



A voice
for koalas
in the Redlands

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KAG Newsletter

April-June 2021

DIARY DATES

SUNDAY July 4

Tree Planting 8.30AM

Silvara Ct, (off Ney Rd, then Zandra St.) Capalaba. Some parking may be available on the opposite side of the park in Jillian Ct.

Please wear closed-in shoes and sun smart clothing.

Planting is suitable for all ages. Due to Covid restrictions please bring your own coffee/tea cup and food. Hot water, milk, coffee, tea will be available.

School holiday fun at IndigiScapes

Something for everyone-activities suitable for kids and adults.

Nature photography, Wildlife shows, Bush tucker tour, Art workshop, craft and fairy garden walks.

Bookings are essential.

For more information <https://indigiscapes.redland.qld.gov.au/whatson>

Sunday August 1

National Tree Day 9-11am

Redlands IndigiScapes Centre, Runnymede Rd, Capalaba

Planting site located behind Indigis Tree Nursery located near Myhorizon

The refurbished IndigiScapes Centre, Café and plant nursery are open. Bookings essential for Café, phone 3824 8611.

Plants are only \$2.50 each and remember that Koala trees are free!

Dog increase proposed for Redlands

Deputy mayor Julie Talty has proposed that Council amend their local law to allow more dogs in the Redlands, based on property size.

This move is incomprehensible considering half of Redlands is designated as 'Koala Areas' and it is widely acknowledged that domestic dogs are one of the key threats to koalas with hundreds killed and maimed across SEQ each year.

With more than 2000 dog related complaints to Redland Council's Animal Management section in the past year, Council risk creating further disharmony in acreage neighbourhoods as many residents move to these areas to enjoy the wildlife and quiet lifestyle.

KAG supports special provision being made for those who own show dogs or are foster carers, however the change does not need to apply across the entire City.

All acreage properties, both small and large, across the Redlands form a vital part of the koala/wildlife corridors.

These corridors contain the important habitat that make up the linkages to areas mapped in Council's 'Wildlife Corridor Plan'.

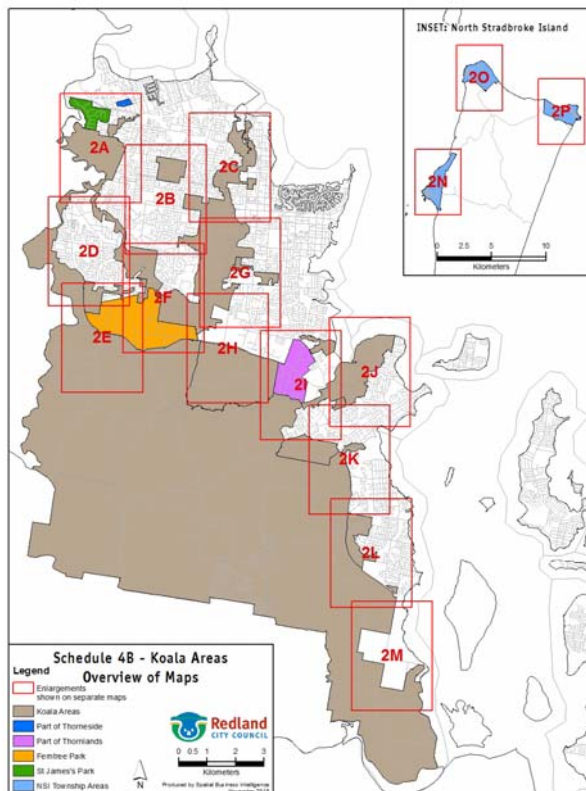
Redlands has the opportunity to be seen as unique especially considering their branding of 'Naturally Wonderful', rather than trying to simply be on a par with neighbouring Councils?

Have your say by filling in the online Council survey and say 'NO' to the proposed changes before July 8th 2021

<https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/regulating-dogs>

Also consider contacting your local councillor and Mayor Karen Williams to let them know your view.

https://www.redland.qld.gov.au/info/20142/mayor_and_councillors



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Wellington Point koala walk

KAG members were rewarded with the sighting of three koalas during a recent walk at Wellington Pt that included the Bligh St Conservation Area purchased by Redlands Council in 2018.

It is truly heartening to know the KAG plantings that have been conducted on this site over the past few years will provide habitat to koalas and other wildlife that inhabit the area.

The Bligh St Conservation Area abounds Hilliards Ck and Geoff Skinner Wetlands and is an amazing example of a critical wildlife corridor containing endangered regional ecosystem habitat and also home to endangered migratory shorebirds.

It forms the beginning of a major wildlife corridor that connects to other important habitat areas across the Redlands covering both Council and privately owned lands in the northern and southern parts of the Redlands.

To ensure continued protection of these habitats and corridor linkages, it is imperative that Council adopt their Wildlife Connections Plan 2018-2028, as currently some of these areas are not adequately protected under the Redland City Plan.



KOALA SIGHTINGS MARCH-JUNE

Alexandra Hills: Crotana Rd E., Justin Ct, Kenton St, Nanette Ct, Warana Dr, Winchester Rd. **Birkdale:** Whitehall Rd.

Capalaba: Callaghan Way, Coolnwynpin

Way, Firtree St, Macquarie St, Runnymede Rd, Telaska Ct. **Cleveland:** Coburg St E, Goleby Esp, Gotha St, Island St, Long St, Phelan St, Queen St, Russell St, Shearwater St, Shore St E, South St, Weippin St. **NSI:**

Claytons Rd, Dickson Way, East Coast Rd, Kindara St, Llewellyn St, Tosh St, Tramican St. **Ormiston:** Bainbridge St, Beckwith St, Gloucester St, Nelson St, Northern Arterial Rd. **Redland Bay:** German Church Rd, Giles Rd, Zipfs Rd. **Sheldon:** Hillcrest Rd.

Thornlands: Clifford Perske Dr, Osprey Dr, South St, Wellington St. **Victoria Pt:** Colburn

Av. **Wellington Pt:** Bibury St, Bligh St, Fernbourn Rd, Jacob St, Saw Mill Dr, Station St.

Other LCA's: **BCC:** Capalaba W, Carindale, Carina Heights, Ferny Grove, Holland Park West. **GCCC:** Reedy Ck. **MBRC:** Bunya, Burpengary. **SRRC:** Tambourine.

Primary data sources:

<https://biocollect.ala.org.au/project/index/edad0555-32a6-473e-8956-c70cf80329c4>

<https://biocollect.ala.org.au/acsa/project/index/f3d0ad81-135d-40bb-baec-50db553df6d0>

[https://biocache.ala.org.au/occurrences/search?q=text:koala&fq=ci959:%22Redland%20\(C\)%22&fq=occurrence_decade_i:%222020%22&pageSize=100](https://biocache.ala.org.au/occurrences/search?q=text:koala&fq=ci959:%22Redland%20(C)%22&fq=occurrence_decade_i:%222020%22&pageSize=100)

Koala Watch Program launched

Redlands IndigiScapes is inviting community members to join their Koala Watch program.

The program is a joint partnership between Redland Council and koala researchers from the Sunshine Coast University.

One of the key goals is to detect early disease in koalas, such as Chlamydia (dirty wet bottom) and/or conjunctivitis (puffy, weepy red eyes).

It's easy to join and you can participate when simply going on your usual daily walk or bike ride. For further details and to register go to:

<https://yoursay.redland.qld.gov.au/koalawatch>

Toondah Koalas - Ruby and baby Eclipse

In late May, a baby koala (approx. 7 months old) was found at the base of a tree in GJ Walter Park at Cleveland.

An adult female named 'Ruby' was discovered in a tree nearby and after an unsuccessful attempt to reunite them, they were taken to Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital for vet checks and fortunately were given a clean bill of health.

Whilst Ruby was under anaesthetic (which is a requirement for an examination) baby Eclipse was placed back into her pouch and after a short while she snuggled in and the reunion was deemed a success.

Ruby and Eclipse were released back into their 'home range' a day later and have been seen since hanging out in trees near Toondah Harbour.



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You can report koala sightings on our website:

www.koalagroup.asn.au

P: 07 3823 5575

E: admin@koalagroup.asn.au

**To report a sick or injured koala
contact Redlands Wildlife Rescue Service on 3833 4031**

**Reminder: Membership renewals are due in June.
See page 4 for details,**

Is the Birkdale Land to be used for Mayors Olympic Dream?

The media announcement this week that Redlands will host a white water rafting facility for the Olympic Games in 2032 gives the appearance the recent community consultation conducted by Council on the Birkdale Land was nothing more than a farce.

Council's community consultation feedback closed on May 4 and surprisingly a little over three weeks later on May 27 an 'Extraordinary Meeting' was held to discuss the community feedback results that numbered in the thousands.

A video of this special meeting <http://webcast.redland.qld.gov.au/archive/video21-0527.php> shows the depth of determination of Mayor Williams and her supporters to ensure the Olympic venue was at the top of the agenda even though the community feedback results suggested otherwise.

The 'Results Snapshot' (at right) provides a summary of the feedback received via the online survey and various in-person consultation events conducted by Council.

Whilst it was pleasing, but not surprising to see that wildlife and the natural environment were at the top of the preferred use list, questions remain about the flawed grouping of 'water play' with 'Olympic standard white water facility'.

Survey participants who selected 'water play' may not have necessarily supported the 'Olympic standard' venue, however it appears these options were counted as one of the same choice.

This appears to have been a deliberate tactic to achieve a specific desired outcome.

The community must be fairly asked whether they support an Olympic venue on the Birkdale land.

KAG firmly believes such a large entity does not fit in with the rich heritage, cultural and environmental values of the site.

Furthermore, serious questions must also be asked about whether this move breaches the conditions of the Environmental Agreement signed between the Federal Government and Council (upon sale of the land) and compromises the significant environmental constraints that apply to the site.

It is also reasonable to ask RCC to provide a business case that considers the future cost and engineering implications of this project which could end up being a "white water elephant" for Redland rate payers.



Results Snapshot

Across both online and in-person engagement activities, key ideas have emerged. These pages provide a summary of the feedback that was captured through various engagement platforms.

Online survey

Top 12 results from 21 options

- 1 Picnic facilities (barbeques, shelters, seating etc.)
- 2 Cycling and walking paths and circuits
- 2 Access to Tingalpa Creek and natural areas
- 4 Cafe and dining
- 5 Adventure play e.g. climbing structures, ropes course
- 6 Rental of recreation equipment (canoes, kayaks, bikes etc.)
- 7 Traditional open space including lawns
- 8 New swimming pool, water play, Olympic standard whitewater and adventure sports facility for the community
- 9 Physical activity (e.g. outdoor exercise equipment)
- 10 Amphitheatre and performance space
- 11 Education and training facilities
- 12 Events space

Dotmocracy (in-person)

Top 12 results from 45 options

- 1 Wildlife tourism
- 2 Preserve natural landscapes
- 3 Kayak and canoeing
- 3 Adventure play
- 5 Access to Tingalpa Creek and natural areas
- 6 Redlands Coast bush walks
- 7 Community markets
- 7 Camping and overnight stays
- 9 New swimming pool, water play, Olympic standard
- 10 Parkour, skating, scooting and riding
- 11 Paddock to plate
- 12 Night walks

Figure 4.

Figure 4 details the top 12 ideas for both in-person and online engagement activities, from quantitative questions. The differences between the two may be related to a number of factors, including the difference in the number of options participants could select. For in-person activities, like the dotmocracy activity, the participant selection was limited to five compared with the digital questions where selection was unlimited. Additionally, the dotmocracy provided a greater diversity of options that were used to distill the specific ideas.

Recycling in the Redlands - did you know?

IndigiScapes Recycling Station - thongs/flip flops, toothbrushes, empty toothpaste tubes, old art supplies (paint and brushes), beauty products, VHS cassette tapes, CD's, DVD's, mobile phones, x-rays, small e-waste, LOL surprise toys and packaging.

RecycleWorld (Redland Bay Waste Transfer Station) - second hand items that are in very good condition.

Birkdale Waste Transfer Station - scrap metal, gas bottles, lead acid car batteries, e-waste, polystyrene, bricks, concrete, greenwaste, untreated timber, waste mineral/cooking oil, household recyclables (firm plastic, metal, glass, paper, cardboard).

Officeworks - biros, highlighters, colouring markers, ink/toner cartridges, keyboards, laptops, cables, mice, portable hard drives, DVD's, CD's, USB flash drives, memory cards, mobile phones, mobile chargers and cables, smart watches, mobile phone batteries and household batteries.

Aldi - household batteries (all sizes)

Ocean Crusaders - plastic bottle tops/lids (certain types only - see website below for guidelines)

<https://oceancrusaders.org/recycling/>

Coles/Woolworths - shopping bags (including reusable green bags), fruit/veg bags, frozen food and bread bags, cereal, chip, biscuit, confectionary, rice and pasta packaging (including silver lined), zip lock bags, soft plastic packaging/bubblewrap from deliveries, potting mix/compost bags, squeeze baby food/yoghurt pouches, dog/cat food pouches, meat and food wrapping, clear wine/water bladders, Aust Post plastic satchels, cellophane from flowers, document sleeves, netting produce bags (remove metal clips), clingwrap (GLAD, Coles and Woolies homebrand only)

Note: Soft plastics only, rinse food product from wrapping and dry, cut larger plastic pieces into A3 size.

Containers for Change - metal cans, glass and plastic bottles containing the 10c refund logo
Remember that KAG has an account, if you would like to donate funds quote our ID code: **C10146563** when you deposit your recyclable containers

<https://www.containersforchange.com.au/qld/how-it-works>

KAG Membership:Application/Renewal Please complete the following and forward to: KAG: PO Box 660, Capalaba Qld 4157 or email admin@koalagroup.asn.au
Fees can now be made via direct debit to: Koala Action Group Qld Inc. Suncorp Bank BSB: 484-799 Account No. 001748631 and include your name in the ref. line.
Please note: If paying by cheque or money order, ensure the payee line includes the full name - Koala Action Group Qld Inc. (the bank does not accept abbreviations)

Name -----

Address -----

Phone/email -----

Annual membership rates: Single:\$15; Family:\$25; Pensioner:\$10; Under 18:\$10
(Donation:optional) Please specify membership type.

If you're interested in any of the following, please indicate.

Tree planting { } Help with displays { } Letterbox drops { } Wildlife Rescue { }

I apply for membership of the Koala Action Group Qld Inc and enclose my membership fee.

Signature:Date:.....

All membership renewals are due in June unless otherwise stated on newsletter envelope's address label. Email recipients will receive an email renewal advice.

