



ART OF PERSPECTIVE: CREATIVES SHARE THEIR VISION IN ‘A DIFFERENT VIEW’

We're all competing for space. Rapid population growth has forced us to coexist with nature in a mish-mash of beauty and ugliness, but sometimes, looking at 'ugly' from a different view reveals the beauty in the beast. Depending on your view, a chunk of driftwood may be a thing of beauty or an eyesore. It's all about perspective.

If you'd like to view the world and its wonders from a different perspective, art is a mind-nourishing way to do it. From the beach to the bay and the suburban jungle in between, there's inspiration galore for local artists, and there are local artists galore who live to create.

This month's exhibition at Cleveland's Old SchoolHouse Gallery is titled *A Different View*, and the works on display are an interpretation of our local landscapes. Exhibiting artists Christine Earthrowl, Nicole Speakman, and Caroline Ness can't wait to show you their creations.

Come along and see what you think, and find out more about the artists on page 5.

Pictured: Artists Caroline Ness and Christine Earthrowl at the Old SchoolHouse Gallery.



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REDLAND BAY DADS' GROUP HELPS GET THE BEST OUT OF FATHERING

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Samuel Hallett’s initiative now sees a small group of fathers of young children gathering every week in a local park to hang out with their children and with each other, offering mutual support and advice.

“There are just a few of us so far, pretty committed dads already,” says Samuel, “but we’re expecting the numbers to grow as the word gets around.”

The group has proved invaluable for sharing experiences of parenting, passing on handy hints and reassuring individual fathers that they’re not the only ones facing challenges. Just socialising and talking with an informal peer group has its benefits.

“Sometimes conversations serve to confirm that you’re doing the right thing anyway,” Samuel says. “That’s really supportive when you’re feeling a bit overwhelmed by it all. It can be basic stuff like how to settle a baby, dealing with sleep issues, or tantrums.

“We’ve just had our second baby and I’ve turned for advice to dads of two children on how best to deal with the situation – we can tap into each other’s wisdom.”

The kiddies also benefit; socialising with other children is a definite plus, and seeing a group of dads cooperating provides an excellent role model.

“Just playing with your kids and observing how other dads play with theirs is really helpful,” Samuel says.

The dads’ group provides mums a break from childcare and also helps share the load of decision making and information gathering; dads can turn to each other for advice rather than depending almost entirely on their partners.



Members of the Dads of Redland Bay group. Photo: Supplied.

An unexpected benefit is the ripple effect into the mothers’ networks. Being local, both dads’ and mums’ groups tend to use the same parks and playgrounds, which means that kiddies on an outing with mum are likely to meet friends they’ve made in the dads’ group outings.

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REDLAND HOSPITAL RESEARCH PROJECT WINS UK PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

A research project developed at Redland Hospital has been recognised internationally, winning the 2025 Sir John Brotherston Prize from the UK’s Faculty of Public Health.

The study, led by Dr Akshay Pabary in partnership with Dr Rachel Brimelow, explored cultural capability among overseas-trained doctors, following completion of an interactive e-learning module.

Dr Akshay Pabary said the win came as a welcome surprise. “I wasn’t expecting it, so I’m thrilled,” he said. “A large reason for my successful application to public health training was this very research project.”

Dr Pabary undertook the pilot study while working as a Senior House Officer at Redland Hospital.

“My motivation for this study stemmed from my own personal experiences as a doctor, where I witnessed the challenges First Peoples often faced in accessing culturally safe care,” Dr Pabary said.

“It highlighted how overseas-trained doctors, like myself, may be less familiar with the cultural practices and clinical needs of First Peoples. This really inspired me to work towards strengthening cultural understanding and ultimately improving the delivery of safe and effective care to a vulnerable demographic.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the help and guidance I received from the research team at Redland Hospital.

“This project would not have been possible without the continual support and encouragement of my supervisors, Dr Kirsten Strudwick and Dr Rachel Brimelow.”

Dr Akshay has since returned to the UK and will begin an academic public health training program in Newcastle.

“The research has given me the confidence to pursue further research in a formal role at Newcastle University,” he said.

“Ultimately, it has played a major part in helping me secure a place in a competitive academic public health training program.”

The Faculty of Public Health has recognised his work as the best research essay submitted by a young graduate and has invited Dr Pabary to its annual awards ceremony in June.

Metro South Health’s A/Executive Director of Research, Dr Salih Salih, said Bayside Health Service encouraged Senior Medical Officers (SMOs) to engage in research during their time with the service.

“Research can be an incredibly attractive and rewarding part of the journey for overseas-trained doctors,” Dr Salih said.



Dr Akshay Pabary. Photo: Supplied.

“It builds critical thinking skills, strengthens cultural capability and contributes to better patient care.

“We encourage all SMOs training at Bayside Health Service to consider undertaking research projects while they’re here.”



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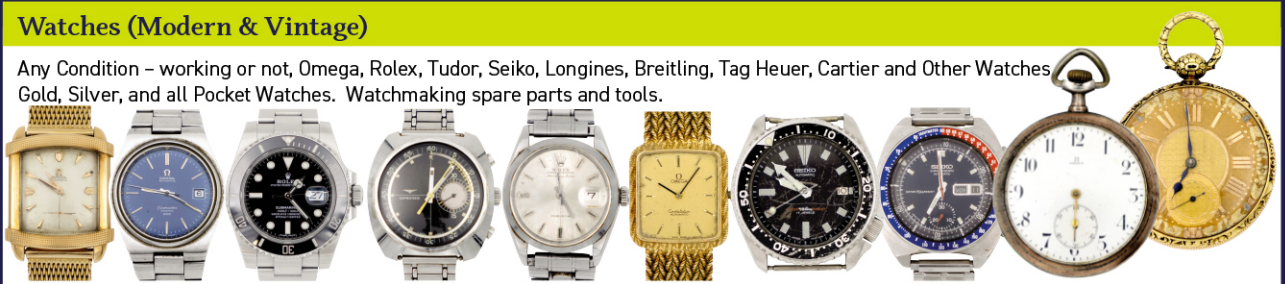
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A DIFFERENT VIEW: JUNE EXHIBITION AT OLD SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY

FROM THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE GALLERY

The Old SchoolHouse Gallery is excited to announce its June exhibition, *A Different View*.

Artists Caroline Ness and Christine Earthrowl, with invited special guest Nicole Speakman, have interpreted this theme through watercolours and clay. A different view could include a different perspective, viewpoint, standpoint, angle or interpretation of a chosen topic.

Caroline was inspired on a visit to Portugal last year by the clear light and colour, and when wildfire smoke enveloped Oporto, she retired to her room to tackle the legendary Portuguese chickens from some quick photos. Back in Oz, Moreton Bay always has something new to see: the birds on the maritime markers can be relied on to produce interesting subjects, not to mention curious birds further afield. Skies, water and clouds are constant sources of inspiration, and people occasionally pop into view as well. Caroline feels watercolour gives her a great deal of freedom.

Christine tried to look at things from a different viewpoint whether it is a group of tiny finches spread up a dead tree trunk – who ends up at the top and what can they see – or the curve of a wave or the

changed view from Golden Beach where the tip of Bribie no longer is visible. Watercolour is also Christine’s preferred medium to explore this intriguing topic.

Guest artist Nicole Speakman previously owned and managed a busy law firm in Manly with her husband for many years. She now enjoys quiet space at her home studio where the beauty of her local bayside area provides endless inspiration for her craft.

In 2012, Nicole was drawn to ceramics and enrolled in various courses absorbing all things clay. At present, she’s keen to explore and achieve soft, gentle, curved formations adorned with sprigs. She loves the movement both in the glazes and clay forms of her pieces. This natural flow extends into her current body of work as she draws inspiration from natural objects, including coral and flora, found close to home.

Nicole’s work will add a gentle yet striking contribution to any collection, including this exhibition. Each piece is created with her ethos of unstructured soft lines, enhanced by wondrous use of hues to give it life.



Christine, Nicole and Caroline with their artworks. Photo: Supplied.

The exhibition runs from June 5 to 29, with the official opening on June 7 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome! The gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays, 9:30am to 4:30pm.

The gallery is located at 124/126 Shore Street North, Cleveland.



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

Discover the Redlands Coast Collective Markets – the largest boutique market on the Redlands Coast, packed with goodies! Held at Faith Lutheran College, this vibrant market showcases handmade arts and crafts, vintage fashion, pre-loved treasures, and unique gifts. It's the perfect spot to support local creatives, enjoy delicious food and coffee, and find something truly special.



THE SMASHING BUMPKINS

Friday June 13, 7:00pm, RPAC, Middle Street, Cleveland

Get ready to hit the dance floor as The Smashing Bumpkins bring their high-energy bush dance party to RPAC! With infectious rhythms, easy-to-follow moves, and a lineup of top Aussie talent, including dynamic caller Ben King, bassist John Gynther, drummer David Klokman, and violinist Liz Young. It's set to be a floor-stomping celebration for all ages! From the Gympie Muster to the Birdsville Races, they've wowed crowds nationwide and even set a Guinness World Record. No dance experience needed – just come ready to groove! For tickets, visit rpac.com.au or phone 3829 8131.



MS BRISSIE TO THE BAY CHARITY BIKE RIDE

Sunday June 15, various courses

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REDLANDS UNITED VS MAGIC UNITED

Saturday June 21, 4:00pm, Cleveland Showgrounds

Get ready for a thrilling night of local football as Bayside United goes head-to-head with Gold Coast team Magic United in an electrifying Queensland Premier League 1 clash! This is more than just a match – it's a battle for bragging rights, and your support can make all the difference. Rally your mates, wear your team colours proudly, and bring your loudest cheers – let's pack the sidelines and create an atmosphere to remember. Whether you're a die-hard fan or just love a great game of live soccer, this is your chance to back our local heroes and be part of the action. Don't miss it – scan the QR code now to grab your tickets and secure your spot!



MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

Saturday June 21, 8:00pm, RPAC, Middle Street, Cleveland

Get ready, RPAC! The 2025 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is back for its 27th year, bringing the biggest laughs from Australia's most iconic comedy tour. Featuring a fresh, hilarious lineup of stars and rising talent, it's your ticket to a night of non-stop fun. Don't miss the comedy event of the year – grab your mates and book now! For tickets, visit rpac.com.au or phone 3829 8131.



GATSBY NIGHT AT CRAFT BREW HOUSE

Saturday June 21, 6:00pm, Craft Brew House, Birkdale Road, Birkdale

Craft Brew House is turning back the clock for Gatsby Night! Guests are invited to don their finest 1920s' fashion – think flapper dresses, tuxedos, and vintage glam – for a dazzling evening of live music by Amanda Reardon, prohibition-style cocktails, and dancefloor magic. With all the charm of the roaring twenties, this is one soirée you won't want to miss! Find out more at craftbrewhouse.com.au.

SWINGING AND SPINNING: CROONER CABARET COMES TO RPAC IN JUNE!

Following several sold-out performances, *The Crooners'* cabaret sensation, *Swinging & Spinning*, returns to captivate Brisbane audiences once again for one night only on Thursday 12 June 2025, at Redlands Performing Arts Centre (RPAC).

A wheeling version of *The Rat Pack*, *The Crooners* features three of Australia's most charismatic performers, including Brisbane locals Tim 'Mac' McCallum and Tony 'Dee' Doevendans, and newest member Mick 'Micky G' Sattin from Nowra, New South Wales. These talented artists will whisk audiences away on a nostalgic musical journey, wheeling the boards, chair to chair, hat to hat with exuberant showmanship and velvety smooth voices.

Lead vocalist, director and writer, Tim McCallum, says he is looking forward to bringing this new version of the production to the RPAC stage.

"It is our delight to share our love of these classic tunes with the Brisbane audience again, and what better way to celebrate them than with the debut of our third Crooner," says McCallum.

Accompanied by the Rivercity Ballroom Dancers, a live jazz quartet and the introduction of Mick 'Micky G' Sattin gives the show a true *Rat Pack* feel. The show features an Auslan-interpreting barman embedded in the show, with half the cast on stage being artists with disability. Toe tapping, heart melting, and genuinely inclusive, *Swinging & Spinning* proves that access and artistry fit together in perfect harmony.

"Music and performance are for everyone, and we want to show that talent knows no boundaries," McCallum says.

"While Tony, Mick and I are all united by our love for swing, jazz and *The Rat Pack*, it is also our pleasure to join together to highlight the breadth of talent that can be found among Australians living with a disability, and advocate for theatre as an accessible medium for all."



Photo: Supplied.

Co-director and producer, Paul Adams, echoes McCallum's sentiment. "I am thrilled to be working with these guys. They are three of Australia's most talented performers, and it is exciting to collaborate with them to present this unforgettable production.

"We all believe in the power of theatre as a catalyst for experiences that inspire. We want the audience to leave with a lasting impression of joy, feeling like they have been entertained and uplifted," says Adams.

Tickets for the show on June 12 are on sale now at www.rpac.com.au.

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Our Corporate Plan, reviewed every five years, is the overarching plan setting our long-term vision for Redland City and guiding our annual works and operations, budget and resource allocation.

Your feedback can help to ensure our Corporate Plan for 2026 – 2031 reflects the needs and aspirations of our community.

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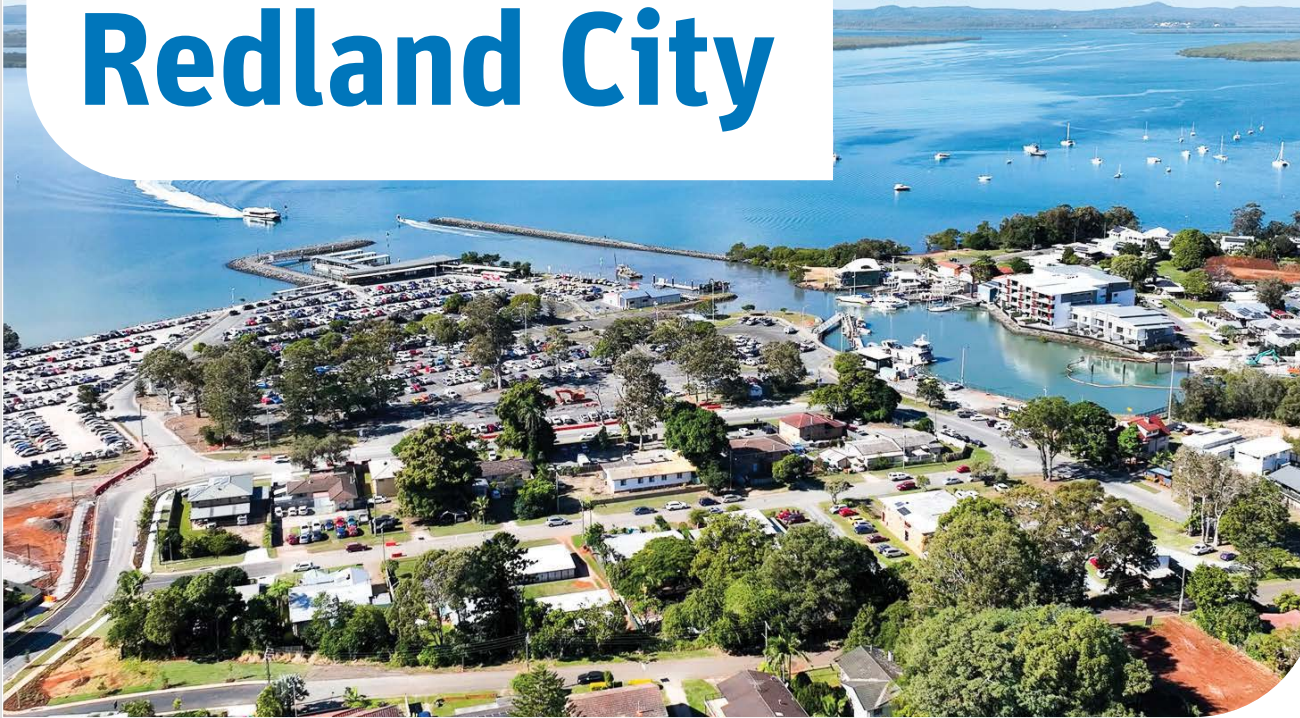
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This first stage of community engagement is open until Sunday 22 June, with further opportunities to give feedback when Council releases a full draft plan in late 2025.

Engaging for success in **Redland City**



Mayor's message

Effective community engagement is vital for connected communities.

Not only does engagement open communication channels between people, business and government, community engagement also helps to build relationships, foster transparency, identify common objectives, highlight issues, and empower community members to participate and share their ideas on matters that are important to them.

Meaningful, collaborative engagement between community and Council can also inform elected representatives on community views and priorities when it comes to the important role of decision-making and policy development.

As you will read in the pages here, Redland City Council has several current and future opportunities to engage on a range of diverse matters.

From Corporate Plan to City Plan, from transport to community safety, every voice matters. I encourage you

to visit Council's Your Say website to view and have your say in Council's current engagements, as each interaction can help shape the future direction of our beautiful city.

Together, we can make informed decisions and solve problems more effectively.

As Redland City Mayor, I am committed to open, transparent, two-way engagement that is collaborative and inclusive of everyone.

As a community, we should strive to encourage contribution and involvement.



Cr Jos Mitchell
Mayor of Redland City
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Corporate Plan

Your say, your way!

We realise some people are happy to fill in a survey, others are best reached while out and about and there are those of us who want to take a deep dive into a particular topic.

So we're offering a mix of ways to contribute before we start drafting Council's next Corporate Plan.

Pop ups

Pop in to our Council marquees at:

Capalaba Bulldogs Football Club

John Frederick Park
7 June, 8am – 10am

IndigiScapes Environment & Community Fair

Capalaba
7 June, 11.30am – 1.30pm

Bernie's Artisan Market

Macleay Island
21 June, 9am – 11am

Thanks to everyone who has already attended our earlier pop ups.

Join a focus group

Express your interest in a two-hour topic-specific focus group. But hurry, spots are limited:

Arts and culture 4 June, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Sport and recreation 4 June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Youth and young people 10 June, 3.15pm – 5.15pm

Environment 10 June, 6.15pm – 8.15pm

Health and aging 12 June, 1pm – 3pm

Sole traders/small businesses 12 June, 4pm – 6pm

Island communities 16 June, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

People with a disability 16 June, 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Community Workshop 17 June, 6pm – 8pm

Express your interest for this interactive face-to-face facilitated discussion.

Survey Open 17 May to 22 June 2025

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You can register your interest for the workshop, a focus group and fill out our survey online, at one of our Pop Ups and at Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries.

To get involved



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Getting ready to move Redlands forward

Upcoming engagement opportunities

Want to help shape the future of transport in Redlands Coast? Over the coming months, Redlands Coast residents will be invited to review and provide feedback on several key transport strategies and plans aimed at guiding future infrastructure and transport service improvements and encouraging more active transport choices in our city.

Now in development are Council's:

- Active Transport Strategy
- Access and Parking Strategy, and
- local transport plans for Cleveland and Capalaba.

Register online at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au to be notified when these draft plans are available for community input.



A safer, stronger community

Thank you for your input

Council recently completed a series of community engagement activities to help shape a safer, more connected, and resilient Redlands Coast. Residents, business owners, and visitors were invited to share their experiences and ideas through workshops and an online survey. This valuable input will directly inform the Redlands Coast Community Safety Action Plan—an important initiative under the *Redlands Coast Stronger Communities Strategy 2024–2027*. A big thanks to everyone who took the time to get involved.

How did that get approved?

Demystifying planning matters

It's a common question when a new development appears, especially if it brings unexpected change.

In Queensland, councils play a central role in planning, working under state planning laws to guide local development and land use. But for many, those rules (including what the different levels of government determine and deliver) can seem complex and unclear.

Ahead of future work on the Redland City Plan, Council is planning to roll out a community

education project designed to help explain how planning decisions are made and how people can get involved in shaping our city's future.

Keep an eye on Council's website and socials for:

- monthly planning topics
- plain-language explanations
- opportunities to ask questions, and
- educational workshops for schools and community groups.

See current community engagement opportunities and register for engagement updates at yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au

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Name: My name is Henrietta. Or Henny for short.

Where do you live? I live in Capalaba with my folks and my human brothers and sisters. I love it!

How long have you lived there? I've lived in Capalaba for five years.

What's your favourite local walk? I like to walk in the park behind Bunnings at Capalaba and eat duck poo. There are so many amazing smells on the grass.

Your most treasured toy? My favourite toy is a rubber ring thing that I carry around. I like to play tug-of-war with it when I can find someone to indulge me. Mum says it's "a well-loved toy". I once stole a pink teddy from my human sister, but it didn't last long... I made the backyard look like a snow field! That was a fun day.

Your favourite food? I eat anything and believe most things are edible, so I'll give them a go. I am supposed to be on a diet, though. Mum says I'm a bit chunky. I disagree.

What's your worst habit? It would have to be eating everything. I am always hungry, and I eat my food so fast I don't even taste it! I know there's lots of food in the kitchen, so I'm never far from it. I also shed a lot of hair!

Your favourite local hangout? In the kitchen, begging for food. It's a numbers game. Overall, I do okay.

Your best doggo friend? Connie. She is a Labrador like me, but she is cream coloured. We exercise together.

Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories? We had tradies at our house doing work, and I may have stolen their lunch. Oops. It was worth the squeeze.

What do people love most about you? My big puppy dog eyes and my beautiful smile!

Henrietta's favourite charity is Labrador Rescue, and The Community Leader has made a \$50 donation on her behalf.



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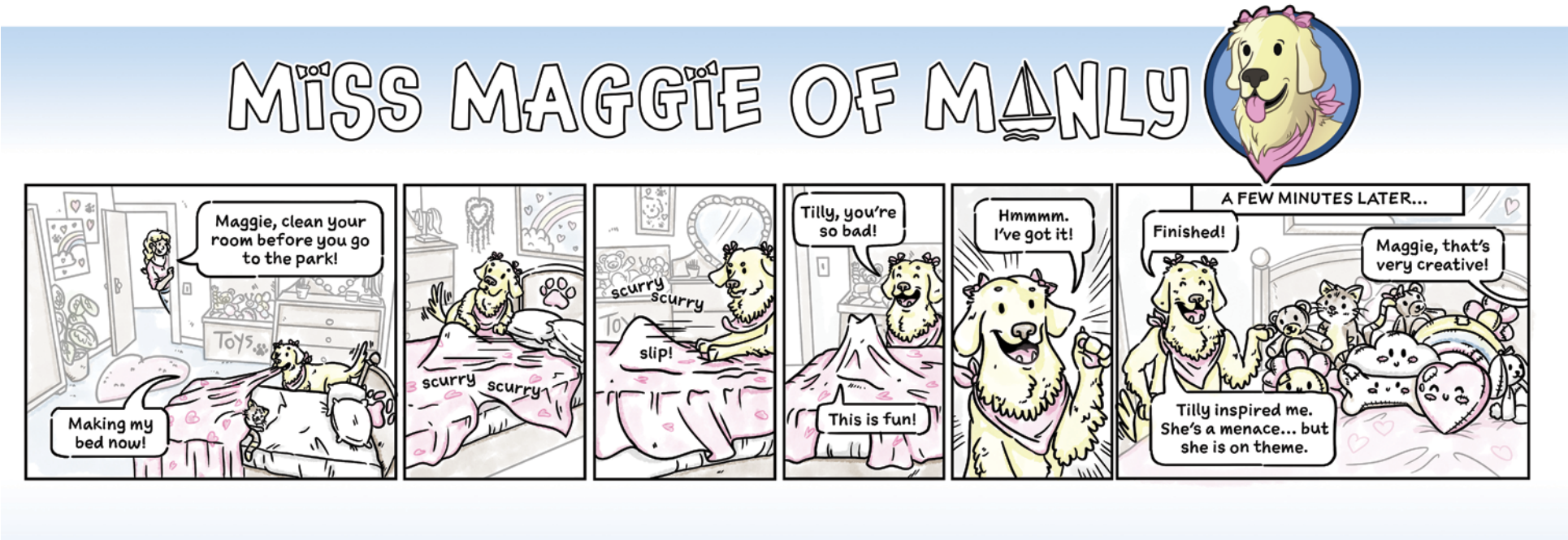
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BY DR NICKY THOMAS, WYNNUM MANLY VETERINARY HOSPITAL

There have been some recent changes to Queensland dog laws to reduce the incidence of dog attacks. People who fail to control their dogs in public places face on-the-spot fines of \$806, while more serious attacks may result in custodial sentences (according to the Queensland government website).

APPROPRIATE RESTRAINT

Dogs should be walked on a properly fitted lead or harness by someone who can physically control them. The use of a head collar, such as a Halti or Gentle Leader, can help provide better control of strong and excitable dogs. Keep your dog close to you so you can act if they react to other dogs, people or vehicles. Do not allow your dog to rush at or jump on dogs or people.

Only allow your dog off lead in areas designated for this purpose and ONLY if they respond to voice commands.

TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL

Good manners start in puppyhood with a dog's socialisation period falling between three and 17 weeks of age. Puppy pre-school is a great start, along with exposing your dog to different situations at a young age.

Obedience training is essential to ensure your dog is safe around others. Commands such as "leave" and "let's go" are useful to help keep your pet focused while walking.

Recall is a vitally important command to master. If your pet cannot be recalled with a voice command, they should not be off lead.



KNOW YOUR PET AND BE ALERT

Keep your eyes and ears open when walking your dog. Watch for other dogs, people, traffic, cyclists/skateboarders/scooter riders. Monitor your dog for signs of fear and aggression, and be prepared to remove them from the area before their fight or flight response is triggered.

Signs of anxiety, including lip licking, pulling ears back, yawning, tucked tail, lunging, growling or excessive barking, should prompt you to remove your dog from triggering situations.

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REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB CAPTURES AWARDS IN INTERNATIONAL COMP

FROM REDLANDS CAMERA CLUB

Redlands Camera Club is celebrating a major milestone, winning seven photographic awards across two categories in the recent PSA International Interclub competition. This international event attracts entries from camera clubs around the world, making Redlands' achievement especially noteworthy.

Participating in interclub competitions offers photographers who are members of clubs like Redlands valuable opportunities for growth. Members are encouraged to challenge themselves and connect with a broader community of photographers. With this latest success, the Redlands Camera Club continues to make its mark in the world of photography, proving that local talent can shine brightly on the international stage.

The seven winning photographs by Redlands Camera Club members are showcased on this page.

Redlands Camera Club welcomes new members of all skill levels who are interested in learning, sharing, and celebrating the art of photography.



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BUSH TO THE BAY: BEST OF THE WEST HEADING TO THE BAYSIDE

Bayside gin lovers will be able to experience the best of the West with an award-winning Outback gin distillery partnering with Wynnum Fringe Festival.

In celebration of the Augathella Spiegeltent's origins, Wynnum Fringe will work with a number of Outback providers to bring bush inspired experiences to the 2025 program.

Western Queensland Spirit, an Outback distillery based in Roma, will have a specially crafted Bush To The Bay Gin, an exclusive for the festival.

The distillery has most recently been the focus of international attention, taking a win for their gin at the prestigious London Spirits competition.

Western Queensland Spirit co-founder Will Fellowes said he was pleased to partner with Wynnum Fringe Festival and share a little slice of the Outback with Baysiders.

Advised Will, "All of our products celebrate the uniqueness of the Outback with each batch using native ingredients and a selection of native botanicals all grown on the distillery's property.

"We're very excited to have the opportunity to share authentic Outback flavours with our metro counterparts through the Wynnum Fringe Festival."

Wynnum Fringe Festival founder, Tom Oliver, said their Bush to the Bay partnership program was a shining example of how events can bring people and products together from all corners of the state.

Said Tom, "The Wynnum community has avidly supported the festival's journey and our vision to bring the Spiegeltent from Augathella to Brisbane.



Will Fellowes (right) from Western Queensland Spirit and Tom Oliver from Wynnum Fringe Festival. Photo: Josh Woning for Outback Queensland Tourism Association.

"As part of that process, the Outback has a firm place in my heart and we're keen to pay homage to the Spiegeltent's origins at this year's Fringe Festival.

"Our Bush to the Bay partnership program will see festival goers able to enjoy a range of Outback menu items utilising products sourced from the West."

This year's Wynnum Fringe Festival will be held from July 2nd - 20th. For more information and tickets, visit wynnumfringe.com.



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LOCAL GARDENING WITH KAT

CASSAVA — SHADY, EDIBLE AND EASY!

BY KAT PEARSON, *GIRL IN THE GREEN*

Are you looking for a plant that gives fast shade, is edible, is (relatively) easy to remove when you're done and easy to start again? Cassava is the plant for you.

Cassava, *Manihot esculenta*, is a quick-growing tropical woody shrub that produces starchy roots, a staple carbohydrate across many island countries. It's a member of the Euphorbiaceae family, which contains all sorts of poisonous plants – and really, who decides that this is the poisonous plant that will be great if we cook it? But it is so easy to grow, even in drought and poor soils; it's no wonder it has become so popular.

The tubers are eaten boiled, fried as crips (obviously my favourite) or made into flour; it is also what's used to make tapioca! The leaves are edible, but (like the roots) must be cooked first to remove the cyanogenic toxins. I must say that although I've cooked the roots before, that does put me off the leaves... I'm told they're quite good, though.

Whilst I do occasionally rip my plant up and harvest roots (mainly to shave with a peeler and deep fry), I love my cassava tree because

it shades the front of our north-facing house, and when in flower, it attracts nectar-loving birds who peck from the not-particularly-noticeable-but-actually-very-pretty flowers. It grows fast but tends to send out long branches, which makes pruning easy if required. Just lop off a branch. If the whole thing gets a bit scrappy looking – which it can when it's a few years old – I chop it off at the bottom and dig it out, then unceremoniously strip the leaves off one of the branches and stab it (right way up!) into the soil, and voila, the process starts again.

If you do plan on growing cassava for the roots, just beware that once harvested, they will last a maximum of 24 hours before they start to turn black. To prevent this, chop them up straight away and freeze. You can par-boil first, but I've also been told you can just bung 'em straight in. Bigger is not necessarily better – roots that get too big are woody and dry, so don't leave your tree for five years and hope for a better crop. Restart often!

I don't often see cassava in nurseries, but it's usually easy to get hold of through permaculture groups or on Marketplace (or give me



Photo by Kat Pearson.

a call!). It's another great option to keep you in food for the next pandemic, provide quick shade, or to give you something a little different to snack on next time you have the neighbours around for a drink!

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Comedians work hard. They make it look so easy, but there's a lot of sweat and tears that go into making an act. Behind the scenes, the directors work just as hard and getting the balance between several comedians for one show requires experience and skill. Susan Provan, director of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, has been directing comedy shows for 30 years.

"Comedy is the most subjective of art forms so we try to get a good mix of men and women, at different stages of their career, a mix of upbeat energy with a slower, more low-key delivery. Audiences are curious about new performers, and they're bound to find someone they'll like!" she says.

"We are also aware of selecting people for the tours who'll be happy to be stuck in vehicles on the road with each other for hours on end."

Susan loves her job, saying that there's nothing like listening to an audience having a wonderful time.

"Comedy is a way of talking about current issues; it can challenge people, give windows into others' experiences, and it just makes you feel good – it's great for mental health!"

The easiest job falls to the audience; all we have to do is enjoy it.

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FROM THE DONALD SIMPSON CENTRE

Some of us are old enough to remember the MGM musicals and the songs, singers and musicians they featured. As they faded out, radio shows such as the hit parades and the Top 40s came along with TV shows like *Countdown*, *Bandstand*, and many others.

Two musical groups will play at the Donald Simpson Centre (DSC) in June and July, featuring songs from those eras in a relaxed and sometimes more lively format.

While the groups prepare their sets for these performances, songs from Duke Ellington, Joni Mitchell, Dave Brubeck, Cole Porter, and others will feature.

The musicians are not full-time professionals but talented amateurs who play for enjoyment.

Jazz 'n Swing's repertoire spans six decades of musical history, from the swinging sounds of the 1920s to the vibrant grooves of the 1980s. The band features Lyn Shepherd on saxophone, flute, clarinet and vocals; Ian Bennett on guitar; Gerardo Perez on bass, and Dave Fernandez on drums. They will play at the DSC on Saturday, 28 June from 2:00pm.

July 19 will see *Jazz Eclectic* reimagining the jazz, Latin, funk and pop repertoire with songs such as Dave Brubeck's *Take 5*, Besame Mucho, Cissy Strut, Joni Mitchell's *Big Yellow Taxi*, Duke Ellington's *Caravan* and more. Instruments include tenor and alto saxophone, flute, drums, tabla, bongos and guitar played by Katrina Fawn, Trent Jordan, Dave Fernandez and Calvin Raison. *Jazz Eclectic* will play at the DSC on Saturday, 19 July from 2:00pm.

For a cool afternoon's jazz, book tickets at the DSC or phone 3821 1089. Tickets are \$20 per show, or \$35 for both.



Jazz Eclectic will play the DSC on July 19. Photo: Supplied.

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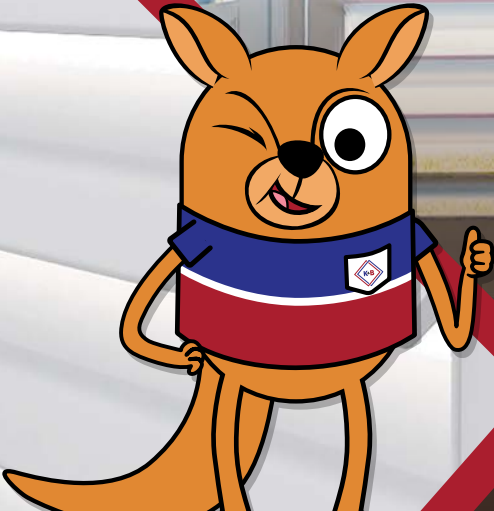
In an ideal society our elders, after a lifetime of contribution, should be entitled to spend their later years feeling valued, in safety and comfort. Sadly, for many over 60, the reverse is true. According to the World Health Organization, 1 in 6 people over the age of 60 experience some form of abuse each year.


June 15 marks World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, a time for communities around the world to come together and shed light on the mistreatment many older adults face – often behind closed doors.


Elder abuse can include physical harm, emotional distress, neglect, or financial exploitation. Cases of abuse often continue because the victim is afraid, isolated or dependent on the abuser and the only way of breaking the pattern is for someone – a family member, neighbour, caregiver or community member – to notice the warning signs and take action.

Unexplained injuries, withdrawal from social activities, poor hygiene, or sudden financial problems can be warning signs. If something doesn't seem right, it's okay to ask questions or reach out to local support services. It may be necessary to notify your local MP or contact the Police.






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CLEVELAND YACHT CLUB HOSTS ANNUAL PEEL ISLAND MARATHON

FROM CLEVELAND YACHT CLUB

Cleveland Yacht Club recently hosted its 54th annual Peel Island Marathon, bringing together 53 boats and more than 160 competitors, volunteers, and supporters for a spectacular day of racing on the waters of Moreton Bay.

Sailors were treated to ideal autumn conditions, with a westerly breeze ranging from 5 to 15 knots, offering tactical challenges and exhilarating sailing around the picturesque Peel Island. The diverse fleet included local club racers and visiting boats from all over South-East Queensland, all enjoying the community-focused atmosphere the race is known for.

“Our Peel Island regatta is about more than just sailing – it’s about community,” said Club Commodore Steve Lawry. “With the backing of our sponsors and the energy of over 160 people involved, this year’s event was one of our best yet.”

A key highlight of this year’s event was the introduction of a large cruising catamaran to act as the committee vessel, generously supplied by Aria Cruises. Its size and visibility greatly improved race management and received high praise from the fleet. With six safety boats on duty, a dedicated volunteer crew, and an enthusiastic crowd, the Peel Island Marathon continues to grow in size, reputation, and spirit. Planning for next year’s event is already underway.



The race was proudly presented by major sponsor Sunstate Hobie, with generous support from Aria Cruises, Redland City Marina, and The Lighthouse Restaurant. Their involvement helped ensure a well-run event, both on and off the water, and great prizes.

Cleveland Yacht Club is open to all beach classes of dinghies and catamarans for recreational sailing and racing, along with a recently added surf ski paddling group.

The club is always looking for extra volunteers to help run the regular events, and crews to handle the club’s support boats. More details on the club can be found on their webpage www.cyc.asn.au.



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THANKS TO YOU, WE’RE TURNING TWO!

The Community Leader has always been about spreading good news, so we’re excited to celebrate the second birthday of our Redlands publication this month.

A community-focused newsletter like this doesn’t survive without support from you, our readers. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their stories, shared their vision and embraced a friendly concept that has been enthusiastically received over the past two years. This type of publication is invariably driven by the community it represents.

Thanks to our fantastic local advertisers, many of whom have been with us from the start, whose support ensures we share more stories in your neighbourhood. Thanks to the walkers who collectively clock up hundreds of kilometres each month to deliver good news.

We love sharing your good news stories, promoting your events and publishing your milestones. Let’s continue to celebrate great news, shop locally, and let everyone know how fantastic it is to live in the Redlands!



NEW APP AIMS TO DISCOVER THE NEXT GENERATION OF SPORTS STARS

The Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS), in conjunction with the State Government, has launched a world-leading AI-powered app to help discover our next sporting champions.

The YouFor2032 App, supported by a new partnership with RACQ, uses artificial intelligence and computer vision to assess the abilities of Queensland's aspiring athletes from the comfort of their own homes.

The app is the first known talent search technology in the world to include Para sports, ensuring athletes of all abilities will have the chance to be discovered.

Young Queenslanders aged 13 to 23 years for Olympic sports and 13 to 30 years for Para sports can now complete virtual tests through the app. Results are reviewed by the QAS YouFor2032 Talent Team.

Athletes who show strong potential will be invited to take part in face-to-face YouFor2032 testing sessions and may then have the opportunity to be put on a pathway to elite sport.

Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for Olympic and Paralympic Games Tim Mander said the app is a gamechanger for young Queenslanders with big dreams.

"We want Brisbane 2032 to be our most successful Olympic and Paralympic Games ever, and that begins with identifying and supporting the next generation of talent," Minister Mander said.

"This world-leading app removes geographic barriers, giving every young Queensland, no matter where they live, the chance to be discovered.

"It's also a terrific resource for the QAS Para Sport Unit, which launched earlier this year, to start finding athletes with a disability who have flown under the radar until now."



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The YouFor2032 Talent Search has partnered with 17 sports to identify their future elite and para sport needs and maximise Queensland's potential success on the world stage.

The QAS has so far tested young athletes across 40 locations, including 26 regional centres from Warwick to Emerald, and the Gold Coast to Yarrabah.

More than 2000 athletes have been identified and progressed into the three-month trial phase, with 422 invited to a 12-month targeted development program and 40 selected for high-performance state or national programs.

Further details on the YouFor2032 program can be found online at qasport.qld.gov.au/youfor2032.



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WE'RE ALL ABOUT GOOD NEWS

SEVENTEEN SUMMERS – SEVENTEEN DOLLS

Two canecutters from Queensland on their annual five-month layoff; two women in Melbourne waiting for them to arrive; the girl next door who’s been entwined in their lives since she was a child, and the crotchety mother of one of the women, who runs a boarding house. A seventeen-year tradition.

But this year, some things are different. One woman has married, and her replacement doesn’t have the same free-wheeling approach to life. The girl next door has grown into a young woman, and there’s another player down from the cane fields, a young fellow who’s making his mark. Two elements are little changed: the crotchety landlady and the annual gift to her daughter from her suitor – a frilled and spangled kewpie doll on a cane. Other changes have also been at work, subtle and unremarked.

Ray Lawler’s iconic play, *Summer of the Seventeenth Doll*, was a ground-breaker that helped put Australian theatre on the global map. Theatre Redlands and the Redlands Coast Museum will present Lawler’s masterpiece, directed by Ray Noonan, with Sunday matinee performances supplemented by a brief introductory talk by museum volunteer Judith Ryan, whose grandmother, actress Eve Wynn, knew and worked with Ray Lawler and typed up the original script of the Doll.

Weekend performances will be staged from June 13-22 at Redlands Coast Museum, located at 60 Smith Street, Cleveland. For more information, call 3286 3494 or go to www.redlandmuseum.org.au.



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SOME OF THE NICEST PEOPLE WRITE HORROR...

Her mother reading to her as a child instilled a love of stories in author-editor Geneve Flynn.

“English was my favourite subject at high school, and I was always in trouble at home for reading at the table. I started writing when I was very young and I was a daydreamer; Mum would say that I’d forget my head if it weren’t screwed on,” she says.

Reading at the table included Greek mythology and the bible, both larded with generous serves of horror, and horror is the genre that Geneve excels at as a professional writer.

“Horror isn’t so much a genre as a tone,” she says. “In thrillers or crime stories, it’s usually life or death stakes; in horror, you’re looking beyond that to eternal damnation, a fate worse than death – horror can invoke a real sense of dread or terror.

“Horror is having a bit of a renaissance and it’s a very broad church now, incorporating a lot of themes – gender and race issues, the intersection with science fiction, the moral question of whether we should be doing all that we can do with science, despite the outcome – it’s gone beyond the slashers and the cheap thrills.”

So, how does a budding writer find the genre that suits them? Geneve recommends reading everything.

“Read across a lot of different genres, find what resonates with you – you could be drawn naturally to a specific genre, but you

can learn from them all. Reading crime or thrillers will teach you about pacing and plotting. Reading romance will teach you about emotional tension, how to create different stories, characters and scenarios to engender joy and tension for readers when you know that what they’re looking for is ‘happily ever after’ or ‘happily ever after – for now’.”

Geneve says that the old dictum of an instant-grab opening (remember “It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a shot rang out.”?) still holds but the ending is just as important.

“Catchy openings are even more important now because our reading habits and our attention spans have changed,” she says. “Writers can’t take time to introduce the character through a very slow build-up; there has to be some hook, whether that’s a question or a strong authorial voice. The opening is what will draw them in, but the ending is what they’ll remember. You want something that will stay with the reader.

“Cliff hangers can run the risk of frustrating your reader; double endings can come across as a bit like cheating. Famous writers may get away with it, but as an unknown author, it’s probably safer to resolve some of the main story questions.”

Many of the questions will be resolved as Geneve, a multi-award-winning author and editor, shares the secrets of writing conflict and suspense in a free three-hour workshop at the Cleveland Library on 7 June. Bookings are required.



Author Geneve Flynn. Photo: Supplied.

REDLANDS SPINNERS AND WEAVERS: WEAVING MAGIC IN THE REDLANDS

BY JAN NARY

Spinning wheels have their own special magic; as the subject of softly rhythmic folk songs, in the Japanese folk story of the bird/woman who spun silk from her own feathers and the spinning wheel that fulfilled the fate of the Sleeping Beauty. A more down-to-earth magic is enjoyed by the Redlands Spinners and Weavers; archivist Sandra Davis says that there's a real joy in creating yarn and garments using age-old techniques and tools.

"It's very satisfying to be involved in the whole process – if you have time for it," she says. "Some members not only spin the wool from rolags – sausage-like rolls of fibre – but also dye the wool before knitting or crocheting the yarn into garments. Many of us heckle and card the wool before spinning, and some of our past members even did their own shearing."

Sandra points out that there's an alternative to the wheel for spinning.

"The drop spindle is much slower, and while it's a simple process, it requires quite a deal of skill. It's essentially a circular disc on a spindle dropped from a cord, and the rotation twists the fibres of the yarn."

Sandra, enjoying free time afforded by retirement from teaching, was drawn into the group by a friend. It was love at first treadle. The group currently has 30 members, all women at present, though there have been male members in the past, and there's always a cohort of helpful husbands on call. As well as being a welcome visitor to schools and retirement villages, members support heritage events at Redlands Coast Museum and produce an annual Beanie Tree, which 'fruits' from June to August.



So, what does one need to successfully operate a spinning wheel?

"You need to be able to coordinate three things," Sandra says, "your feet, your hands and your mind. That can be quite a big ask for a beginner – but once you've got it, you don't lose it!"

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Sandra Davis with a spinning wheel. Photos: Supplied.



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"Everyone has something we want to buy, and nothing is too small for our consideration. We are just as happy to buy one item as we are buying 10,000!" says Mike Cornish, the company's chief buyer. If you are in doubt about any items you wish to sell, take them in for an instant appraisal. No appointment is needed.

Gold and Silver still at high prices

With the gold price still at higher than traditional levels, right now is an opportune time to explore your jewellery box and dig out those old gold chains, rings, and brooches, to turn them into cash. Mike emphasises, "This is an ideal time to sell. We will buy anything made of gold – old jewellery, coins, virtually anything, even gold teeth! We also need silver in any form, including coins, and bars of any size."

Old coins can toss up a rarity

Check those drawers and cupboards; you may find a rarity lurking amongst your coins. "We want to see any old foreign coin accumulations. Bags, tins, boxes, folders, however they come, we will be quite happy to go through your coins on the spot and give you an idea of what we can pay. You just never know what can turn up!"

Rolex and mechanical watches wanted

Mechanical watches are needed urgently by the buyers. "Collectors at this stage want brands such as Rolex, Omega,

Patek Philippe, Longines, and Seiko, just to mention some. These brands can command good prices depending on the model and condition." Mike explains. "If you are unsure, bring your watches in for an appraisal."

Home visits are offered for those unable to make it to a venue or those with too much to carry. Refer to the advertisement on page 4 for home visit times, then call Nate on 0426 820 646 to book your appointment.

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FROM BAY CITY ESTATE AGENTS, CAPALABA

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Redlands May Market Wrap-up

SUBURB	FOR SALE	LAST MTH VARIANCE	SOLD	LAST MTH VARIANCE	% SOLD	AV. DAYS ON MARKET	MEDIAN SALE PRICE
VICTORIA POINT	100	-22	18	4	18.00	19	\$1,002,875
REDLAND BAY	146	17	16	-5	10.96	23	\$962,500
THORNLANDS	66	8	12	-4	18.18	17	\$1,045,000
MOUNT COTTON	19	2	2	-3	10.53	16	\$1,012,500
CLEVELAND	78	-9	24	4	30.77	18	\$1,195,000
ALEXANDRA HILLS	27	-6	8	-1	29.63	10.5	\$890,500
CAPALABA	29	3	8	2	27.59	12	\$916,125
WELLINGTON POINT	34	4	11	6	32.35	20	\$1,215,000
BIRKDALE	53	7	11	2	20.75	14	\$1,173,125
THORNESIDE	11	4	0	0	0.00	12.5	\$1,132,500
ORMISTON	37	-6	12	2	32.43	21	\$1,285,000
SHELDON	6	2	2	0	33.33	20	\$1,740,000
REDLAND CITY TOTAL	606	4	124	7	20.46	17	\$1,088,750

- Supply of new listings has increased, and sales have also increased as we see a more balanced property market within Redland City suburbs.
- The median price is just over \$1 million dollars putting Redland City in the top suburbs of Brisbane for growth over the past two years.
- Buyer sentiment is one of caution now though, which has become evident in the way buyers approach making offers.
- Multiple offers are still common depending on the type of property and the supply of similar properties.
- Up-sizers are a welcome addition to the market, probably due to higher listing numbers and stable interest rates.
- Down-sizers on the other hand are still limited for options, with retirement style property and aged care homes being in short supply, or well out of reach financially for some local residents.
- Investors, both local and interstate, are looking for good properties with good returns.
- Developer buyers are in high numbers looking for good deals.

3 Tactics Standard Agents Use That You Need to Know and Avoid

Excess upfront expenses to home sellers

Agents want a 'motivated seller'. One of the most common and easiest ways for agents to get the seller motivated is have the seller spend huge amounts of money upfront. Print advertising, social media, expensive internet advertising, renovations on the house, stylists, move the tenants out, video tours, you name it. Agents will recommend these things, provided the seller is paying. This way the seller is financially invested. One local agent recently told a colleague, "The seller needs some skin in the game, and then it will be an easier sell".

Solution – Tell the agent at the outset that you will only pay for the marketing at settlement. If the property does not sell for any reason, or you remove it from market, the agent wears the expenses. Suddenly, the agent may produce an economical campaign that gets the job done just as effectively, with less financial risk to you.

Overquoting to sellers

Real estate agents have been overquoting the expected sale price in order to win listings since the beginning of time. In a rising market, overquoting does minimal damage to the seller, as the buoyant conditions patch the gap between the agent's quote and the true market price. In a falling market, the gap between the agent's quote and the true market price can widen. Every percentage point the market declines is the seller's lost equity. Even in the current balanced market, agents are making outlandish price promises to secure a listing.

Solution – Select an agent on their selling strategy, not the price they quote. The right strategy will deliver the right price. Ask the agent to insert a clause into the agency agreement that the agent accepts a reduced commission or no commission if they fail to achieve the price they quoted you. Remember, you would not pay a tradesperson more than the quote after they finished the job.

Conditioning seller's price expectations

Conditioning is a tactic where the agent praises a home to gain the listing and then systematically bombards the owner with negative feedback to get the price down to market value, once listed on market. Owners are often shocked and disheartened to find their smiley positive agent is suddenly negative about everything from the size of the bedrooms, the renovation standard, the market conditions to the aircraft noise. Don't fall for it. Fire an agent that conditions you with systematic negative feedback.

Solution – Only sign short exclusive agency agreements. If the agent is conditioning you with manufactured negatives, fire them.

Creating fictitious buyers and/or offers during negotiations

There are increasing examples of agents telling interested buyers they have a strong offer at \$x and the seller is close to accepting it. 'You will need to beat that if you want to buy this home.' When the property fails to sell or sells for less than the buyers were told they needed to pay, the jig is up.

Buyers that fall for the 'there is another buyer at a higher price' tactic can find themselves bidding against a ghost buyer, believing they are in a competitive shoot out. This tactic is being slowly exposed, in different ways in different circumstances. Many buyers these days are just walking away and searching for another property which is the ultimate backfire on the agent.



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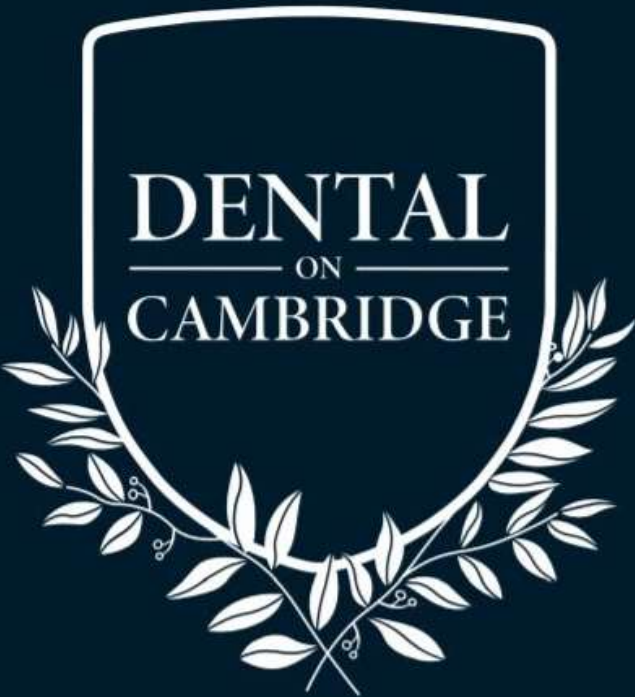
LOCAL POETRY AFTER WAR

BY GEOFF SMILEY

Terrible is the toll
of the dead
for those who serve in war.
Some are killed,
others continue to survive
mortally wounded.

Those who still exist
with death in their bones,
suffer the pain of being present.
A father suicides,
others try to forget.

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are pure grief,
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ONE POT SLOW-COOKED LAMB SHANKS RECIPE

Don't be fooled – this recipe's ingredients are few, but slow-cooking the lamb shanks in so much red wine gives this dish a robust flavour, creating a rich sauce that is absolutely delicious on a cold evening!

INGREDIENTS (SERVES 4)

- 4 large lamb shanks
- 1 x 700g jar of tomato passata
- 1 x 400g can of whole tomatoes
- 500ml of red wine – use a bold version, like a cabernet sauvignon or merlot
- 4 cups of chicken stock
- A large sprig of fresh rosemary
- 4 tbsp of tomato paste
- 3 cloves of garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp of olive oil
- Salt and black pepper to season
- Grated parmesan and parsley to garnish – optional

METHOD

1. Preheat your oven to 150 °C (fan forced).
 2. Generously sprinkle salt and pepper all over the lamb shanks.
 3. In a heavy, oven-proof pot with a lid, heat the olive oil over a high heat.
 4. Add the lamb shanks to the pot, turning to brown all over. You may need to do this in batches, depending on the size of your pot.
 5. Once the lamb is browned, add all the other ingredients to the pot. The liquid should cover the shanks (if not, add some water).
 6. Bring to a simmer. Once simmering, cover with the lid and turn off the heat.
 7. Pop the pot in the oven and cook for about 3 hours, or until the meat is tender and falling off the bone.
 8. Remove the pot from the oven, then, using tongs, carefully take out the lamb shanks and keep them warm on a plate covered with tin foil.
 9. Return the lamb shanks to the sauce, and they're ready to serve.
 10. Once plated, garnish with grated parmesan and chopped fresh parsley.
- Serve with mashed potatoes, creamy polenta, or cooked pasta.
- TIPS:** For best results, use a cast iron dutch oven, and don't skip the wine – it's essential!





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LOCAL FISHING WITH SPERO

COLD MORNINGS, WARM DAYS — JUNE FISHING IS WORTH THE EARLY START

BY SPERO KARTANOS

Well, the cold weather looks like it has arrived, with freezing mornings but glorious, warm days – and the fish are waiting to be caught!

Whiting are moving back towards the Chain Banks and the Darcy Light areas, but the bigger fish are still at Fisherman’s Gutter (and they’re not always easy to find), the Maroon Gutter and Hole. Amity Banks is also worth a look, especially in the shallows with a good run in the tide.

School mackerel will be in good numbers, but in particular, the babies should be in big numbers, and they normally infiltrate the bay this time of year. The bigger ones are harder to get, and the bonito and small tailor are not giving the bigger mackerel a chance. I’ve found floating pillies will help get a few bigger fish, especially around Ormiston and Wellington Point, and even between Green and King Islands.

Squire and snapper should also be in good numbers throughout the bay, with the spoiled grounds north of Harry’s artificial reef, Mt Cotton Reach and the Bay Islands drop-offs producing plenty of good fish.

You can also have plenty of fun with the cuttlefish in June. They taste great, and there will be plenty in the deeper water off Wellington Point (a tip: 30 Seconds cleaner from Bunnings is your best friend in removing black ink off the boat – it works instantly; spray and watch it disappear).

So, there are plenty of fish around in June, but rug up for the initial hit in the morning, and please be careful with small boats in winter – the westerly winds look calm going out, but remember on the way back, it gets very lumpy.



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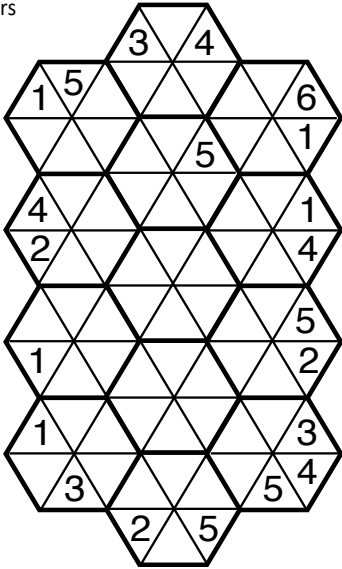
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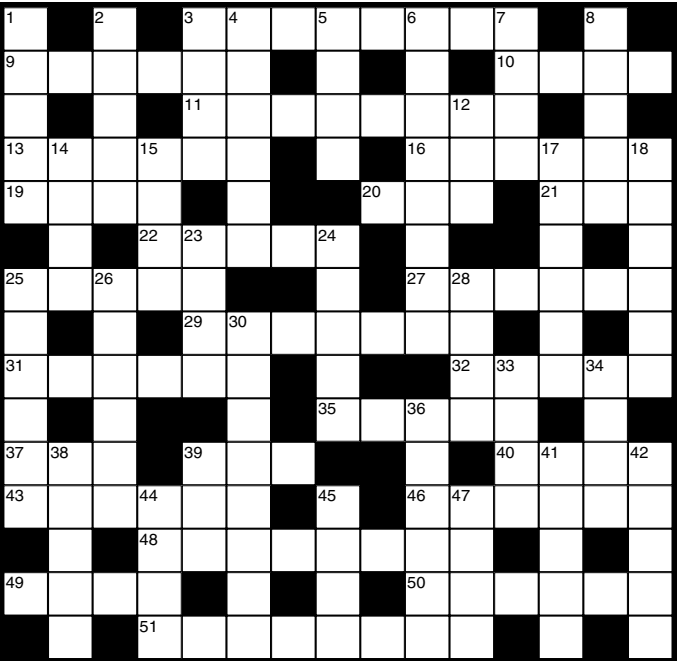
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Quick Workout

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



- ACROSS**

 - 3 Put under water
 - 9 Get
 - 10 Without legal force
 - 11 Slight infusion
 - 13 Humbles
 - 16 Regular
 - 19 Eternal city
 - 20 Neckwear
 - 21 United
 - 22 Make void
 - 25 Not fresh
 - 27 Landed property
 - 29 Propose as suitable
 - 31 Modifies fittingly
 - 32 Church recesses
 - 35 Long narrow elevation
 - 37 Metal-bearing rock
 - 39 Opener
 - 40 Rendered pig fat
 - 43 Duty list
- DOWN**

 - 1 Grinding tooth
 - 2 Vapour
 - 3 Location
 - 4 Complete agreement
 - 5 Make fun of
 - 6 Joins after separation
 - 7 At all times
 - 8 Furniture item
 - 12 Fish eggs
 - 14 Fastener
 - 15 Close up
 - 17 Marsh
 - 18 Makes even
 - 23 Nidus
- 24 Light beer
 - 25 Fixed part of motor
 - 26 Proverbs
 - 28 Male deer
 - 30 Conducting to seats
 - 33 Raw hide
 - 34 Noble
 - 36 Expunge
 - 38 Wanderer
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 - 41 Book of maps
 - 42 Postpone
 - 44 Story
 - 45 Molten rock
 - 47 Egyptian goddess

Solutions

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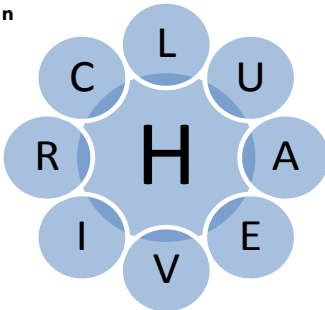
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Focus

An All Australian Word Game

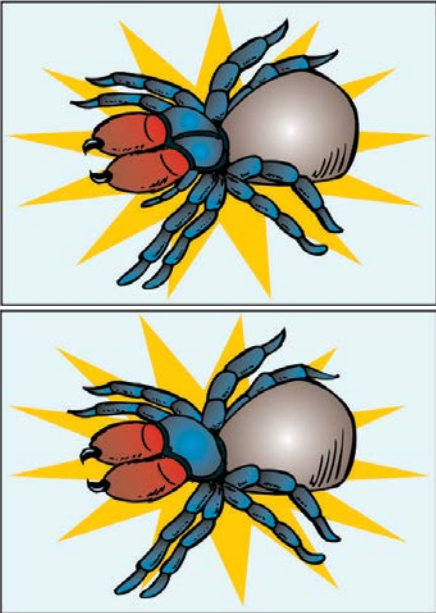
- * Each word must contain the centre 'Focus' letter and each letter may be used only once
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- * Find at least one nine letter word
- * No swear words
- * No verb forms or plurals ending in 's'
- * No proper nouns and no hyphenated words



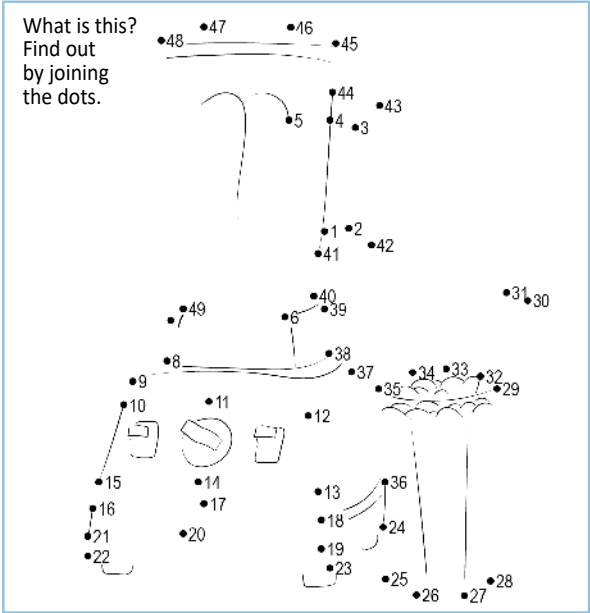
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BY MANDY CARR, QUALIFIED NATUROPATH, FLANNERY'S ORGANIC WHOLEFOOD MARKET, VICTORIA POINT

The cooler change of weather is synonymous with the start of cold and flu season. We are more prone to illness as viruses spread more easily in cooler temperatures with lower humidity. Additionally, the colder weather reduces mucous secretion within the nose, often the body's first line of defence against infection. However, there are various dietary, supplement, and lifestyle approaches that can be used to strengthen our defences.

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Vitamin C – enhances the actions of many immune cells and mediates inflammatory responses.

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FOOD IS MEDICINE

Nature provides us with the vitamins we need in our seasonal produce. Citrus grows in abundance during winter to ensure we absorb maximum vitamin C and

antioxidants. Ginger, lemon, turmeric and berries are incredible for anti-viral and anti-inflammatory support. Root vegetables offer grounding comfort for our digestion and mood balance. To boost the drop in sunshine levels during the cooler months, load up on vitamin D-rich foods such as eggs, mushrooms and salmon.

SLEEP AND STRESS

Our ability to fight off and recover from winter cold and flu also goes hand in hand with quality sleep. Prioritise healthy sleep patterns, limiting screen time before bed, removing stimulants such as caffeine and sugar, plus adding magnesium to support relaxation. When we can achieve a deep, restful state of sleep, we allow our bodies the best chance to recover and repair.

As much as a 'food as medicine' approach to wellbeing is paramount, there are times when supplementation is recommended. From sore throat relief, congestion and low energy, to children's wellbeing, runny noses and overpowering head

colds, speak with one of our in-store practitioners for a personalised recommendation based on your current needs. Personalised herbal tonics can be mixed in store to directly target the cold and flu symptoms you are facing.

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Winter is a wonderful time of year, especially when the sky is blue, the sun is shining, and the air is crisp. It's a fantastic time to get outdoors!

It's also the season to witness spectacular animal behaviours. June is the official start of whale season, and what better place to watch these magnificent migratory marine mammals than from Minjerribah, or North Stradbroke Island.

Around 40,000 humpback whales will cruise north past Redlands Coast from Antarctica to the warmer waters of the southern Great Barrier Reef to rest, play, and give birth.

Point Lookout is an excellent place to perch high on the grassy headland and watch whales breaching, tail slapping and spy hopping. In fact, it's one of the best land-based vantage points on the eastern coast of Australia. By around November, they're gone, as they embark on the long journey back to Antarctica.

I also recommend the Gorge Walk for the perfect bird's eye view to spot turtles, manta rays and dolphins.

Back on the mainland, life for our native animals continues as usual throughout the winter – except for reptiles, which literally chill out.

Winter is breeding season for echidnas. And while animal courtship in the wild comes in various forms, this egg-laying mammal or monotreme relies on patience and persistence. The mating ritual known as the echidna love train involves several males trailing behind a female, hoping to be the last man standing. At this time of year, these creatures will travel far and wide, in pursuit of some spikey romance.

Other animals like wallabies and possums are moving about the landscape too. Many Aussie species are nocturnal or crepuscular – by the way, crepuscular is one of my favourite words! It's a term used for animals that are active primarily at dawn and dusk.

Coincidentally, that's also when our roads are busy, and with low light and poor visibility in winter, it can be dangerous for wildlife. So please SLOW DOWN and be extra aware when driving.

Hopefully, this winter you can discover something magical in nature, like the humpback highway or an echidna love train.

Until next time ... Stay Wild.

Ranger Stacey



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TMR COMMENCES TRIAL OF NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TARGET TAILGATING

The Department of Transport and Main Roads has commenced a trial of new cutting-edge technology to discourage drivers following too close to the vehicle in front of them – also known as tailgating.

When an instance of tailgating is detected, a variable message sign (VMS), installed in close proximity to the detection site, will provide real-time feedback to drivers and encourage them to follow at a safe distance.

The VMS sign will alert drivers if they are ‘Too Close’ or if they’re maintaining a ‘Safe Gap’ from the vehicle in front.

Drivers will not be penalised if they are indicated to have been tailgating by the new roadside Behaviour Awareness Monitoring (BAM) detection systems.

This Australian-first trial is designed to inform and educate Queensland drivers about tailgating, and to reduce dangerous driving on Queensland roads.

The new system will operate in a similar way to the successful Slow for SAM system (Speed Awareness Monitors), which are currently

used on the network to ‘nudge’ drivers to reduce their speed.

“Tailgating is a major contributor to road trauma in Queensland, being one of the main causes of rear end crashes,” said Joanna Robinson, TMR General Manager (Land Transport Safety and Regulation).

“Motor Accident Insurance Commission data from 2023-2024 shows that rear-end crashes are the most common crash type in Queensland, comprising 50 per cent of all crashes in the Queensland Compulsory Third Party Scheme.

“This new technology will detect unsafe tailgating behaviour, and display a message to motorists in real-time on electronic message boards, similar to the Slow for SAM signs.

“This awareness and educational initiative is about encouraging safe driving behaviour, rather than focussing on enforcement. No infringements will be issued as a result of these monitors.

“The technology will be trialled at several sites across the state, and evaluated to determine if they have been effective in encouraging drivers to stop tailgating.”



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Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment is a volunteer-based recycling facility that collects and redistributes goods, principally donated by companies, hospitals and educational institutions. The Northern Region of RARE in Australia is based in the Redlands, at Alexandra Hills.

For example, in February this year, RARE took delivery of more than



300 chairs from St Joseph’s Gregory Terrace. Another example is Noosa District State High School. Through the efforts of a student, Oscar Betterridge, from the school’s Interact Club, the school rallied and supplied 1200 textbooks. Oscar and his father personally delivered them to the RARE facility.

After its 2025 May Bookfest, Capalaba Rotary Club had six boxes



of good-quality children’s books left over. We were able to box them and deliver them to RARE’s depot at Alexandra Hills.

As a local club, we are fortunate to have the RARE warehouse on our doorstep, and we continue to support the diverse projects of this clever and practical Rotary initiative.

FIVE YEARS OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP AT REDLANDS PICKLEBALL CLUB

CONTRIBUTED BY DENYSE CORNER, SECRETARY, REDLANDS PICKLEBALL CLUB

Founded in early 2020 by a small group of passionate locals, the club has grown from modest beginnings to become a thriving hub of activity and connection, now offering 22 weekly sessions running seven days a week across six venues. These include Ormiston State School, Wellington Point Tennis Courts, PCYC Redlands in Capalaba, Coolnwynpin State School, Alexandra Hills High School, and Capalaba State College.

From social to tournament players, at its core, the Redlands Pickleball Club has built a culture centred on friendship, inclusivity, and community spirit. The courts have become more than a place to play; they’re where new friendships are formed, confidence is built, and people of all ages and abilities are welcomed with open arms.

“Our anniversary is not just about how much we’ve grown in numbers,” says club president Ron Jackson. “It’s about celebrating the incredible community that has come together through this sport. Pickleball is the reason we gather, but the connections and culture we’ve built – that’s the real success story.”



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Whether you’re a beginner or a seasoned player, Redlands Pickleball Club welcomes you to be part of the next chapter in this ongoing community success story.

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Making the Most of End-Of-Financial-Year Opportunities

FROM LAURENCE SMITH, FINANCIAL ADVISER, UEM WEALTH

The 30th of June is fast approaching, meaning it's that time of year again to think about making the most of the current financial year arrangements. Here is a quick (non-exhaustive) list of items to think about and action where appropriate before the financial year closes out.

Superannuation contributions

Individuals have an annual cap of \$30,000 for concessional contributions to superannuation. The contributions that count towards this cap are the superannuation guarantee from employers, salary sacrificed (pre-tax) contributions, and personal contributions that are to be tax deducted. They are known as "concessional contributions" because these superannuation contributions are only taxed at 15%, which is often less than an individual's marginal rate of tax. If you're eligible, and if you have unused caps from previous five years, the Australian government allows you to catch up on your super contributions by adding in more than the annual limit.

Because the cap is calculated per financial year, it may be worthwhile to check how much you have already contributed, to decide whether any last minute contributions would be useful to grow super and control tax. This could also be useful if a capital gain was realised during the year, as a gain could increase your taxable income, resulting in a higher calculated tax obligation.

The second way to contribute to super is through a non-concessional contribution. The annual cap for this type of contribution is \$120,000

per annum, and these are contributions that cannot be used to directly modify taxable income (that is, through claiming a tax deduction). If certain requirements are met, you may be able to use the three-year bring forward rule and contribute more in a single year. Most often the benefit that arises from this type of contribution is to shift funds available for investment into superannuation, which is a low tax investment environment for many people, to boost retirement savings.

Low and middle income earners making a non-concessional contribution may be eligible to receive a government co-contribution of up to \$500. Another specific benefit can be gleaned from making a contribution to a low-income earning spouse's superannuation account. Spouse contributions count towards the receiving spouse's contribution cap, but can enable the contributor to claim a tax offset of 18% of the amount contributed (up to \$540). Income limits apply to both of these strategies, so check the finer details before moving ahead.

Deductible expenses

Tax deductions reduce taxable income before the applicable tax is calculated. For example, someone earning \$80,000 (sitting in the 30% marginal tax bracket), may pay \$1,000 for a work related subscription. Claiming this as a tax deduction reduces that individual's taxable income to \$79,000 and therefore reduces the tax calculated by \$300 (or 30% of the \$1,000). If these expenses are incurred in June, rather than July, then the reduced taxation can be recorded in the current year's tax return, meaning a larger tax refund received sooner.¹

Asset Sales

The tax implications resulting from asset sales can depend heavily on the timing of the sale. The best laid plans can come undone by not considering the correct date associated with a sale. For example, an individual selling an investment property may plan on making a tax deductible superannuation contribution from the proceeds of the sale, which may also reduce the tax payable in that financial year. It's important to consider however, that the contract date will determine when the sale is taxed (not the settlement date).

Taxation and superannuation are two fairly complicated and interrelated areas that require professional advice to navigate. Certain requirements apply to each of above listed strategies. Penalties can be applied for non-compliance. If you're unsure of what combination of strategies may be best for you, please seek advice from an accountant or a professional financial adviser.



Laurence Smith, Financial Adviser at UEM Wealth, part of the UEM Group

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