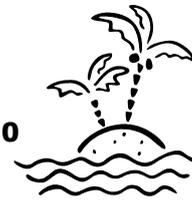




# ISLAND VIEWS

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## EDITOR'S CORNER...

Newsletter time seems to come around so fast! And there's not much room in this 12 page issue for comments, except to make sure you get involved in some of the upcoming events for March. For any new people on the island or for long term residents, if you have anything you'd like to see in April's newsletter, get that to me before the end of the month for the next publication.



## Clean Up Australia Day 2010 - Sunday, 7 March 2010

Simple actions can make a huge difference to our environment - like cleaning up your local area. For 20 years hundreds of thousands of Australians have got together every year to protect the health of our environment. Be part of the national event this year.



Redland City Council has joined forces with Clean Up Australia Chairman Ian Kiernan AO in an effort to make Clean Up Australia Day, which celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> national anniversary on 7 March, its biggest event yet by calling for Redland residents to get involved. 2010 marks an incredible 20 years since Ian Kiernan AO, founder of Clean Up Australia Day, launched the event around Australia urging people to make a difference by cleaning up their local areas for a couple of hours. Since then, his simple idea has evolved to be Australia's largest community-based environmental event. In 2009 alone, almost 630,000 volunteers participated and 7,000 sites were registered for Clean Up Australia Day

The Progress Association will be at the Jetty from 8-10am where anyone wanting to help can register and pick up their bags. Come along and get involved and help clean up the place where you live!

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## Impacts of Cigarette Butts

While most people are aware of the risks involved in smoking, few seem to realise that cigarettes are also bad for the environment. About 24 billion cigarettes are sold in Australia each year. It is estimated that 7 billion of these cigarettes are littered.

### *Some of the environmental impacts of cigarette butts:*

- When it rains, cigarette butts lying in our streets and gutters are carried via stormwater directly into our harbours, beaches and rivers. The chemicals contained in these butts and the butts themselves impact on our water quality and can be deadly to marine life.
- Flicked butts can cause fires. When thrown from a motor vehicle into dried grass, butts can start a grassfire or even a bushfire.
- Cigarette butts can take up to 12 months to break down in freshwater and up to 5 years to break down in seawater.
- Littered butts seriously reduce the aesthetic quality of any environment.
- Butts have been found in the stomachs of young birds, sea turtles and other marine creatures.

### *What Can I do?*

Educate your family and friends about the impact that littered cigarette butts have on the environment.

If you're a smoker, why not purchase the Go Green Pocket Ashtray for \$1.59 available in Coles, Bi-Lo, Coles Express, Liquorland, Theo's and Vintage Cellars outlets. What's more, 10c from the sale of each ashtray is donated to the Go Green Environment fund, the beneficiaries of which are Clean Up Australia, Landcare and Planet Ark.

## PROGRESS ASSOCIATION ...

At the last Progress meeting on 2 February, it was decided to use some surplus funds to provide a \$50 subsidy for groups hosting a First Sunday event. The meeting also decided to write to Council regarding Green and hard Waste removal and the erosion on Norfolk Beach.

Martin Skok reported on the revival of Oktoberfest on 23 October. Preparations to date include obtaining quotes for portable toilets security and T shirts. Bev Holcroft offered to run a sausage sizzle at Oktoberfest and this offer was gratefully accepted.

Bev Holcroft, David Paxton, Martin Skok and Heuston Tilson all volunteered to form a sub committee for the Flinders Day Markets.

The Progress Association is hosting The First Sunday function this Sunday, 7 March. There will be a sausage sizzle in the front playground from noon, hopefully the weather cooperates

Other matters of interest discussed were the Foreshore survey and the waste Transfer Station. Surveys have been conducted on both these issues and the results are awaited.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ...

Re your comment regarding rubbish on the island. Do you know that there is a number of people who walk this island almost every day armed with plastic bags picking up RUBBISH from the beaches and picnic areas? We don't do it to be acclaimed we do it because it's our front yard too. Most of the rubbish is home grown as are the litterbugs.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ... REMEMBER – LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!

A public meeting was held at the Community Hall on Wednesday, 20 January 2010. In attendance were Senior Sergeant Steve Graham and our Liaison Officer, Constable Joseph Mohr of Redland Bay Police. A number of subjects were discussed and crime statistics for the previous three months' were presented. Permanent police presence was mentioned and a letter from the Minister was summarised. This letter will be placed on the sealed noticeboard in the very near future.

The subject of private security was raised with reference to personal safety etc. This service is to be commended in relation to security of functions, such as Oktoberfest etc, but is not to be involved in general policing duties. It goes without saying that vigilantes will not be tolerated by the law. I would suggest that any security organisation wishing to establish on the island should make initial contact with the Progress Association.

Police presence has been on the increase with unmarked cars also in service and the holiday period was said to be quieter than usual. Noisy parties have diminished. There was some trepidation when we heard that 25 young people were to attend an 18th birthday celebration in James Street and that there would be no adults present. Apparently the trustees 'did the right thing', notifying neighbours and police beforehand. There were no serious complaints.

### Noticeboards

Following the blatant and constant removal of our meeting and safety notices from the main board, I approached Council with a view to gaining access to the secure board. As a result, the locks were changed and I now have a key to the new restricted locks. Please, contact me if you need to have a sign put in the locked board. New signs such as Redlands City Council's 'Eat Well, Be Active 2010 Program' are on view.

### Recent Activities

- 25/1 Child on scooter rode, without due care and attention, onto road (Victoria Parade) almost colliding with the left-hand front guard section of a car, driven by a responsible lady at approx 30 KPH.
- 27/1 Large park bench seat found in front of the urinal inside the men's toilet at Main Park. Floor tiles had been broken.
- 27/1 Red vehicle seen driving on Main Beach (west of boat ramp) at 2.13 pm. Number plate (on rear only) was noted.
- 28/1 240v switch box in proximity to BBQ (west of boat ramp) broken into. Local youths had found it open and were playing music.

I would again, enjoy meeting a patriotic youth (wearing a flag) who introduced himself as Graham Fitzgerald on Australia Day. If you know of him, please ask him to contact me.

Finally, if you require an ambulance on the island, please phone 000. As it is a voluntary service, there are no official contact numbers on the island.

### Below are recent crime statistics:

- 2/11/09 - Wilful damage to letterbox in Maroo Street
- 7/11/09 - Burglary (DNA located)
- 7/11/09 - Grievous assault – persons charged
- 16/11/09 - Assault on Victoria Parade – person charged
- 7/12/09 - Stealing from house in Perulpa Street – outboard motor
- 9/12/09 - Wilful damage Carefree street – person charged
- 20/12/09 - Vessel removed from mooring
- 31/12/09 - Stealing from Coochie ferry
- 11/1/10 - Wilful damage to house – Elizabeth Street

## POLITICAL NEWS ...

The two bills before the house last week both support altruistic surrogacy, which recognises children born into or entering surrogacy arrangements. The LNP's bill was consistent with the adoption laws in Queensland which does not allow for same ex couples, single men or women and sets an age limit. The child must be paramount in determining the suitability of prospective parents.

I considered very carefully the risk and implications of the bill, listening to the many phone calls and reading the many emails sent to my office. There are also many unanswered questions in the newly introduced bill. How much money is "reasonable costs" for a surrogate?

The government legislation is crafted in a selfish manner. It biases the wants or the whims of a minority in our community. Parenting is a privilege and a blessing. It is not a right; it is a gift. A child is not an accessory or a commodity that could be traded. The original intent of the surrogacy legislation was to assist eligible infertile couples to have children.

**Peter Dowling MP Member for Redlands**

## GARDENING CLUB NEWS ...

The Garden Club has kicked off its 2010 year on 22 February 2010, with a well attended meeting at the Community Hall ,where we discussed problems associated with gardening in sandy soil environments. We have decided to source rock dust and hope its minerals will be the panacea we are looking for.

We also planned some activities for the year and the President led a general discussion on enduring powers of attorney. Our next meeting will be on Monday 28 March 2010, at the Community Hall when we will be pleased to welcome Judy Grimshaw who is speaking on the **Mangroves of Moreton Bay**. All are welcome. This discussion should appeal to all and especially to islanders with littoral and bush care interests.

Inquiries: Denise Wright (Secretary) on 3207 6461 or Diane Binstead (President) on 0402 963 765

## Apply for a community or RADF grant now

Redland City Council is calling for individuals, and community and not-for-profit organisations to lodge their community grant applications by 26 March 2010.

This is the closing date for the second round of the 2009/2010 offers through Council's Community Grants Program, which was adopted last year to make it easier for individuals and groups to access Council funding.

Redland City Deputy Mayor, Toni Bowler, said that last November Council signed off more than \$345,000 of community funding support during the first round of allocations under the new arrangements, and an additional \$27,374 for five Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants.

"Just over \$270,000 of community funding will be available through this final round of allocations for 2009/2010, with an additional \$72,000 for Regional Arts Development Fund grants."

The RADF grants program is a partnership program with Arts Queensland that supports professional emerging artists, and arts practitioners in the Redlands. Previously RADF grants were administered through the Redland Art Gallery, but they have now been consolidated into the Community Grants Program to improve administrative efficiencies.

"Providing grants is a powerful way for us to build strong communities by funding projects, organisations and infrastructure that help Council achieve its strategic priorities in our community. The better our grants program, the better we can do that," Cr Bowler said.

Council's community grants are available across a number of categories, including the Regional Arts Development Funds.

Application kits for Round 2, and information on grant categories and eligibility criteria are available on Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).

A separate application kit for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) grants is available at [www.arts.qld.gov](http://www.arts.qld.gov).

The Deputy Mayor urges individuals, and community and not-for-profit organisations wanting to secure Council funding to start preparing their applications early. "Council officers will run a number of free information sessions on application writing from 22 February until 11 March, at various locations throughout the Redlands. Make sure you book early to secure your spot as spaces will be limited," Cr Bowler said.

### Information sessions on the writing of applications are being held on:

**Time and date:** 5.30 to 7pm, 4 March 2010

**Venue:** Cleveland Library Meeting Room, Cnr Middle and Bloomfield Streets, Cleveland

**Time and date:** 4 to 5.30pm, 9 March 2010

**Venue:** Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, 17 Runnymede Road, Capalaba

**Time and date:** 5.30 to 7pm, 11 March 2010

**Venue:** Cleveland Library Meeting Room, Cnr Middle and Bloomfield Streets, Cleveland

To book your place at an information session, and for more information on, kits and application forms for all the above grants, call the Community Grants Team on 3829 8911.

## REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

### Comment open on Council's draft corporate plan

The Redlands community has told Council what it wants our city to be like in 2030 and locals now have the chance to ensure Council's corporate plan reflects that vision. Council this week endorsed the draft Redland City Council Corporate Plan 2010 – 2015, which will direct what projects will be delivered and how funds will be spent over the next five years.

The corporate plan is Council's main planning document and has been structured to reflect the key outcomes identified by the community in the recently endorsed *Redlands 2030 Community Plan*. Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, said the new community plan set out the vision for the mainland and islands, while the corporate plan provided a framework in which that vision could be achieved.

"Many people in our community were involved in developing *Redlands 2030* and told us what they wanted to see happen. The corporate plan is our response," Cr Hobson said. "We're now interested to hear what our community thinks about our draft corporate plan, which addresses the first five years of the 20-year vision.

Council would like to know:

Are we responding appropriately to the issues identified in *Redlands 2030*?

Are we delivering the right services and projects to achieve the 2030 vision?

Which issues are most important to you?

What is the one specific thing you would like Council to do in the next five years?

The plan also includes some suggested performance measures to track how well Council is doing.

Do you think these measures will show whether we are delivering?

Have we chosen the right things to measure?

Will they highlight problems or issues?

"We're very interested to hear what our community thinks of the draft plan and how we can improve it. We'll carefully consider every response we receive," Cr Hobson said.

The draft Redland City Council Corporate Plan 2010-2015 is now available at Council's Customer Service Centres and online at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au). Responses can be made by post or email, or submitted to Council's Customer Service Centres at Cleveland and Capalaba.

Comments close 6 April. The final draft, incorporating community feedback, will be presented to Council in May, with the new adopted plan coming into effect 1 July 2010.

## Coochie Internet Options ...

Coochie residents are finding that access to the Internet is quickly becoming a necessity - or at least a big convenience. However, there are a large range of internet service providers out there, and the number of different plans is mind blowing. Add to that, the fact that most service providers aren't really aware of Coochie's special circumstances (summarised below), and it becomes even harder to find an internet option that is going to work for you.

Coochie has a few challenges but also some benefits, when compared to the mainland: **Our mobile coverage is spotty at best.** In general, many communications providers will try and convince you to go for a 'wireless 3g internet' plan, the first time you contact them. For most of us on Coochie though, it's not much of an option.

You'll be supplied with a small USB dongle, sometimes with a small external antennae. It will generally only work on windows; though Macs are sometimes supported. You will only be able to use a single computer to connect to the internet (in general). If you want more than one computer connected, you'll have to buy a more expensive '3g router'. These are around the \$150 mark at the moment. The speed is quite reasonable; around 70% of the speed of an 'ADSL' option - sometimes more. The prices are generally reasonably attractive when compared to other options, though you have to watch out for 'excess usage fees'.

If you have excellent 3g mobile phone coverage in your house, then this might be worth trying - but otherwise, steer clear.

If you'd like to try it out anyway, get a guarantee from the provider, that if the service is not up to scratch, you can return it with no questions asked, and no further commitment. **We don't have any 'wireless nodes' nearby.**

Some service providers (such as 'Unwired') provide internet access using 'WiFi'. We don't have any WiFi capable towers within reach of Coochie at this time, which rules out that option. **We don't have a 'traditional' phone exchange.**

Down near the Baywaters office is a little cabinet. That's our 'micro exchange'. Our phone lines terminate there, and then get amalgamated onto one or two optical fibre links (I suspect), and join into the Victoria Point exchange. Traditional phone exchanges are a bit bigger, and allow telecommunications providers to install communications 'cards' that provide additional services (such as ADSL2+). Our box is a bit smaller, and doesn't really have that capability.

If you talk to an Internet Service provider though, they'll ask you for your phone number. They'll do a search on the database, and work out that you're connected to the Victoria Point exchange.

Victoria Point is ADSL2+ capable, and has plenty of free ports.. unfortunately though, we're not really connected to Victoria point - Coochie only really has "ADSL1+" available from our exchange, and there are only a fairly limited number of ADSL ports available - so don't be too disappointed if the provider says "Yep - we can have you on next week", then has to give you a call back to tell you that "Oh.. sorry - Telstra tells us that we can't connect you up after all".

ADSL is very good - probably the best possible option for high-volume users on the island. Response times are excellent, speeds are good (in fact, since just about everyone on Coochie is very close to the local exchange, we can get 'unrestricted ADSL', which is actually comparable speed-wise, to ADSL2 in some areas). Providers such as 'Internode' offer unrestricted ADSL1 (sometimes known as ADSL1+). Unfortunately, Telstra does not at this stage.

Internode and iiNet are the two top-recommended ADSL service providers on the 'Australian Broadband Choice' section of the 'Whirlpool.net' site. Both have support teams here in Australia, and can supply hardware to get you up and running. **We're a defined 'remote area' (Subsidised Australian Broadband Guarantee Services - Category D).**

Because our communications situation is rife with challenges, we do have one big benefit: Coochie is defined as a 'remote area' under the Australian broadband guarantee. What does this mean? Well, it means that the government will help you obtain 'metro comparable' broadband. This generally means that, if you choose to go for a satellite internet service provider, your hardware and installation costs will be subsidised - generally to the point where installation is free.

Some of the providers that are able to provide such a service for Coochie, include:

- Activ8me, Skymesh, HarbourIT, ReachNet, BorderNet, WestNe, Clear Networks, BlueMaxx, Wideband Networks, and Aussie Broadband.

Some of these providers also provide a phone service that runs over the satellite connection. If you use something like this, you can throw away your normal phone point completely, and stop paying the \$20-30 'line rental' charge every month (even if you don't use your phone). Call costs are usually VERY cheap, when compared to Telstra/Optus/etc.

So, now we know the challenges, what are some of the better options?

### 1) ADSL

Great if you can get it. Unfortunately, you may have to wait for someone else to relinquish their ADSL-capable line, before you'll be able to gain access to it. There are a variety of plans. Generally, you'll be looking at around \$20-30 / month, which will include around "5 gigabytes of data". 5 Gigabytes will be ABSOLUTELY PLENTY for just about any internet user on the island. About the only people who may potentially break through the barrier, are those who have teenage kids.

Look at Internode, iiNet or TPG as starting points. There are generally two types of plan - shaped, and 'pay as you go'.

The pay-as-you-go plans will generally include a certain number of megabytes as part of the price you pay each month. If you happen to go over that limit, the service provider will generally charge you 'per megabyte'. This can quickly become expensive, if you accidentally download something very large, that you didn't intend to.. or if the grandkids come over on the weekend and soak up your Internet. Go for a 'Shaped' plan. If you go over the pre-allocated limit on these plans, all they do is 'slow you down' a bit, rather than charging you more money.

### 2) Satellite internet.

Under the broadband guarantee, installation is most likely free. There are quite a few providers; the more popular on Coochie at the moment, are Activ8me, and Skymesh - though Westnet has a reputation for excellent customer service, on the 'Whirlpool' site mentioned above. They currently have a \$9.98/month (for the first 6 months) plan which might suit very light internet users (note: it's not 'shaped', so you need to be a little cautious with your usage - excess is charged at 5c per megabyte). A brief scan around a few other service providers reveals reasonably similar pricing options.

Activ8me has a \$12.45 plan (first 6 months), which IS shaped, which might be better for most users (note: it reverts to \$25ish/month after the first 6 months). You'll get a satellite dish on your roof and a satellite internet box inside your house - around the size and shape of half a pizza box, usually.

### 3) Mobile broadband (sometimes referred to as 'wireless internet' by providers).

Those with houses around the eastern/southern edges of the island, might have enough 3g mobile reception to get access to 3g internet. If you're up in the north-east corner, you may get just enough reception from Dunwich also. As mentioned above though, coverage can be spotty - so get a guarantee that you'll be able to return the hardware, and break the contract, if you don't get adequate reception at your chosen location.

Have a peek at Virgin broadband - \$19.95/month (shaped). They use the Optus 3g network, so check your potential coverage with a 3g Optus phone. For those that prefer Telstra, the Telstra Liberty 1G option might be worth investigating.

## REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

### Flying Foxes in travel through the Redlands

Redlands residents have a limited opportunity to witness a unique wildlife event.

The nomadic Little Red Flying Foxes are following the flowering eucalypts down along the eastern seaboard and have set up a temporary camp at Redland Bay. From their mainland base they venture out every evening in their thousands to feast on one of their favourite trees, bloodwoods, which are currently flowering on North Stradbroke Island. It is truly a spectacular sight to behold with some comparing it to the legendary Wildebeest migrations in South Africa.

The "Little Reds" are the smallest of the flying foxes and specialist nectar feeders, preferring the blossoms from most native trees and shrubs that occur within their range. They also feed on mangrove flowers and play a critical role in their pollination.

With their ability to travel great distances, Little Red Flying Foxes play an invaluable and highly specialised role in cross-pollinating eucalypts across large areas, ensuring genetic diversity and healthy forests. As healthy forests are pivotal in regulating our climate, it can be said that flying foxes also help in the fight against climate change.

As the flowering of eucalypts can vary from year to year, these flying foxes have adapted by leading a highly nomadic lifestyle. They have even been recorded as far inland as northern South Australia.

Once the flowering has finished they will literally pack up camp overnight and move on to their next food source. In the meantime, nearby residents are advised to bring their washing in at night and cover their cars.

The Little Red Flying Foxes last visited our city two years ago, so take the opportunity now to view this amazing spectacle. The best site to view their nightly fly outs is from Torquay Parade, opposite Talburpin Park in Redland Bay, at around 6.30pm.

While some flying foxes can carry the Australian Bat Lyssavirus (ABL), Queensland Health states on its website there is no known risk of contacting ABL from bats flying overhead, contact with bat urine or faeces or from fruit they have eaten. Living, playing or walking near bat roosting areas does not pose a risk of exposure to the virus.

However, should you encounter an injured flying fox, Redland City Council wildlife officers suggest you do not touch or pick it up. Rather, call Bat Care Brisbane on 0488 228 134 for assistance. To view footage of a recent flying fox fly out from Redland Bay, visit Council's website at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au) and click on our Facebook link.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ... COOCHIE ISLAND RESORT!

Since 2005, Maree Coombs and Mark Bowden have been the leaseholders of Coochie Island Resort, Coochiemudlo Island's only fully licensed venue. In that time the Resort has seen many great events including fabulous gourmet food & wine dinners, musical performances from opera to rock bands, New Years Eve parties, dozens of weddings and conferences, and even received an Australia Day award for consistent outstanding service and assistance to Queensland Emergency Services groups.

The successful management of a venue such as Coochie Island Resort, with a bar, restaurant and accommodation is a challenging but highly rewarding job, with the great luxury of not having to leave the island every day to go to work.

However, last year the seemingly tireless Mark and Maree also opened a retail business in Oxford Street, Bulimba which is steadily growing and demanding more of their time. Therefore the leasehold of Coochie Island Resort is now up for sale, at the greatly reduced price of \$159,000. This represents an outstanding opportunity to make your own career sea change, and enjoy the relaxed pace of living and working on the island. This is a walk in walk out situation with solid future bookings and huge growth potential.

So if you ever imagined yourself behind a bar shaking up a frozen Margarita this may be your chance. Enquiries should be directed to LJ Hooker Coochiemudlo Island on 3207 0120.

### WHAT'S ON AT ... COOCHIE ISLAND RESORT!

What's new at the resort? Sundays! Delicious Sunday lunches at the Mad Mango from 12 til 2pm featuring sizzling steaks, fresh seafood, crisp salads and more. From 3 til 6pm live acoustic music at the Sunday Sessions and then from 5 til 6.30pm the Sunday Roast. Succulent roast meats served with lashings of baked vegies for only \$16.50.

*Plus* during March we'll include a free glass of chardonnay or stubby of XXXX Gold with every roast! Excellent value!

The Mad Mango restaurant is open for lunch and dinner Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and of course Coochie folk are always welcome. See you there! Inquiries and bookings 3207 7521.



## COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RSL SUB BRANCH Returned Services League of Australia (Qld)

*Motto: "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"*

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

The **Coochiemudlo Island RSL Sub Branch** has formed with membership available to Defence, Ex-Defence, Reservists, Associate Members, Australian Citizens who have served overseas as a member of an approved peacekeeping force and Citizens Auxiliary.

Committee members elected:

President:	Steven Crockett	3820 9674
Vice President:	Trevor Watson	3207 7969
Vice President:	Laurie Burns	3207 7157
Secretary/Treasurer:	Lynda Grogan	3207 0610
Welfare Officer:	Colin Cole	3820 6563

Membership forms may be obtained from Baywaters Realty or 18 Shirley St and returned to same or from the RSL Qld website:  
[www.rslqld.org](http://www.rslqld.org)

### REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

#### Time to have a say on how we manage waste in the Redlands

Viewing the contents of our wheelie bins as a resource, rather than waste, is one of the key elements of Redland City Council's draft 10-year waste management strategy, which is now available for community feedback. The Sustainable Resources Future strategy outlines a series of initiatives to improve the rate of material currently diverted from landfill to be used as a resource (for example, organic material, timber, metals etc). It acknowledges the need for a major resource recovery facility and increased awareness across our community about ways to reduce waste ultimately going to landfill. The draft strategy aims to recover as many resources from the waste stream as possible, through community education, along with new systems and infrastructure that can then be used locally, as new markets develop.

The Redlands currently diverts only 32 per cent of its waste from landfill, and the draft strategy aims to increase that figure over its 10-year time frame. The Redlands community and other key stakeholders now have the opportunity to view the draft strategy and provide feedback, before Council makes its final decision on the document in April. In particular, Council is keen to hear from the community about what level of targets should be set to divert domestic waste from landfill and increase resource recovery.

Redland City Mayor Melva Hobson said it was important the community tell Council how far it wanted to go in effectively managing waste, and how much it was prepared to pay. "We needed to be guided by our community, because there are so many options we can consider," Cr Hobson said. "It's all well and good for Council to set targets for resource recovery, but if they are not supported by our community, they are pointless." Cr Hobson said the strategy looked at a range of measures focused on recovering and re-using the resources currently going into wheelie bins and, ultimately, into landfill.

"The draft strategy includes suggestions for new community-based programs that provide ways to re-use organic material, such as backyard composts and worm farms. "Another suggestion is to create the capacity for organisations to repair and sell broken household goods diverted from the waste stream (like furniture), which in turn would support local employment and skill-building. Council currently transports its green waste outside the city, where it's used to generate green electricity. Instead, we could consider using it to produce gardening products for sale to locals."

The Mayor said these were all topics Council was interested in gaining opinions on from the community. "Our community told us through the Redlands 2030 community planning process it wants our city to be a leader in waste management practices. This is the first step in addressing that goal. "How we manage our waste will have significant impact on our quality of life here in the Redlands in the future. Now is our chance to set a clear and unified direction through what we intend to be a sensible and strategic approach," Cr Hobson said.

Copies of the draft Sustainable Resources Future strategy and are available from customer service centres and online at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au). You can provide written feedback, or via a survey available at Customer Service Centres and online at [www.redland.qld.gov.au](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au).

Council intends to run a specific focus group during March to allow for greater community discussion and feedback on waste issues such as targets and implications. Residents can register via the online survey form on the website. Feedback closes Monday, 29 March.

## WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – BE BRAVE & SHAVE



As you know it is that time of year again. If you were thinking of getting into it this year, please let me know and we can organise a great night on the island so everyone can enjoy seeing you get it off or just get some colour into it. We can coordinate a date to suit you, just give me a call.

World's Greatest Shave is happening from 11 to 13 March, at various shopping centres. Anyone is welcome to register. Just call Esther Ison on 3820 6718 or 0422 878 457.

### Trivia Night

And yes, we are having another one. Date to be announced. So get your tables of 6 ready and booked so you don't miss out! This has always been a fun evening with lots of prizes and lots of laughter. Call Esther on 3820 6718.

I am also looking at a Cabaret Night in May or June, depending what is happening on the island. So think of your costume and once again, please let me know of your interest.

Thank you to all the people who have supported me in the past and any donations for the raffle can be left at my house. You have always joined in the spirit of a fun evening and I do thank you.

Esther Ison

## From the Bayside Bulletin ...

### Big wet brings out mozzies

STORMY weather and king tides have led to increased mosquito complaints over the past month. As Ross River Fever season begins next week, however, reported cases of the mosquito-transmitted disease - a flu-like illness with joint pains - are below expectations.

Following last month's tropical storms and king tides, Redland City Council has received complaints consistent with previous wet years. Reports of breeding and biting have not been this high since 2007, with similar reports over the summers of 2002/03 and 2000/01.

The more sinister statistics for reported cases of Ross River virus, which peak during March and April, are currently below expected levels according to the Ross River Early Detection System. The council's ongoing mosquito management tactics, including aerial spraying of mosquito breeding areas and "runnelling" to flush out areas of stagnant water, is reportedly achieving a 98 per cent mortality rate across the city.

The council has currently conducted seven aerial treatments, and expects to carry out another five before the end of the mosquito season in April/May. This is fewer than most other wet summers, with 15 treatments over 2007/08, a summer with a similar number of complaints, and 19 treatments in 2005/06. The number of treatments is increased in some years if treatments have not been deemed successful.

Residents are urged to clean out gutters, install flyscreens and maintain water tank and septic tank lids and structures to flush out stagnant water. Water left in pot plant trays, bromeliads, ponds and bird baths should also be regularly changed to prevent mosquitoes breeding.

Further information about mosquitoes and mosquito control round the home can be found at [www.redland.qld.gov.au/Council/factSheets/Mossies/](http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Council/factSheets/Mossies/) and in council fact sheets available at customer service.

## 8 Tips to keep your Postie safe on the beat!

1. Keep your doggy friend behind the fence.
2. Display your house number.
3. Keep your letterbox in good nick and free of sharp edges.
4. Exit driveway slowly and watch out for pedestrians
5. Position your letterbox on or near the fence.
6. Put your letterbox in a safe position.
7. Clear the letterbox area of shrubs and overhanging branches.
8. Keep your letterbox to an ideal height.



## FEBRUARY 2010 ...

1 March	- First day of Autumn
5 March	- World Prayer Day
7 March	- Clean Up Australia Day
8 March	- International Women's Day
11-13 March	- Leukaemia Foundation World's Greatest Shave
13 March	- Rec Club Fundraising Shopping Trip
17 March	- St Patrick's Day
21 March	- World Poetry Day
22 March	- World Day for Water
23 March	- World Meteorological Day
27 March	- Earth Hour



## Coochiemudlo Island Recreation Club News ...

RECREATION CLUB Membership Renewal Fees due by February 28. If you haven't already done so, please return form and fee to Peter Pritchard, 26 Mooroodu Street ASAP.

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### **FUND RAISING SHOPPING TRIP**

We are organising a bus tour of the warehouses around Underwood.

**When:** On Saturday, 13 March.

**Price:** \$25 per person

***We expect to visit:***

- Corfu Fashions - Ladies smart casual fashions
- Berlei factory - Also has Hush Puppies and Candy shoes.
- N2Gifts - Unusual gifts and homewares
- Pottery
- Darrell Lea
- Sara Lee - If you intend to purchase food, don't forget your Esky!
- Kitchenwares

Bring your family and friends and have a happy day getting ready for Easter Holidays!

Morning Tea will be provided. BYO lunch or buy a pie at Yatala!

The bus will pick up at 8.30 am and drop off at 4 pm at the Victoria Point Jetty.

For more information and to reserve your seat, ring **Mary on 3207 8812** or **Jacqui on 3207 0915**.

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### **Notice of Annual General Meeting of the Coochie Recreation Club Inc.**

Will be held on 27 March 2010 at the Recreation Hall at 10 am.

Nomination forms for positions on the committee and proxy voting forms are available from the Secretary and in the Recreation Hall.

Nomination forms must be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 13 March 2010.

Peter Pritchard  
Hon Secretary  
26 Mooroodu Street

## Coochie SLSC News ...

Coochie SLSC sent 6 teams to compete at State level at the Laerdal Queensland Surf Rescue Championships held at Dicky beach on the weekend. We had some great results. The teams encountered some very challenging scenarios but went out and competed well.

Both Alex & Sophie are automatically through to the Australian Titles next month with our 4th & 5th place getters on reserve.

The results were:

- Open - 2nd place Alex Terrill and Sophie Horsfall
- Under 19's - 4th place Sophie Horsfall and Lauren Cantrill
- Under 17's - 4th place Sophie Horsfall and Lauren Cantrill
- Under 15's - 5th place Tiffany Smith and Joshua Cantrill
- 6th place Nicola Horsfall and Jessica Fernandes
- 9th place Jason Parker and William Rubie

Congrats should go to all teams.

Coochie SLSC is expecting the Life Saving Heli to come visit us on 7 March, so don't panic!

## FISHY BITS ...

With all the murky water caused by recent rains, the local fish are a little tentative. However, there are positives; there are plenty of squid being caught in the cleaner water up near Amity, and it's only a matter of time until they work their way down to Coochie once more. Fresh water in the bay, also tends to drive the larger snapper towards angler-friendly areas. Quite a few 70+ cm fish were caught last month up near Redcliffe, and more recently, similar sized fish have been caught around Peel island.



Tiger prawns are also starting to build up in numbers; try the grassy banks on the east of the island, on a very low tide, at night. Fresh water also generally means that the mud crabs will be on the move.

Sharks have also been pushed out of the larger river systems. Deep holes are usually good options, if you'd like a feed of flake. Try the drop-off north-east of the Banana banks, or the hole just west of the northern tip of Macleay as a starting point. Remember that there's a no-take limit of 1.5m for sharks in Qld.

One more potentially useful tip; the debris in the bay from all the rain can sometimes be quite useful. This mobile fish-attracting devices are often worth a cast or two as you're passing by. Squid and Cod will quite often sit quietly right next to a large floating branch, waiting for smaller fish to wander past. Approach quietly, and try lightly weighted lures or plastics.

A few early tailor have been caught out near Macleay Island - generally fairly small fish though. As we get closer to winter, try pilchards off the south-east corner of Coochie, if you're land based. If you're in a boat, or kayak, try the channel that runs roughly east/west, north of Macleay - or the channel that runs from Redland Bay, west of Coochie.

Despite a excellent season on Spotty and Spanish mackerel up around Noosa, and also down on the Gold Coast at Palmy reef, the pickings in the southern bay have been pretty light so far.

## QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT REBATE ON SOLAR POWER

With Australia's abundance of sunshine, **solar power systems** are the natural choice to help reduce the impact on our environment and reduce your energy costs. With panels on your roof leading to an inverter that turns the sun's energy into usable 240v power, these systems are the best way to reduce your energy costs.

A solar power system is not only an investment in the future of our planet; it is an investment that will show returns as soon as your first electricity bill arrives. A 1 kW photovoltaic solar system will **cut the electricity bills in most homes by 33%**.

A 1.5 kW photovoltaic solar panel will, on average, save a consumer \$600-\$800 in electricity bills each year. This means with government rebates currently in place, the unit will **completely pay for itself in less than two years, after the RECs rebate has been cashed in on YOUR HOME.**

The Queensland State Government has a rebate program in legislation until 2028 that is called **Feed In Tariffs**, one of the most useful ways of encouraging homeowners to install photovoltaic solar panels on their homes. Feed In Tariffs are a mechanism by which owners of grid- connect photovoltaic solar power systems are **paid MORE than the retail price** for any excess electricity production that is fed back into the grid. The present rate is 44cents/Kw, which means you are paid up to **3 times** the price that you pay for electricity!

PLANETCARE is a company that prides itself on quality one on one service... and the true spirit of giving the customer what best suits THEIR needs and not OURS! With that in mind Planetcare is coming to Coochiemudlo Island to fit their low cost high quality solar systems. The Island is perfectly placed to receive high levels of solar radiation and has a spirit of low impact, environmentally friendly development.

Planetcare will be conducting a **FREE INFORMATION SEMINAR on the island in March...** to book a spot and enjoy an informative evening on sustainable energy just contact Patrick Mac at [patrick@planetcare.net.au](mailto:patrick@planetcare.net.au) or CALL 0416 533 771.



# END OF SUMMER SALE

## Installing NOW ON COOCHIEMUDLO SOLAR POWER PACKAGES

**WE FULLY INSTALL RESIDENTIAL, RURAL AND COMMERCIAL SYSTEMS**

### FREE INFORMATION SEMINAR ON THE ISLAND

### CALL 0416 533 771 to register

or email [patrick@planetcare.net.au](mailto:patrick@planetcare.net.au) to reserve a spot

**AUSTRALIA'S SUSTAINABLE ENERGY EXPERTS**

**SAVE \$\$\$ FREE ENERGY from the SUN**

## CLASSIFIEDS .....



### Wanted Known

Reliable, responsible high school student available for childminding. Available afternoons, evenings and weekends. Reasonable rates. Phone: Regan on 3207 0914

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### For Sale

- Large three seater Lounge, Pale coloured check fabric - comfy cushions 1800 x 900 – pulls out to sofa bed \$280.00.

- TV cabinet 1000w x 1300h x 220d. TV section has bi-fold - glass and timber doors – the bottom has two – opening -glass and timber doors, Rosewood Incl 28” Sony TV - \$180.00.

- Hoover 920 – top loading washing machine with agitator. 260 w x 260d x 110h, new pump - \$80.00

To view please Contact – 3207 9112 – all goods are on the Island.

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### Missing

Missing from Elizabeth Street, few weeks after Xmas. 6 sitter wooden barbecue setting one chair has a distinct marking. Any information would be greatly appreciated. Please call 0418 779 293.

## LIBRARY NEWS...



With the recent donations of excellent books, including *Mao's Last Dancer* and Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol*, our little library is doing very well. Outreach at Cleveland Library also keep us topped up with large print books. Thank you to all!

January saw 150 clients borrow 380 items and February was also busy with 145 clients, borrowing 325 items.

Jone will be returning from her 'Royal Tour' on 18 March and I am looking forward to that!

**Please Note:** Due to circumstances beyond my control, the library will be closed on Wednesday, 17 March. I regret any inconvenience this may cause. Cheers – Norma Green.

## GUITAR LESSONS ON THE ISLAND

### STARTING APRIL, BEGINNERS WELCOME



Your choice of Blues, Pop, Rock, Country, Folk along with basic theory, reading music, Guitar Tab, scales, chords etc if this is what interests you!

if you just want to learn a few chords to strum some songs that is fine as well.

First lesson is free then \$20 per 30 mins, one on one tuition. Day or night tuition - I can also provide advice when buying guitars

Contact: Lindsay on 3207 7625 or 0432 392 462

## THANK YOU ...

Belinda and Gwen are sorry to have to close the Matthew Flinders Cafe owing to the increase in rent of nearly \$200 per week as it wouldn't be viable to continue with the cafe. So because of the greed of our landlord the island will once again have to suffer. We would like to thank all our loyal customers many have become friends for their support.

Gas will still be available from:

**Ethan Finney** - **Registered Plumber and Gas fitter**  
**Cnr Erapah & Welsby St, Coochiemudlo Island**

**Swap 'N Go and 45kg bottles**  
**Certificate of Compliance available from Ethan**

Please support Ethan and Lisa as they are islanders. Best Wishes to all, Belinda & Gwen

## NEWS FROM COOCHIE ISLAND BARGE TRANSPORT

We have kept our prices low as long as possible but with large maintenance expenses and the purchasing of a new barge, we have no choice but to increase our fares slightly. We thank you for your support over the years. These prices will take effect from Monday, 1 March 2010.

### Return Prices as follows:

Cars, 4wds and utes	\$ 45.00
Vehicles to 2 tonne	\$ 55.00
Vehicles to 4 tonne	\$113.00
Vehicles over 4 tonne	\$148.00
Backhoe	\$148.00
Agitators	\$168.00
Semi	\$188.00
Small buses	\$113.00
Box trailer	\$ 40.00
- single axle	\$ 45.00
- double axle	\$ 45.00
Motorcycle	\$ 20.00
4 Return trip ticket (cars)	\$158.00
Boat trailers 5.5 metres or less	\$ 45.00 (\$5 per metre thereafter)
Walk on passengers	\$ 2.00

**ISLAND SERVICES & TRADES...****Real Estate Agents**

Baywaters Realty .....3207 8006  
 Century 21 .....3821 2121  
 LJ Hooker .....3207 0120

**JP Services**

Ian Rowland.....3207 8221

**Computers**

Barry McNamee (repairs).....0402 999 099  
 Rachael Krinks (training).....0407 664 159

**Bookkeeper**

Anita Marris .....0408 781 525 or 3207 6396

**Office Services**

Rachael Krinks (resumes & documents).....0407 664 159

**Electricians**

Bill Watson .....0418 739 879  
 David Morgan .....0412 932 151  
 Eddie Brown.....3207 6059 or 0488 215 119

**Plumbers**

Nev Clark .....0419 681 997 or 3209 6921  
 Steve Wockner .....0403 488 284  
 Mark Chiverton .....0412 946 214

**Plasterer**

Olivia Barnett (free quotes).....0414 628 422

**Builders/Carpenters**

Sab Buffalino.....3207 0168 or 0418 749 120  
 Richard Browning .....0413 013 387  
 Glen Montgomery .....0428 382 765  
 Gary Mitchell .....0412 982 510

**Repairers**

Vacuum Cleaner Repairs: Dave Sinclair.....3207 9495

**Electrical Repairs**

Repairs, supply & Installation:  
 Airconditioning systems, solar & Electric hot water systems and more .....0418 934 250 or 3841 3832

**Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry**

Greg Harvey.....0417 002 198

**Tree Loppers**

Redlands Tree Service .....3829 0000  
 Kurt Buckney .....3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

**Glass Repairs**

Bob Drennan .....0417 783 829

**Painters**

Rob Adams .....3207 8992 or 0408 747 040  
 David Brookes.....3207 0419

**Lawnmowing**

Derek Lewis .....0413 571 474

**Plants**

Rozey's Plants.....0407 657 645

**Dog Grooming & Hydrobath**

Glynis Edwards.....3207 6362 or 0438 195 229

**Tupperware**

Mel Jensen (for parties & replacements).....3820 9971 or 0422 884 773

**Health & Beauty Services**

Glynis Edwards (personal training & fitness).....0438 195 229 or 3207 6362  
 Maureen Thorrold (remedial massage & reflexology).....3820 8110  
 Wanda Dobe (Body Talk & Reiki).....3207 8884  
 Irene Martin (Avon).....3207 7975  
 Olivia Hughes (Neways Distributor) (Household, Health & Personal Care products).....3820 9472  
 Sibylle Gibson (Herbalife Distributor - Natural Health & Wellness products) .....3820 9695

**COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RESORT - 3207 7521**

Wednesday – dinner 6 pm onwards  
 Friday – lunch 12 to 2.30 and dinner 5.30 onwards (live music)  
 Saturday – dinner 6 pm onwards  
 Sunday Buffet Breakfast – 8 – 10.30  
 Reservations on a Friday and Saturday appreciated

**COMMUNITY PLAY GROUP...**

All ages welcome (including babies)  
 10 am to midday on Fridays at the  
 Front Beach Park! Come along and get out of the  
 house, give the kids someone to play with and meet  
 some other parents.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... March**

2 March	Elly van Acker
2 March	Brian Plumb
3 March	Baye Blight
5 March	Annette Drennan
12 March	Wal Walpole
13 March	Mark Bowden
16 March	Wanda Dobe
16 March	Lee Kenyon
18 March	John Clarke
20 March	Luka Phoenix
26 March	Jodie Bowden
30 March	Eve Blewett



## ISLAND ORGANISATION CONTACTS .....

### Neighbourhood Watch

Area Co-ordinator: Bruce Green.....3207 8895

### Progress Association

President: Paul Moynagh.....0431 748 494

Secretary: Kirsty Skok.....3207 9975

### Coochie Art & Craft Markets

Bev Holcroft.....3207 8315

### Coochie Community Shopping Service (CCSS)

President: John (Rusty) Russell .....3820 8038

Secretary: Jack Morganti .....3207 9245

### Croquet Club

Mary Preston.....3207 8812

### Indoor Bowls

Monday - Maureen Watson.....3245 5017

Thursday - Pam Martin.....3207 7779

### Coochie Art Group

President: Pat Marini.....32070456

### Poetry Group

Diane Gillham.....3207 6358

### Bayside Dream Chasers

Rachael Krinks.....0407 664 159

### Seniors

Ted Dilworth.....3820 6758

### Outdoor Bowls

Ros Ward.....3207 0664

### Isle of Coochie Golf

President: Ray Burton.....0417 075 928

Vice President: Cliff Prentice

Secretary: Colleen Morgan

Treasurer: Jack Morganti.....3207 9245

Captain: Stan Harris.....3820 7980

Vice Captain: Peter MacQueen.....3820 3399

### Coochie Hackers Golf (meet 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)

Dot Hamilton.....3207 6990

### Coochiemudlo Island Historical Society

David Paxton.....3820 8989

### Coochiemudlo Island Garden Club Inc

President: Diane Binstead.....0402 963 765

Secretary: Denise Wright.....3207 6461

### Recreation Club

President: Hartley Treloar.....3207 8729

Secretary: Peter Pritchard.....3207 0915

### Bushcare

Dennis & Margrit Lack.....3207 7695

### Surf Life Saving

Stan Harris for information.....3820 7980

### Coochiemudlo Library

Wednesday and Saturday 9.00 to 12.00

Range of DVD's & Books

### Church Services

**Catholic** 11.00 am Saturday at Community Hall .....3207 8276

Mass 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Liturgy of the Word and Communion all other Saturdays. Morning tea after all services.

**Community** 9.30 Sunday Pine Ridge Chapel, 11 Shirley Street.....3207 8965

**ANY NEWS OR INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
REPORTED - JUST GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EDITOR AND  
IT WILL BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!!!**

If you would like the monthly newsletter emailed to you, contact  
[tas@pacific.net.au](mailto:tas@pacific.net.au). It will be emailed to you monthly!

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COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com>

and search for COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND.

Join the discussion board or leave messages for other  
COOCHIEITES!

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE -  
28 March 2010**

Functions, Activities, Services,  
Classifieds, What's Going On etc

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