



ISLAND VIEWS

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

Well, the newsletter is a little thin on the ground this month. PLEASE note the deadline on the back page. All content MUST be to me by that date so I have time to put it together and send it off for printing. The newsletter will be and can be only as good as the information I'm given to put into it. So please, if there is anything that you think may be of interest or you would like known, put that into the monthly newsletter.



Also, if you need to see me personally or to telephone me, please only do this before midday or after 8pm during the week. This is due to work commitments.

Don't forget the dawn service on ANZAC DAY. This is a special time to remember those men and women who gave so much for this country. Try to attend this important event.

PARTY SAFE

Everyone enjoys going to or hosting a party. For young people it is certainly a part of growing up and celebrating special occasions with your friends. While most parties are fun for everyone involved, intoxicated guests or gatecrashers can sometimes ruin the occasion.

Registering your party, at least two weeks in advance, will provide the police with details they need to know if they are called to your party to deal with an incident. By registering your party with the police, it doesn't mean that they WILL attend your party. Their aim is not to turn up and ruin your night, but to provide assistance if required. The party safe registration form is available from any police station or the Queensland Police Service internet site at <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/party>.

Remember that **ONE PUNCH CAN KILL** – it is a shocking reality that simple acts of violence can have tragic consequences. Violence is NOT okay! For more information, click on <http://www.onepunchcankill.com.au>.

MATTHEW STANLEY FOUNDATION

The Matthew Stanley Foundation says No to Violence.
<http://www.matthewstanleyfoundation.com.au/>

In 2006, Matthew Stanley, aged 15, lost his life after being bashed outside a teenagers' party in September 2006. Matthew was survived by his parents Paul and Kay and Brother Nic. With an outpouring of community grief, Paul and Kay responded and were joined by good people to create the Matthew Stanley Foundation. There is no surprise to those who knew Matthew that the space he so beautifully occupied in this world has not been subdued .

Matt (affectionately known to his friends as Stanley) was a talented sportsman who excelled academically. Matt touched the hearts of many people, from peers to young children, adults, students, teachers and parents. His enormous popularity became even more evident after his death.

The Matthew Stanley Foundation seeks to promote non violence and mutual respect among young people and responsible behaviour in the adult community.

The Foundation partners with individuals, community groups, business and elected representatives to promote youth safety initiatives, including Party Safe and the One Punch Can Kill Campaign. We also seek to influence public policy where young lives are at stake.

"If one life is saved then this is worthwhile" Paul Stanley

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND RECREATION CLUB INC.

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YOUR NEW CLUB COMMITTEE FOR 2010/2011

President: Hartley Treloar
Vice President: Pam Russell
Secretary: Marie Shepherd
Treasurer: Judy Burnett



POLITICAL NEWS ...

Interested in a Fair Land Valuation System

This legislation was ridiculed by all and sundry. Mercifully after input by the community, business, property developers and LNP we have achieved a back flip by Labor and an admission of sorts that they were completely wrong in their approach and completely wrong in their calculations. In summary, the position is:

1. The government has accepted legislative amendments to protect the perceived risk to its revenue base (\$900m).
2. The rights of existing appellants will be protected until 30 June this year – the Treasurer has allocated \$10m to fund these appeals.
3. The Bill proceeded with amendments that allowed 2010 valuations to be issued this month – valuations for Redlands will be much higher than those used last year.
4. A sunset provision will apply to the whole Bill so that it only has effect for the 2010 valuations.
5. A new Bill will be introduced into Parliament in September that will outline a new statutory valuation methodology – including a move to a site value based system. The Property Council and Shopping Centre Council will play a role in developing this Bill. I will reserve my judgment until we see the detail.

Peter Dowling MP Member for Redlands



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

Motto: "The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance"

The next general meeting to be held on Saturday evening, 8 May, at 1700 hours (5 pm) to be followed by a roast dinner evening (3 courses) at \$25 per double. Bookings preferred. All bookings to 3207 7969 by Thursday, 6 May. BYO alcohol. Tea, coffee, soft drinks available.

Do not forget Dawn Service 10 am ANZAC Day. See you there.

FROM THE GOLF CLUB ...

Since our last input into the news letter our fencing, sand storage area and signage have now all been completed. WE THANK THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUNDS UNIT for the grant made available to us to undertake this project.



We are currently looking at probably the most difficult period in the history of the club with the Redland Council insisting that the club is completely responsible for the connection of the sewerage from the pump station to the existing toilets. Their estimate of cost is around \$11,000.00. We are working with Councillor John Burns to try and find a solution to this problem.

Further complications have been created by the State Governments new Water Body. We have been advised that after spending large amounts of money and receiving an award from the Redland Council last year for drastically reducing our water usage, the new state body will allow us to use as much water as we want for a total of 9 hours per week. Our previous reductions lowered our usage to 9 hours per day. If we are required to work under the new restrictions then the chances of the course and the club remaining viable are not good.

We will be seeking letters of support from other Island clubs and residents as well as Local, State & Federal members to have this ridiculous decision reviewed.

We are planning a fundraising night for the last Saturday in June. It will be a new theme for the Club and Island residents, so watch the notice boards for further info on the night and also for the sign on date for Junior Golf.

Ray Burton
President

FROM THE HISTORY SOCIETY ...

The History Society celebrates its tenth anniversary this year. We have applied for funds from the Community Grants Program to make it a gala event. Our plan is a sunset cruise on Big Blue to where Matthew Flinders' anchored. There will be two opera singers to sing nautical songs.

To keep costs down for members and guests, we plan it to be BYO food and drinks. Big Blue will be furnished with chairs and tables etc. Timing will be about 4.30 to 7.30, probably 11 July 2010. Final details yet to be decided. The aim is to have a week celebrating Flinders, since Flinders Day will be 18 July. In the event that grant funds are not forthcoming, we shall modify the program a little.

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

Council report summarises the state of the environment.

Redland City Council has released a quick, easy-to-read reference guide summarising current key data from various reports state of the environment in the Redlands.

The summary brochure, which is now available online and through Council's customer service centres, combines information three separate Council reports – State of the Environment Report 2008, State of the Environment Report Card 2009 and the of the Environment Council Response 2009.

Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, said Council was pleased to be able to provide a summary for those who were interested in a brief, easy-to-follow overview of the state of the Redlands environment and Council's response and action plan.

"The brochure is a summary of known science and data for 58 performance indicators across six key themes – atmosphere, water, biodiversity, land, human settlements and cultural heritage," Cr Hobson said.

"The performance indicators focus on physical, chemical, biological and socio-economic factors across each theme and highlight the current condition and pressures on each.

"Importantly, they provide a benchmark to track decline, improvement and trends which in turn will be used to measure Council and the community's environmental performance."

Council produced its first State of the Environment Report in 2008 and subsequently developed a report card rating system using the same indicators. The first report card was produced in 2009 with others to follow every two years.

The report card pits the indicators against established objectives and targets identifying whether performance falls above or below these and if there is insufficient data/lack of quality data to rate performance.

A new online system is under development and will eventually provide live data updates.

All three publications may be viewed online at www.redland.qld.gov.au. Hard copies also available by contacting Environmental Management on 3829 8207 or email soe@redland.qld.gov.au.

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL MEDIA RELEASE ...

Taking it to the streets Creative residents leave their mark on traffic signal boxes

The Power Art Redlands project will see more of our traffic signal boxes become works of art in 2010.

Redland City Council and Urban Smart Projects, a provider of anti-graffiti and public artworks, are inviting Redland residents to submit artwork to be painted on the boxes, to make our city a more colourful and creative place.

Following the success of the Power Art Redlands project in 2008, Redland City Mayor, Melva Hobson, is again encouraging creative locals to get involved.

"This distinctive art project will publicly exhibit high quality art so there are great opportunities for artists and community members to further develop their talents and showcase their work.

"We anticipate it will also help reduce illegal graffiti in the Redlands," Cr Hobson said.

The initiative is open to individuals, families and groups of all ages and backgrounds.

To participate, go to www.urbansmartprojects.com and navigate to the 'Paint a Box' page.

On the 'Paint a Box' page you will be prompted to enter a suburb so you can search for traffic signal boxes that are available for painting. The website will enable you to reserve a traffic signal box for a one month period.

During this time you can get busy designing your artwork. When your designs are ready you can upload them to the website. You can also view other artworks already in your area.

For more information or help getting started, contact Urban Smart Projects on 1300 872 022 or email info@urbansmartprojects.com.

REDLAND CITY COUNCIL ...

Rates discussion

Council needs your views on rates!

Council is encouraging residents to learn more, and have their say about how rates and charges are determined in the Redlands.

Council will be gathering your views through a number of activities including an online conversation about rates in the Redlands.

Want to talk about rates?

Take part in our online discussions here:

<http://forums.redland.qld.gov.au/RCO/forums/default.aspx?GroupID=18>

Other activities have included a Rates Information Session held in December 2009, and a focus group series between February and March 2010. Look out for more opportunities to have your say on rates in the future.

Background information

At its General Meeting on 28 October 2009, Council resolved to provide additional online and written opportunities for the community to have its say on rates. To read an extract of the meeting minutes:

http://web01.redland.qld.gov.au/robo/Minutes_Agendas/Oct_Dec09/Minutes/October/28_Oct_General/Minutes_October_28_2009_Council.htm#14_1_1_PUBLIC

To find out about the Council rating structure in Queensland Local Government, read the [Local Government Association QLD paper](#) :

http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/RCO/Council_Rating_Structure_for_Qld_Local_Govt.pdf

General rates information

<http://www.redland.qld.gov.au/Residents/Rates/Pages/default.aspx>

For more information, phone Council on **3829 8446**.

HISTORY BITS ...

4 April 1848	Leichhardt departs Roma, Queensland, on his third and final expedition, never to be seen again.
5 April 1932	Australia's best-known racehorse, Phar Lap, dies under suspicious circumstances.
6 April 1895	Banjo Paterson's 'Waltzing Matilda' is first sung in public
8 April 1974	Canberra: Prime Minister Gough Whitlam announces <i>Advance Australia Fair</i> as the national anthem following the results of an opinion poll.
7 April 1837	The settlement of Melbourne is named
12 April 1961	Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person to be launched into space
13 April 1969	The last tram to operate in Brisbane completes its final run
14 April 1912	The luxurious and unsinkable 'Titanic' hits an iceberg, eventually sinking, killing 1517 people
17 April 1935	Australian airline Qantas operates its first overseas passenger flight.
19 April 1966	Sydney: The first Australian conscripts fly out for Vietnam.
22 April 1918	Red Baron shot down by Australian gunfire.
25 April 1896	South Australian women become the first in Australia to vote in an election.
25 April 1915	ANZAC troops land at Gallipoli during World War I.
29 April 1901	The new Australian Commonwealth Government announces a Federal Flag design competition.
29 April 1988	Australian icon, the Stockman's Hall of Fame, is opened in Longreach, Queensland.



From the Bayside Bulletin ...

Re-register now to avoid telemarketing calls

IT'S time to re-register for the Do Not Call Register for people who signed up in 2007.

Registrations for the Do Not Call Register are valid for three years.

Anyone who signed up when the service was launched in May 2007 should re-register now to maintain protection from unwanted marketing calls.

The chairman of the Australian Communications and Media Authority, Chris Chapman, said anyone in any doubt about when they listed their numbers should re- register them anyway.

Phone 1300 792 958 or go to www.donotcall.gov.au

Govt closes solar hot water program

THE State Government has closed its solar hot water program due to significant changes to the Federal Government's solar hot water rebate program.

Energy Minister Stephen Robertson while the cancellation was "deeply regrettable", the State Government was committed to finding an alternative scheme.

"Unfortunately, following the Federal Government's recent decision to end its solar hot water program, the Queensland Government was left with no alternative but to end our program," Mr Robertson said. "The decision by the Federal Government to reduce their solar hot water rebate from \$1600 to \$1000 and further reduce the heat pump rebate from \$1000 to \$600 would leave a huge funding gap.

"The reduction would mean that the Queensland government would have to find over \$100 million to bridge this gap if we were to meet our target of installing 200,000 solar hot water systems during the term of this government.

"We are not walking away from our commitment to support solar technology and will continue to find an alternative to see more Queenslanders access affordable solar hot water."

Mr Robertson said the State Government would ensure that customers who had a signed contract with existing suppliers on or before February 19, would have their contracts honoured.

"And we will continue to send receipts to customers who have had an installation completed under the program, so they can meet the Federal Government's March 19 deadline," he said.

Customers who currently have a paid and signed contract can contact the solar hot water program hotline on 13 25 23 for further information.

Redland land valuations up 35 per cent

LAND valuations in Redland City have increased by 35 per cent, according to new valuations released today by the State Government. This is the first valuation since 2005 and Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson said the increase reflected the property boom between 2005 and 2008.

The land valuation increases are: Alexandra Hills 50 per cent; Amity Point 34 per cent; Birkdale 34 per cent; Capalaba 50 per cent; Cleveland 21 per cent; Coochiemudlo Island 18 per cent; Dunwich 30 per cent; Macleay Island 23 per cent; Mount Cotton 74 per cent; Ormiston 29 per cent; Point Lookout 33 per cent; Redland Bay 39 per cent; Russell Island 49 per cent; Thorneside 24 per cent; Thornlands 27 per cent; Victoria Point 38 per cent; Wellington Point 37 per cent.

The increased valuations do not mean Redland City Council rates will rise by 35 per cent. The council usually reduces its rate in the dollar by a similar amount to the valuation increase to neutralise the valuation changes.

However, suburbs with higher increases than the city wide increase usually expect a bigger increase in general rates, while those areas below the city wide increase have less of an increase.

Council in the past has also put cap on the increase in general rates people pay because of increased valuations. But council general rates are also affected by other factors not related to valuation changes.

Redland City Council chief executive Gary Stevenson said land valuations were part of the formula used by the council to set rates, and the new valuations will be used as only part of the basis for setting the general rate for 2010/11.

"We will review the land valuations along with our current review of how we set our rates and charges," he said. "The council is in the midst of critically reviewing its rating strategy and has invited community feedback via a community focus group and online forum. "Feedback from these activities will also contribute towards developing the 2010/11 budget and the council's longer term financial strategy," Mr Stevenson said.

Silver Medal for Coochiemudlo Island SLSC First Aid Team

Coochiemudlo Island Surf Life Saving Club sent 2 First Aid teams through to the Australian National Surf Rescue Championships held at Kurrawa, on the Gold Coast, last week. In these championships, teams are assessed by a panel of judges on how well they manage a mock first aid emergency scenario and the quality of emergency care provided to the patients.

In the under 17's competition competitors were required to provide first aid emergency care to three patients involved in a mock tractor accident – victims injuries included a broken leg, severe lacerations and shock. Coochiemudlo's team of Sophie Horsfall & Lauren Cantrill managed the scenario with extreme professionalism, including a radio call to "Surfcom" to request an ambulance to the scene. The end of the competition saw the Coochie team awarded the silver medal after narrowly defeating the team from Manly (Sydney) on countback.

Our second team of Alex Terrill & Sophie Horsfall competed against a very experienced field in the Open First Aid competition. Their scenario involved three patients with injuries including – spinal injuries, lacerations, an embedded object and dog attack victim. They managed the scene extremely well and gained 4th position overall.

This weekend marks the end of the Coochiemudlo Island SLSC Nipper season but patrols will continue on Main Beach until early May.



Sophie Horsfall & Lauren Cantrill excited after winning Australian Silver Medal.



1st Maroochydore SLSC 2nd Coochiemudlo Island SLSC 3rd Manly

Also, Nippers has now ceased for the year with the final day being a "Pancake & PJ" Fun day on the beach on Sunday 28th March.

Patrols will continue on Main Beach on the weekends until Early May.

APRIL 2010 ...

- 1 April - April Fool's Day
- 2 April - Good Friday
- 4 April - Easter Sunday
- 4 April - Coochiemudlo Art & Craft Markets
- 7 April - World Health Day
- 10 April - National Youth Week
- 18 April - World Heritage Day
- 22 April - Earth Day
- 25 April - ANZAC Day



CLASSIFIEDS

Wanted Known

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ... APRIL

- 5 Russell Jackson
- 8 Keith Burnett
- 23 Paul Buffalino
- 29 Laurie Burns
- 30 Cay Wilson
- 30 River Buffalino



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

ISLAND SERVICES & TRADES...

Arborist, Crane Hire & Carpentry

Greg Harvey.....0417 002 198

Bookkeeper

Anita Marris0408 781 525 or 3207 6396

Builders/Carpenters

Sab Buffalino.....3207 0168 or 0418 749 120

Richard Browning0413 013 387

Glen Montgomery0428 382 765

Gary Mitchell0412 982 510

Computers

Barry McNamee (repairs).....0402 999 099

Rachael Krinks (training).....0407 664 159

Dog Grooming & Hydrobath

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

Electrical Repairs

Repairs, supply & Installation:

Airconditioning systems, solar & Electric hot water systems and more0418 934 250 or 3841 3832

Electricians

Bill Watson0418 739 879

David Morgan0412 932 151

Eddie Brown.....3207 6059 or 0488 215 119

Fruit & Veg Delivery

Fruitloop 0410 380 164

Glass Repairs

Bob Drennan0417 783 829

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

JP Services

Ian Rowland.....3207 8221

Lawnmowing

Derek Lewis0413 571 474

Office Services

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

Painters

Rob Adams3207 8992 or 0408 747 040

David Brookes.....3207 0419

Plants

Rozey's Plants.....6 Pullen Street

Plasterer

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

Plumbers

Nev Clark0419 681 997 or 3209 6921

Steve Wockner0403 488 284

Mark Chiverton0412 946 214

Real Estate Agents

Baywaters Realty3207 8006

Century 213821 2121

LJ Hooker3207 0120

Repairers

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

Tree Loppers

Redlands Tree Service3829 0000

Kurt Buckney3820 7294 or 0448 100 878

Tupperware

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

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) Russell3820 8038

Secretary: Jack Morganti3207 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

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 2nd 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

Coochiemudlo RSL Sub Branch

Secretary/Treasurer: Lynda Grogan3207 0610

Recreation Club

President: Hartley Treloar.....3207 8729

Secretary: Marie Shepherd.....3207 0916

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 Hall3207 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. It will be emailed to you monthly!

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<http://www.facebook.com>

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