkdale

\$9.8 million for wastewater network improvements, including pump stations and associated infrastructure.



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Name: My name is Starlight.

Where do you live? I live on a chook farm at Mount Cotton. I'm glad I live here as I get absolutely spoilt from all the customers who visit me!

How long have you lived on the farm? I've lived on the farm for 16 years. When I first moved here, there were about 10 other horses.

What's your favourite local walk? Well, now that it's only me, I like exploring and finding other horsey friends to spend time with. So, my favourite local walk is the one that makes my owner wonder where I am!

Your most treasured toy? I don't have a most treasured toy, but, being an Arab, I certainly love prancing around with my tail in the air and snorting so loudly that everyone can hear me! Everyone thinks I'm really cute when I do this.

What is your favourite food? Ab-so-lute-ly everything! A friend of mine, Klaus, loves sharing his carrots with me. My owner, Rebecca, recently bought me turmeric and coconut horse treats.

Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories you'd like to share with us? I'd say that one of my funny stories is about when Rebecca and I used to run around the paddock together! I'd run and kick my feet up in the air, farting along the way, hehe. Rebecca made sure to stay clear of me when I did this.

What are you up to today? Well, as I've been an escape artist one too many times, I'm currently banished to Rebecca's aunt's place... it's okay though, I'm making friends with the resident horses and goats here.

What do people love most about you? People love me for many reasons, but the most popular one is how friendly I am. My farrier keeps reminding Rebecca how great I am as he doesn't need a halter to trim my hooves – he can just walk up to me and I'll stand still.

Thank you for letting me experience my one minute of fame. I hope you've enjoyed learning about me.

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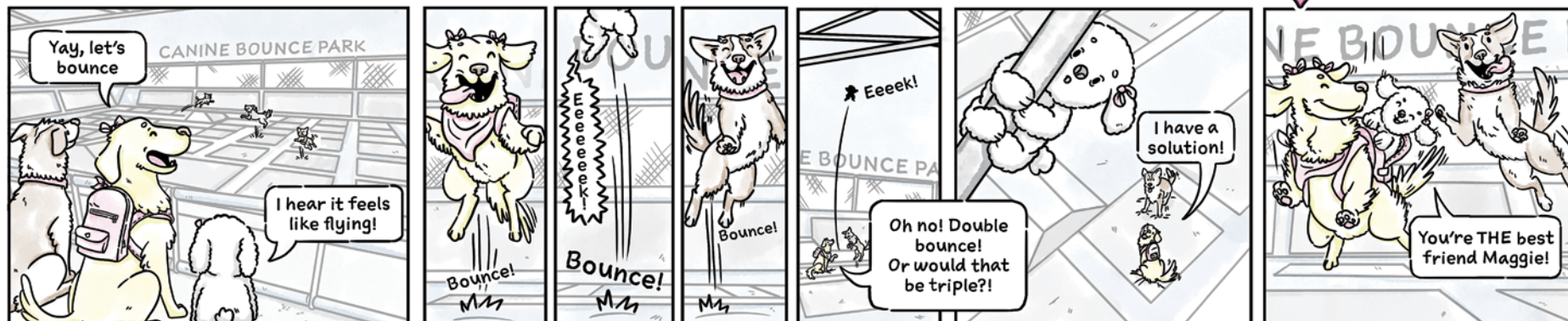
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ALL ABOUT HEARTWORM DISEASE IN DOGS AND CATS

BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Heartworm disease is a serious condition caused by the parasitic worm *Dirofilaria immitis*, which is spread between animals by mosquitoes. Recent testing by the RSPCA has discovered heartworm infection in 5% of tested pets with Moreton Bay, Cairns, Ipswich, Mackay and Townsville having more cases than other parts of Queensland.

Heartworm larvae are injected into dogs and cats when an infected mosquito has a blood meal. These tiny larvae spread through the blood, eventually ending up in the heart and blood vessels where they grow into adult worms. These adult worms produce more larvae which travel in the bloodstream where they are ingested by mosquitoes thus continuing the cycle. Animals affected by heartworm disease develop heart failure as the adult worms block the blood vessels around the heart.

SIGNS OF HEARTWORM DISEASE

The clinical signs of heartworm disease in dogs include shortness of breath, reduced exercise tolerance, decreased appetite, lethargy, weight loss and a persistent cough. Dogs that are developing heart

failure as a result of their infection may show other signs such as a swollen belly due to ascites (fluid accumulation in the abdomen).

Cats tend to be more subtle in their clinical signs – some will develop a cough and lethargy while other animals may show no signs before becoming very acutely ill.

PREVENTION OF HEARTWORM DISEASE

Dogs and cats should start heartworm prevention from six to eight weeks of age. There are a range of preventative medication options available including oral tablets/chews, top spot medications or injectable medications. Your vet will be able to advise on the most appropriate product for your pet.

Preventing mosquito bites can also reduce the likelihood of your pet acquiring an infection. Keeping dogs and cats indoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are more active and eliminating stagnant water sources from around your property to reduce mosquito breeding areas can be helpful.



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NEW FUNDING SHINES BLUE LIGHT ON LOCAL YOUTH INTERVENTION

The Queensland Blue Light Association is set to launch an early intervention program targeting 20 young people aged 12 to 17 years in the Redlands. This initiative, named Blue EDGE, aims to enhance community safety and is one of four similar programs being delivered across Brisbane with funding from the Miles Labor Government's Community-based Crime Action Grants.

The Blue EDGE program is designed to build relationships between youth and police, fostering improved attitudes toward authority, school, and peers. The program includes activities that encourage pro-social interactions and positive peer connections, with a focus on physical training, discipline, healthy choices, leadership, teamwork, and mentoring.

Queensland Blue Light Association is among several community organisations that have received Community-based Crime Action Grants to deliver such intervention programs across the state. In 2023-24, the Miles Government will provide a total of \$5 million through these grants for short-term, time-limited projects that support local programs and services offering pro-social and early intervention initiatives.

These grants are intended to complement existing government programs by introducing new, innovative, localised solutions to achieve better outcomes for young people, their families, and the broader community.

Kim Richards, the Member for Redlands, emphasised the importance of these initiatives, stating, "First and foremost, keeping Queenslanders safe is the priority of the Miles Government. That's why we are investing millions of dollars in evidence-based programs that are proven to reduce offending and reoffending rates among young people."

"Our Community Safety Plan for Queensland includes new and expanded intervention programs aimed at protecting Queenslanders while tackling the root causes of crime, and this Budget delivers that. Keeping



L-R: Mark Ryan (Qld Minister for Police), Kim Richards (Redlands MP), Nathan Burnett (Macleay Island Police) and Cameron Harsley (Deputy Commissioner). Photo: Supplied

Queenslanders safe means young people will face consequences and be held accountable, with detention, intervention, and prevention."

The Blue EDGE program is poised to make a significant impact on the Redlands community by providing at-risk youth with the tools and support they need to make positive changes in their lives.

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H2L would like to acknowledge the wonderful support received from the Redland City Council and RPAC, for without their support, we could not stage such a fabulous event. A big thank you also to Bennett's Carpets and Fair Commission Property Sales, who play an important role in the success of our concert and fundraising efforts.



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NATURALLY WONDERFUL ... WITH RANGER STACEY

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

Do you have a soft spot for a particular Aussie animal? Usually when this question arises, I hear similar responses – featuring the cute, cuddly, sometimes bold, and beautiful native species such as koalas, wallabies, colourful birds and a variety of other curious creatures.

Rarely do flying foxes make the most popular list!

But as far as I'm concerned, these intelligent and highly social creatures deserve wider recognition and a more positive public profile. Their contribution to conservation and the environment is significant. As expert pollinators and seed dispersers our flying foxes are crucial to the genetic health of forests!

While we're sleeping at night, the world's only flying mammals are travelling long distances over fragmented landscapes to feed on fruits and nectar of native trees like eucalypts, transferring pollen as they travel from one forest to another. In fact, just one flying fox can cover between 50 and 100 kilometres in a single night.

Three flying fox species hang out at various times of the year across the Redlands Coast. The little reds will be arriving around December, but right now during the cooler winter months, two species are spreading their magic.

The black flying fox is a regular sight year-round across the region, while the grey headed species is a special visitor, recently arrived from the southern States (NSW, Victoria, and SA). They're here to enjoy the night-time native flowering feast, especially on North Stradbroke Island (Minjerrabah) and the Southern Bay Islands.

As night turns into day flying foxes head back to camp or roost, effortlessly hanging upside down, like busy bunches of grapes. Watching the roost activity from a distance is captivating as they rest, groom, chat, and squabble.

Flying foxes are fascinating but often misunderstood. If you get the chance, quietly observe their unique behaviours ... but please do not disturb, and never touch. If you happen to come across a flying fox that needs help, the Redlands 24-hour Wildlife Rescue Service is just a phone call away (3833 4031).

Until next time ... Stay Wild!

Ranger Stacey



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LOCAL PERSONALITY PROFILE

Name: Laurence Smith.

Suburb: Wellington Point.

What's your business? I'm a financial planner at UEM Group.

Do you have any fun/interesting stories about your job? Financial planners need to know a lot about a lot of different areas. We need to think about superannuation, investing, tax, financial protection, and all sorts of other things. The ultimate best thing about what I do though is getting to learn about people. Everyone has a story to tell, and I get a front row seat.

What's your favourite local dine-in and take-away? I'm a big fan of the local Indian cuisine. I think my favourite at the moment is the Punjab Curry Club at Wellington Point.

Best local activity: Taking the kids to mini-golf at The Alex.

What was the last book you read? *Atomic Habits* by James Clear.

What was the last tv show or movie you watched? *Designated Survivor* with Kiefer Sutherland.

Is there anything you'd like to see happen in the local area? Not really – it's already the best place in Brisbane to live.

Is there a local business/community group/club you'd like to give a shout-out to? The Capalaba Bulldogs is an awesome family-oriented soccer club. Every Saturday is like a carnival, and the club promotes sportsmanship, teamwork, and fun.



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LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT

SUNSHINE, LOLLIPOPS AND MARIGOLDS

BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

Surely most people are aware of common marigolds. Be they French or African, they have that distinctive, if not exactly pleasant, scent and are a mainstay in grandma gardens. And whilst those countries are quite, quite different, I'll forgive you for not knowing the subtleties of two plants. For the record, the French (*Tagetes patula*) are generally a shorter and a more compact plant, perfect for in and around your veggie patch (where they are reputed to repel many a bug), and the African (*T. erecta*) are taller and have more stately blooms.

But have you heard of Mexican marigolds – a.k.a passionfruit marigold or tree marigold? Unlike the annual French/African marigolds (which coincidentally also actually come from Mexico – yay for common names), *T. lemmonii* is a perennial shrub and reaches heights of up to two metres!

During its peak flowering season (winter) it is smothered in open daisy-like flowers about the size of a 20-cent piece and the colour of pure sunshine. It is also likely to have a dusting of bees

during the day as they buzz about their business. And the LEAVES! Well, the leaves smell just like passionfruit (hence the name!). My plant is right by my driveway, and I brush against it every day as I come and go, releasing its lingering fruity scent. And because it's the leaves that smell, the smell is all year round, even when the flowers have disappeared and all that's left is the pretty lacy foliage.

I highly recommend you search for a plant; I've seen them in local nurseries and even at the big green shed. They also germinate really easily from seeds (as do most marigolds). I've had a few self-seed from mine, but not to the extent that you would consider it weedy or a contender for taking over your garden (that award goes to my cosmos).

They are tolerant of dry dusty soils, and apart from a decent cut back after they finish their main flower (which helps keep them tidy), they are very low maintenance. Full sun is best to maximise those sunshine blooms, but they'll happily do well in part shade too.

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.

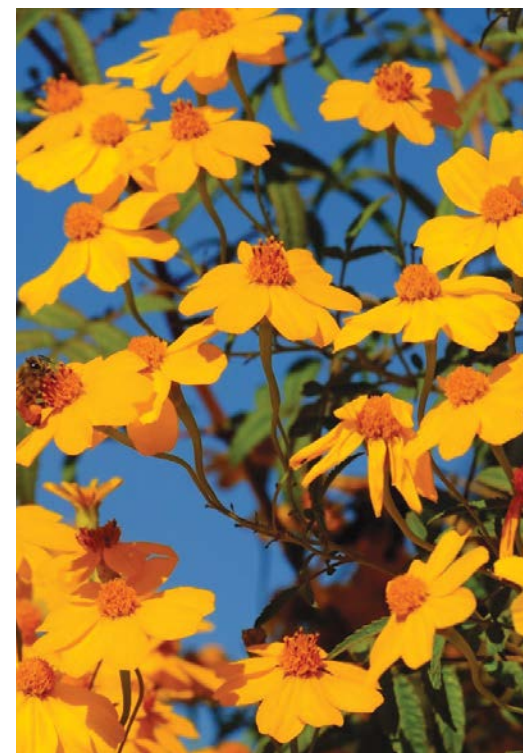


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CONTRIBUTED BY PAT CARROLL

Redlands has a rich sporting history and has produced many champions across various sports. Now, it's time to recognise these people, past and present, across the broader community with the establishment of a Sporting Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame also incorporates the Sports Awards for community sporting clubs in Redlands. The Redlands Coast Sporting Hall of Fame and Sports Awards aims to create a sustainable environment that recognises world-class athletes, present and past, who began their journeys in the Redlands.

The Hall of Fame will also raise awareness of the history of sport in Redlands and pay tribute to up-and-coming athletes, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers and organisations that have significantly contributed to the development of the Redland Coast sporting community.

All sporting clubs are encouraged to embrace the concept and submit nominations for suitable inductees into the Hall of Fame and the Sports Awards. Inductees and Sport Awards recipients will be announced at a dinner in November this year. All sporting clubs are also encouraged to post their history and achievements on the website so everyone in Redlands will be aware of our clubs' successes.

The awards dinner is a celebration of sport in Redlands. It will be held at Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club on Saturday, November 16. Tickets are \$105.00 per person or \$1050.00 for a table of 10. Dress code is Black Tie. The evening's guest speaker is Australia's first Winter Olympics Gold Medallist, Stephen Bradbury. Major event sponsors are Redland City Storage and SS Training Pty Ltd.

Awards nominations open on August 1 and close on September 30.



Former Olympian Stephen Bradbury will speak at the Redlands Coast Sporting Hall of Fame and Sports Awards dinner. Photo: Supplied.

For more information, visit the website www.redlandscostsportshalloffame.com.au or phone Pat Carroll 0439 006 670.

COMMUNITY URGED TO PUT A LID ON HOUSEHOLD WASTE

FROM REDLAND CITY COUNCIL

Redlands Coast residents are being urged to rethink how they dispose of their household waste to mitigate costs to the community and improve environmental outcomes across the city.

Audits show that approximately 17 per cent of what is currently ending up in landfill from household red-lid bins could be recycled, and the main culprits are items like paper and cardboard, junk-mail, tuna cans, sushi containers and meat trays.

A further 45 per cent of what ends up in landfill is made up of garden organics (30 per cent) and food waste (15 per cent).

Each resident on Redlands Coast currently generates 682 kilograms of waste and recycling 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 which have been adopted in Council's Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2021–2030.

Reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill is a critical issue for Redland City Council, with the cost

of waste management set to rise substantially over the coming years as the Queensland Government increases the statewide waste levy and reduces the rebate it currently provides to local governments.

If the amount of kerbside waste being sent to landfill continues at its current rate of increase, the \$3.25 million Council currently pays for waste to be landfilled will rise to at least \$5 million over the next seven years.

The cost associated with the statewide waste levy is expected to add another \$6 million on top of this, bringing Council's kerbside forecasted waste disposal bill to approximately \$11 million by 2030–2031.

Redland City Mayor Jos Mitchell said if the community was to reduce their household waste it would help to mitigate these forecast cost increases.

"The community's efforts at our waste and recycling centres to separate out their waste is to be applauded, with about 70 per cent of what is received being recycled," she said.

"We are now reaching out to residents to ask that we start focusing on changing our habits around the

use of kerbside bins.

"Council provides a suite of bins, services and initiatives to help residents reduce their waste to landfill.

"This includes green waste bins for mainland residents, green waste collection at Recycling and Waste Centres, a compost bin subsidy for home composting, and education to help people understand what goes in what bin.

"There are several ways you can reduce your waste on a daily basis, such as starting a backyard compost, getting a green waste bin, and ensuring all recyclable items from your kitchen and bathroom are placed in your yellow-lid kerbside bin."

The Mayor said efforts to lower waste to landfill would benefit the entire community, as the costs to provide waste services were included in residential rates.

Residents can reduce their waste overnight by more than 60 per cent by doing the following three things:

- Get a green waste bin or take their green waste to Council's recycling and waste centres. Mainland residents can offset the cost of a green waste bin



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by downsizing their 240L waste bin to a 140L waste bin at the same time as ordering.

- Compost their food waste at home via home composting systems. Council is currently offering a Compost Bin Subsidy program to support residents.
- Recycle the right items. Check out Council's online A-Z recycling guide to find out what goes where.

For more information on how to reduce waste to landfill or to find out what goes in each bin, visit Council's website: https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20154/waste_and_recycling.

MUSICIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO THE ICONIC SONGS OF TIM AND NEIL FINN

The six members of the Finns Tribute Band were originally from South Australia. Now, they're scattered across three states, but years of playing together in various bands have given the band members a shared musical understanding and cohesion that makes their performances a hit every time.

The vocal qualities in the group loaned themselves so well to the Finn brothers' Split Enz and Crowded House songs in their repertoire that Simon Marafioti, the band's manager and drummer, was inspired to develop a Finn tribute band. The idea sat on the back burner until the 2020 Adelaide Fringe Festival, when the tribute band was formed. With Greg, Curtis and Mikey on acoustic guitar, bass and violin respectively (Mikey also plays lap steel guitar), Grant on keyboard and David as lead guitarist, the group was ready to rock – and it does.

Simon says that offstage mateship and a genuine love of the Finn brothers' music makes a magic combination.

"We have mutual respect and connection as a band and really love the songs we're playing," he says. "We don't do the wigs and costumes; we're a group of seasoned musicians paying respect to two great musical talents."

Paying tribute to an individual performer is a challenge; to have six individuals create their own interpretations of bench-mark music while maintaining a consistency of sound – without attempting to copy the originals – is a real test.



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"One of our points of difference with many tribute bands is that we don't have a frontman," says Simon. "We have three lead vocalists – Greg, Curtis and Mikey – and we all sing backing vocals and get some great four-and five-part harmonies going. We use projections and narrative, and we all share in telling the Finns' story. There's always something going on; the audience isn't focussed on one part of the stage."

Asking a musician to name a favourite song is like asking a parent to name a favourite child, but Simon confesses to a real weakness for the Split Enz song *Stuff and Nonsense*.

"I still get goosebumps playing it!" he says, "but *Don't Dream It's Over* is one that always gets the audience singing along and wanting to dance."

RPAC may need to install a mosh pit!

The Finns Tribute Band will play RPAC on August 9. To book or for more information on the program, call 3829 8131 or visit rpac.com.au.

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The free morning session is open to the public. The panel of experts are:

- Kurek Ashley, International Speaker and Success Coach
- Caleb Henley, National President, United Nations Youth Australia
- Suzie Tafolo, President, Redlands Coast Chamber of Commerce
- Former Senator Claire Moore, QLD rep on United Nations Youth Australia
- Cr Paul Bishop, Redland City Councillor and former actor

Attendees are also welcome to attend the afternoon workshop sessions, which costs \$60. The four workshops are Drama in Speaking, Humour in Speaking, Impromptu, and Creative Speech Writing.

RSVP by August 28, and places are limited. Phone 0421 129 253 to book or email forum@beconfident.org.au.

PROPPING IT UP AUDITIONS

A gentleman's valet, a vintage telephone switchboard and a waler horse don't have much in common – until you link them together on stage in three short plays, each centred on an exhibition piece at Redland Museum.

The concept for *Propping It Up* was born when Theatre Redlands (TR) co-founder Sharon Vassallo donated the wooden valet to TR, commenting that it would be interesting to write a play about a prop.

There's a play in that! TR's Jan Nary started work on three vignette pieces, each about a selected exhibition piece that was begging for the spotlight. The resulting three short pieces – *What the Valet Saw*, *Follow the Lead* and *Just One Bullet* offers a mix of dark comedy, Australian history and tragedy; *Propping It Up* offers something for everyone.

Auditions for the October production will be held at the Redland Museum on Sunday 4 August. Bookings are essential; please contact Redland Museum reception on 3286 3494.



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If you have been looking to buy a home lately you may have noticed nothing seems to have a price. To compound this frustration, buyers are finding properties advertised for sale in online price filters well below the sellers' expectations. Bait pricing (lowering the perception of the property's value to attract buyers) and deceptive price tactics like this have been around for decades and is one of the reasons agents still rate poorly for honesty and ethics.

The 'no price' method of sale is heavily promoted by agents in Redland City. The 'no price' method of sale is also very perplexing for a buyer. Home buyers dislike trying to guess how much a seller wants for their property. Ask any buyer if they prefer a stated asking price, and 99% will say yes. Neil Jenman, a consumer advocate, and real estate expert said, 'The two golden rules of negotiation are, never make your customers angry and always display a price'.

Never mind what agents tell you, if you fail to display a price; or worse, use a 'price guide' or 'price range', you will almost certainly under-sell your home. Redland City home sellers are under-selling their homes because agents are applying enormous pressure to convince them to hide the price - or use one of these bait price strategies.

Displaying 'no price' or using the words 'By Negotiation', 'Price on Application', 'Contact Agent', 'Expressions of Interest', 'Offers Over', or 'Price Guide - i.e: \$860,000-\$930,000' is very risky because buyers focus on the lowest figure. The lowest figure becomes the buyers' perceived value.

Research proves 'no price' also deters over 70% of buyers from making an enquiry, potentially costing the property owners a sale at a higher price, or makes interested buyers offer low and therefore under-selling the property.

It's important to understand that the home seller and the 'no price' agents have different goals. The home seller has a goal to sell for the highest price. The agent's goal is to sell for any price. But when the property is 'under-advertised' the buyer's 'value perception' of this property is lower than the buyer's real 'purchase value perception'.

When a property sells for \$30,000 UNDER the buyer's 'real' purchase value perception, the agent only loses a few hundred dollars and still gets paid thousands of dollars in commission. Obviously unfair and unethical.

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PROPERTY MATTERS

The Real Cost of Property Investment: A Balanced Perspective

BY SAMARA BEDWELL, MACWELL PROPERTY

As we move past another financial year, it's an opportune time for property investors to reassess their portfolios and strategies. With over two decades in real estate, I've observed a growing misconception about the financial realities of property investment that deserves attention.

Contrary to popular belief, many investment properties today are not positively geared. This means investors often need to supplement their rental income to cover ongoing expenses. While tenants may perceive rent increases as pure profit-driven decisions, the reality is far more complex.

The cost of living is rising for everyone, including property owners. Expenses such as mortgages, rates, management fees, and maintenance all contribute to the overall cost of providing rental accommodation. These factors, often overlooked in public discourse, play a significant role in determining rental prices.

To foster a more balanced understanding, it's crucial to educate tenants about the true costs of maintaining a rental property. Without this awareness, we risk seeing

more investors exit the market, potentially exacerbating housing shortages and further driving up rents.

For current and prospective property investors, now is an ideal time to develop a comprehensive budget and maintenance plan. This proactive approach can help manage costs throughout the year and ensure your property remains an attractive, appreciating asset.

Consider factoring in the following for example:

1. Regular maintenance items (e.g., annual deep cleaning of air conditioning units and gutters)
2. Periodic replacements (carpets and blinds every 5 years, paint every 7 years)
3. Safety measures (replacing flexi hoses every 8 years)
4. Annual servicing of remotes and garage doors

In my experience, investors who plan for these expenses tend to hold their properties long-term, benefiting from capital growth while experiencing less stress along the way.



By fostering open dialogue and understanding between landlords and tenants, we can create a more sustainable rental market that serves all parties involved. Remember, in property investment, as in many aspects of life, prevention is indeed better than cure.

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Thorneside treasure: legacy of the Alexander, Redfern and Johnson families

Nestled along the picturesque Queens Esplanade, Thorneside, the house at number 112-114 boasts a rich tapestry of history, woven by the hands of the Alexander, Redfern, and Johnson families. This story begins in 1917, when Ned Alexander, a man heartbroken by the loss of his sons in the First World War, purchased a block of land for each of his daughters.



On one of these blocks stood an old high-set timber house. Ned, with the help of his son-in-law Stanley Redfern, who married his daughter Elizabeth, dedicated themselves to improving this quaint abode. The house quickly became a beloved weekend retreat and holiday destination for the family. Boating, fishing, and swimming at the sandy beach below what is now Mooroondu Road became cherished family traditions.

In 1959, a significant change occurred when Elizabeth's house in Windsor was resumed for the construction of several service stations. Forced to find a new permanent residence, Elizabeth and her bricklayer son, Doug, moved into the old house at Thorneside. This marked



the beginning of a new chapter for the family in this cherished location.

As the family expanded, the house witnessed the laughter and joy of Elizabeth and Stan's daughter Lorraine, her husband Harry, and their children. The serene surroundings of Thorneside provided a perfect backdrop for family gatherings and celebrations.

By 1960, Doug embarked on a labour of love, constructing a low-set red brick house on the adjacent block. The entire family, including Harry and his son Ross, the current owner, pitched in to complete the house by 1961. With the new home finished, Elizabeth and Doug moved in, and the old high-set house was subsequently demolished.

Elizabeth's passing in 1986 marked the end of an era, but Doug continued to live in the house, dedicating himself to cultivating impressive vegetable gardens that became a source of pride and joy for the family. Doug's efforts ensured that the land continued to be a place of growth and sustenance.

After Doug's death in 1999, Ross inherited the property. For a short time, the house was rented out, but eventually, Ross and his wife Alison returned from North Queensland and made the house their home.

Today, as the property at Thorneside goes up for sale, it carries with it a legacy of resilience, family bonds, and cherished memories, offering a unique opportunity for new owners to become part of its storied history. From its beginnings as a humble timber house to its transformation into a beloved family home, this property is a true Thorneside treasure, waiting to continue its legacy with a new chapter.



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TEAM BRINGS HISTORY TO LIFE: CAN THEY FIX IT? YES THEY CAN!

BY JAN NARY

The Redland Museum, with its collection of more than 14,000 items, punches well above its weight.

Most items, from baker's carts to kitchen appliances, have been donated. Appropriate items are accessioned into the collection, but they're not always in good condition, and that's when the museum's workshop team springs into action. Most visitors are unaware of the fully equipped workshop tucked away in a corner of the museum where wonders of rescue and restoration are executed by a small team with a wealth of skills.

Rod Burke is a production engineer, fitter and turner – he recently constructed a solid safety fence for the vintage steam engine in the farm machinery section so that it could be operated safely for visitor demonstrations. Rod is currently working on the restoration of a rare and elegant 1880s boot sewing machine. "We're the service centre for the museum; we do anything!"

At a nearby workstation, Ralph Gofton, one of the Indian Scout motorbike restorers, is sandblasting the treadle plate of the same machine, taking the piece back to bare metal ready to be painted. Ralph, a professional printer who'll turn his hand to anything, also runs visitor demonstrations on the museum's 19th-century Chandler & Price platen printer.

David Hopkins, a retired Telecom electrician, spends a lot of his time and expertise in fixing things in the workshop; he's currently building a cage to house a compressor away from the general work area.

"Stuff just comes through that door and we have to work out what needs to be done with it and how to do it," he says. "It can be anything that Collections think is worth restoring; we've got a pump and a wheel balancer to work on, and Bob Talbot is currently restoring an 1880s vintage camera. We've got a good team with a lot of skills – engineers, woodworkers, welders, even an artist – so we'll give anything a go! If we can't source a part we need, we'll make it."

Past President Ross Bower, explained that "the Collections team makes the decisions on which donations are accepted based on the relevance to the history and heritage of the Redlands". After the item is photographed and described, if it needs conservation we pass it to the Workshop team to bring it back to working condition."

With qualifications in electrical and mechanical engineering – and rocket science – Ross is a valuable reference point for the Workshop team.

As Ralph says: "The Workshop's great fun; they're a really diverse group of blokes, and there's always something to talk about!"



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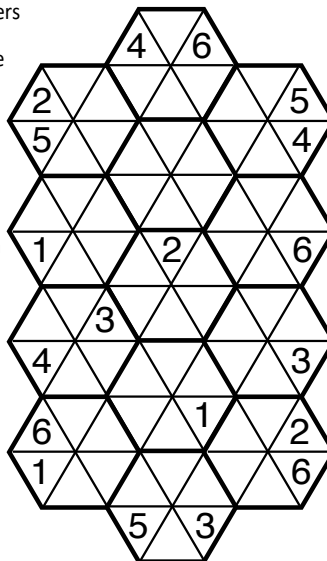
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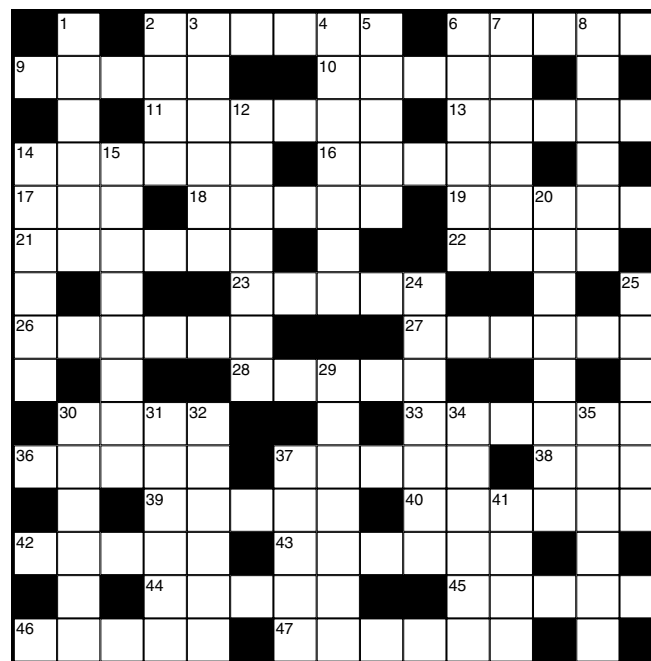
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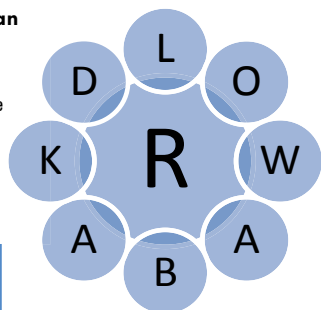
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TODAY'S FOCUS Good: 15 words
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ACROSS

- 2 Mass book
- 6 Sets down heavily
- 9 Gathering of witches
- 10 Female fox
- 11 Cricket team
- 13 Condition
- 14 Mouth of a volcano
- 16 Allude to
- 17 Moved quickly
- 18 Tasmanian river
- 19 Destroys
- 21 Fix a tax
- 22 Camping item
- 23 Make effort
- 26 Like better
- 27 Live coals
- 28 Oozes
- 30 Saucy
- 33 Torn piece
- 36 Added clause

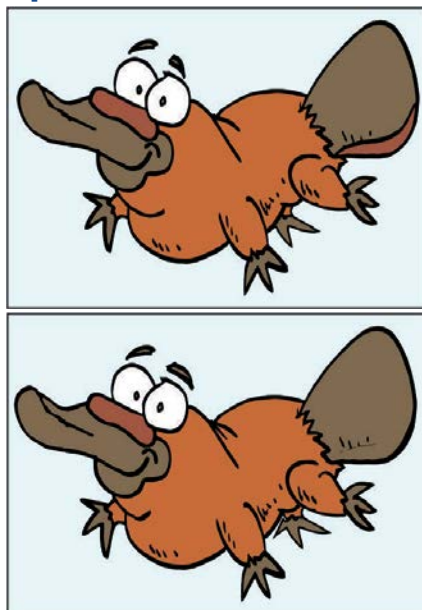
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- 2 Encounter
- 3 Entrances
- 4 Common run
- 5 Cruise ship
- 6 Barren place
- 7 False
- 8 Powerful
- 12 Rubbers

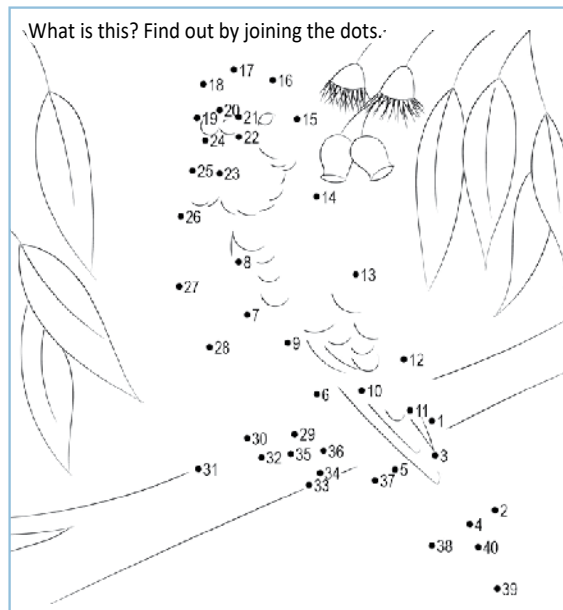
ACROSS

- 14 Painful afflictions
- 15 Replied
- 20 Originated
- 24 Having left a will
- 25 Unscrupulous moneylender
- 29 Serial part
- 30 Bedroom item
- 31 Begin again
- 32 Merchant
- 34 Makes watchful
- 35 Happenings
- 37 Contested in speed
- 41 Tidy

Spot the 5 Differences

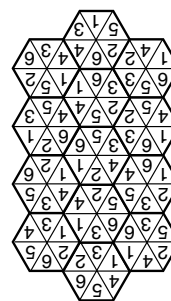


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changed, chin smaller, eyebrow larger.
SPOT THE 5 DIFFERENCES: Foot moved, extra fold in back, tail

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COMMUNITY ORGANISATION PROFILE: THE REDLAND FOUNDATION

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The Redland Foundation, founded in 2010, epitomises the Redland community's commitment to preserving and enhancing its exceptional quality of life.

The foundation's mission is clear: to foster a resilient, prosperous, and caring society through strategic philanthropy and community support. By raising funds through bequests, donations, sponsorships, and events, we ensure that these resources are directed towards initiatives that tackle key societal issues and promote volunteerism.

Through structured grant programs and targeted initiatives, Redland Foundation provides essential support to the many organisations who provide the direct support and services to the Redlands community that maintains the resilience and the strength of our society.

Our foundation aims to:

- Provide ongoing grants to community and charitable organisations.
- Support victims of domestic and family violence.
- Assist with aid for homelessness in the Redlands.
- Fund relief projects in the event of a natural disaster.
- Encourage and support those with disabilities.
- Provide focus on key areas to assist people live healthy, fulfilling lives.

Successes:

In the past ten years alone, the Redland Foundation has achieved significant milestones:

1. Provided community grants totalling approximately \$900,000.
2. Empowering domestic violence survivors: Supported community efforts to raise over \$520,000 for frontline services, enabling the provision of six new accommodation units and essential security upgrades at Maybanke as well as expanded access to counselling and support services and critical case management and wellness statistics gathering.
3. Supported a baby bridges respite centre at My Horizons and a transport crib to move premature babies from rural areas to the Mater Children's Hospital, costing approximately \$600,000 in total from the McDougall will.
4. Raised and distributed \$100,000 to people experiencing homelessness in Redlands.

Overall, the Foundation has raised \$4,400,000 and expended \$2,170,000. Other funds are invested to support future grant programs, domestic violence support and disaster relief in Redlands.



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Looking forward, the Redland Foundation remains dedicated to nurturing a compassionate and resilient community. By continuing to collaborate with local partners and stakeholders, we strive to build on these successes and ensure a thriving future for all residents of Redlands.

For more information on how you can support or benefit from our initiatives, visit www.redlandfoundation.org.au or contact us at foundationgrants@rsc.asn.au.

MG joins the growing Bartons Group

FROM BARTONS AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

The family-owned Barton's Automotive Group continues to expand with their recent acquisition of the MG car brand.

Bartons have been in acquisition mode since the announcement and closure of Holden in 2018. What started with Hyundai from Cleveland, Nissan from Cleveland, Nissan at Wynnum, LDV at Wynnum, GWM/Haval at Capalaba, East Coast Commercials at Acacia Ridge, Jayco Brisbane Camperland at Tingalpa and now MG at Capalaba, they clearly see the future in automotive and RVs as being strong.

MG is Australia's fastest growing new car brand, having doubled in size since 2021 and now boasting over 5 per cent market share, including a strong array of EVs in their portfolio.

Bartons have taken back their former site on 226 Old Cleveland Road Capalaba for MG and will begin trading with sales and service on August 1.

Managing Director Mark Beitz is excited about the MG brand and is confident of selling over 70 new cars a month from this new site. He claims, "whilst our traditional brands are still going strong, the onslaught of Chinese quality-built cars is now here". He cites the saying, "If you can't beat them, then you bloody well join them", and their results so far this year would back that up with Bartons now selling 200 Chinese-built cars every month.

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CHICKEN STUFFED WITH PUMPKIN AND GOAT CHEESE RECIPE

Here's a scrumptious recipe that combines succulent chicken, creamy goat cheese, and sweet roasted pumpkin, all topped with a hint of thyme and curry. Perfect for a cosy dinner or a special occasion, this recipe is sure to impress. Let's cook!

INGREDIENTS TO SERVE 4

- Olive oil
- 4 x chicken marylands (skin on)
- 2 cups of pumpkin, cut into cubes of approximately 5cm
- 150g goat cheese
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon of thyme leaves, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon curry powder

METHOD

1. Put the pumpkin on a tray lined with baking paper, drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper, and bake for around 40 minutes at 180°C, or until it's tender. Remove from the oven to cool slightly. Leave the oven on; you'll need it again soon.
2. Add a tablespoon of olive oil in a medium frypan and fry the onion over a medium heat until it's translucent. Add the garlic and thyme, then fry for another minute (careful, don't burn the garlic!).
3. In a bowl, mash the pumpkin with a fork. Add the goat cheese and the onion/garlic/thyme mixture and combine well. Season with salt and pepper.
4. Now it's time to stuff your chicken. Gently ease the skin along one side of the chicken maryland to create a loose pocket between the flesh and the skin. Stuff the pumpkin mixture under the skin.
5. Place the chicken on a baking tray lined with baking paper, skin side up.
6. In a small bowl, combine three tablespoons of olive oil and a pinch of salt and pepper with the curry powder and mix well. Drizzle or brush the mixture over the chicken.
7. Bake for 55 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and the skin is golden brown.



Optional swaps: If you find goat cheese too strong, substitute it with ricotta or feta cheese. Sweet potato can be used instead of pumpkin. Serve with cauliflower puree, mashed potato or sweet potato.



LOCAL POETRY

LEARNINGS FROM A HORSE

BY GEOFF SMILEY

In the season of youth
I learned a life lesson
from a horse.

During six months
on a cattle property,
duties included riding
a horse to town for supplies.

One evening I was given
responsibility for bringing
that horse home in the dark
through a place forested and
unfamiliar.

The night was black,

with no features to guide me.
In fear of being lost,
and with rising panic
nevertheless
I sensed the horse's calm.

Somewhat reassured by this
I relied on what seemed
a communication that she
knew the way home.
I submitted and gave her free
rein.

That horse walked easily through
the dark bush and took us

to three gates, each of which
I opened, arriving
eventually at the homestead.

Thereafter I relied
on my developing ability
to "hear" communications
from my horse.

Also, a life lesson was learned,
I have since honed that skill
of listening for
the quiet "voice" of others.

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EMPTY VESSELS LEAD TO UNNECESSARY SEARCHES WASTING RESOURCES

BY HARVEY SHORE

Recently, Coast Guard volunteers in Moreton Bay and the Redlands area have spent hours and days on Search & Rescue (SAR) operations, after drifting boats were found with no one aboard.

The concern when an empty vessel is found is that someone is in the water and needs to be rescued.

So Coast Guard volunteers are urgently called out from their homes or jobs to search . . . sometimes all day or night, in all weather, looking for a possible distressed person in the water.

In most cases, the searchers later discover the vessel has simply broken loose and drifted away, and its owner is safe at home, completely unaware that their vessel has been found drifting and that scores of people are out searching for them. Meanwhile, volunteers spend massive amounts of time and precious resources for nothing.

All this waste might easily have been avoided if the owners had put their name and contact details on their vessels.

Unfortunately, many owners haven't bothered taking that simple step. Most small craft are found without any identification marks.

Coast Guard units are urging owners of small craft to PUT YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS ON YOUR VESSEL so we can call your number first if a vessel is found adrift. That may save hundreds of hours of volunteer time and allow for the better use of valuable volunteer resources.

It may also save your life, if you went overboard, and someone at home can tell the Search and Rescue volunteers where you launched from.



Coast Guard skipper Allan Tennent discussing a search with Water Police. Photos: Supplied.



Coast Guard and Water Police search for a missing kayaker.



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LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

SQUID-TACULAR WINTER FISHING FOR THE FAMILY ON MORETON BAY

BY SPERO KARTANOS

Winter fishing for arrow squid and cuttlefish is still one of the best reasons to have fun with the family on the water, especially for the kids, who love catching some very tasty octopods.

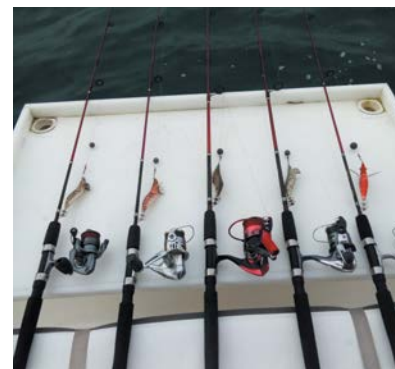
Everyone loves squid rings or calamari rings (same thing) to eat, deep fried in batter, stuffed, or any way you like to eat them. There will be plenty in the bay this month, so go out and catch a few east of Ormiston all the way down to Mud Island. You'll find them at a depth of 20 to 35-ft, just off the bottom. The easiest way to fish for them is to use a ball sinker on top of your squid jigs, drop them to the bottom and jig slowly.

Cleaning and preparing squid is a contentious issue. People have been fed white rings with the skin off and soaked to make them soft...blah, blah, blah! I never soften them; I never take the skin off, as I reckon that tastes best. The problem with squid is that it is either overcooked or undercooked, and you need to find the correct balance of cooking. You either need to cook it quickly or slowly – anything in between makes it chewy.

As for gear, a light fishing rod (whiting rod) is ideal with a small spinning reel, a 10 to 12-lb line and a few quality jigs. Use a long net to scoop them in – a great idea is to leave the squid in the net for a couple of minutes so they release any water they hold. If they don't have any water, they can't mix the ink to shoot out (but we all cop an inking somewhere along the line). The silly stories about holding them in the water to release all the ink are not true; they only mix a drop or two with water to shoot out, and the ink sacks hold lots of ink, so just remember: no water, no spurting ink!

Yamashita and Daiwa jigs are probably the best around. The mullet/whiting colour and the red head/white body work well, but there are days you just need to try different colours. Oranges and pinks are a must in your squid jig tackle box, and 3.0 to 3.5 are my favourites.

So get out there on the bay, get inked, and enjoy one of the tastiest foods of the ocean.



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Dealing with equality

While workplace gender inequality still exists, according to Dealer Principal Dodie Millar, it's not a problem you'll find at Bartons.

Dodie, who is responsible for the service, sales and marketing of Subaru, Hyundai and GWM at Bartons, has been in the car dealership industry all her working life. Her first job was in another dealership as a teenage receptionist, one of the few industry jobs available to young women at the time.

"I didn't have a career vision, at the time I was just excited to have a job," she says.

"Ten years later another dealership approached me and suggested I join them in sales, something I'd never even considered and I discovered that I quite enjoyed it. I was selling after-market – things like paint protection treatments and window tinting – but when I took up their offer of a posting in the UK I discovered that after-market wasn't an

option, I would be in either car services or sales. I opted for sales and after six months they made me manager."

Dodie's approach to the work almost certainly triggered her rapid promotion; "I was always the first one out the door to talk to the customers," she laughs; "I was keen!"

It was then that it dawned on her that she could keep going, probably all the way to the top.

"I came back home and worked for a few dealerships but realised that in large corporate companies I wasn't being heard. I investigated an employment opening at Bartons, a family-run business, and it felt like the right fit. It was."

Dodie discussed her future plans – to progress to General Sales Manager, then General Manager and ultimately Dealer Principal – with Mark Beitz, the Managing Director and owner of Bartons.

"He took me on as Sales Manager with the opportunity, if I deserved it, to move up the ladder when the opportunity presented itself – and I'm now Dealer Principal. Two years ago I was able to buy a five-per cent shareholding in the business, which is the icing on the cake."

Dodie feels that it would have been difficult to achieve all that she has in any other dealership.

"Women employees are valued as being just as capable as male employees; we all have equal opportunities and equal pay. Mark invests in all his people with things like emotional intelligence and Dale Carnegie training courses and I know that we're being heard."

Dodie says that she loves the job even more than when she started.

"There's satisfaction in supporting my team and in talking with customers – especially the difficult



Bartons' Dealer Principal Dodie Millar.

ones who become regulars, who come back bringing their friends and their kids to buy cars because they know they'll be well looked after. I love it all. And there's always that special thrill of making a sale!"

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Everything has a cost

BY LAURENCE SMITH, FINANCIAL ADVISER, UEM WEALTH

One of the most important strategic decisions that I encourage my clients to think about is which investment assets to hold, and what investment vehicle to hold them in.

Consider an example: A person who earns a salary of \$75,000, looking to invest \$10,000 of savings.

A common go-to solution would be to deposit funds into an interest-bearing account. Online high interest savings accounts have been around for a long time, and it's simple and quick to compare and find a good deal. Say this individual finds an interest rate of 5.1% pa on the deposited funds.

Assuming that the funds are held for a year, this will generate \$510 of interest. This sounds great at first, because at the moment the Reserve Bank says that inflation is 3.6%, so the investor's spending power from their initial \$10,000 has increased, right? Maybe.

Because the investor will already earn \$75,000 through the financial year, the individual will pay tax at 30% plus 2% Medicare levy on interest earned. So, of the \$510 of interest earned, they will pay \$163 in tax. This reduces the after-tax return to \$347, or 3.5%. That's not quite as good, because now, after paying the tax on the earnings, the funds have barely kept up with inflation.

The benefits of this strategy are predictability of return, simplicity,

and insulation from market movement. The costs of this strategy are inflationary risk and taxation.

An alternative would be to contribute funds into superannuation, perhaps as a personal (non-concessional) contribution. Superannuation earnings are taxed (in accumulation phase) at 15%, and the Medicare levy does not apply. The \$510 of interest earned would attract tax of only \$77, meaning the after-tax earnings would be \$433, or 4.3%.

The benefits of this strategy are (again), predictability of return, insulation from market movement, and lower tax on returns. The primary cost of this strategy is access, as superannuation is generally inaccessible until retirement.

Investing in other types of assets would deliver different investment returns. For example, Australian shares can pay annual returns as dividends (that is, a cash payment representing the profits of the company), and an increase in the value of the shares over time. The dividends are taxed annually but might benefit from tax that has already been paid for by the company as dividends paid to shareholders by Australian resident companies are taxed under a system known as imputation. The tax paid by the company is allocated to shareholders as franking credits attached to the dividends they receive and the growth return is not taxed at all

until the asset is sold (capital gains tax). Combined, these two return elements could be greater than the interest paid from a cash investment.

The cost of investment in shares is that the value of the investment may change on a daily basis and the share price can decrease in value overtime, in particular if holding for a short period.

Ultimately, the right strategy will depend on the personal circumstances and goals of the investor themselves. Seeking professional advice could carry a cost, but the value of implementing that advice may far outweigh it.

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