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Bayside inspiration for fine art and hand-made craft

Lovers of fine art, hand-made craft and innovative creative expression will find plenty to explore at Redlands on Moreton Bay, with thriving weekend markets and a host of galleries across the mainland and southern bay islands.

Galleries

Opening in 2003, the Redland Art Gallery has quickly established itself as a popular focal point for artistic celebration.

The public gallery showcases an eclectic mix of innovative and culturally diverse exhibitions. It features six exhibition spaces at two galleries, in Cleveland and Capalaba, and hosts a wide range of local and touring collections.

Just up the road, the Old Schoolhouse Gallery at Cleveland Point offers a special blend of art and history. Located in the original 1872 schoolmaster's house and railway siding, the gallery gives a contemporary resonance to the historical buildings, restored by Redland City Council in 1988 as an Australian Bicentennial project.

Run by artists, for artists, the Old Schoolhouse Gallery provides a showcase for artistic talent in the Redlands, hosting regular exhibitions by members and other artists.

A few minutes south of Cleveland, you'll find the Redland Yurara Art Society at Pinklands and its studio and gallery. This thriving artistic community hosts exhibitions by members, as well as regular lessons and workshops for locals and visitors interested in exploring their creative side.

Across Moreton Bay, North Stradbroke Island is home to a vibrant arts community, with three formal galleries and a host of smaller private collections tucked away in shops and homes, some open for public viewing.

Under the fig tree in Dunwich is the aptly named Fig Tree Art Gallery, a studio gallery featuring Jen and Ken Stubblety's unique range of contemporary art including painting, prints and sculptures.

You'll also find the Salt Water Murriss' – Quandamooka Aboriginal Art Gallery in Dunwich, which captures the Indigenous creative culture of the island (known as Minjerrabah) dating back thousands of years. Almost all the artists are direct descendants of the original peoples of the Quandamooka region.

Salt Water Murriss' – Quandamooka member Kerrie Tapp says the gallery features more than 300 pieces of contemporary and traditional Aboriginal art, created by artists ranging from children to Elders. "We are the storytellers of our culture, and we're happy to share the history and stories of the Quandamooka region to gallery visitors who are interested in learning about it," she said.



Meanwhile, the Coral Sea Gallery in the grounds of the Pandanus Palms Resort, Point Lookout, exhibits work by local artists during school holidays (with an online gallery available year-round). The gallery also organises regular art escape weekends featuring island tours with art tutors. The tours include dining in local restaurants and painting at some of the island's most picturesque locations.

Over the water, the Macleay Island Arts Complex gallery exhibits collections including pottery, sculpture, oil, acrylic, works on paper, and glass in a tranquil bayside setting, and is another artist-run exhibition space.

Macleay Island is also home to the Haven Art Gallery, where Neville Prosser's photographic work can be viewed in an intimate viewing space, along with artwork, hand-crafted jewellery and crafts by local artists.

Back on the mainland, you can also view works by a range of artists in the commercial gallery at Botanix Lifestyle and Garden Centre at Wellington Point. The gallery was purpose-built to allow for a bright and open space with atrium ceiling and features resident artist Mick Zalesky, whose work can be found in collections around the world. He can be seen creating his sculptures and other work in a glassed studio in the rear of the outdoor furniture pavilion. If you want to see Mick in action it is always best to phone or email ahead to check times that he will be on site.

The Grand View Hotel on Cleveland Point and Mellersh Gallery in Cleveland centre also provide gallery space for local artists.

Art Walks

The Redlands is also home to a vibrant collection of public art works, which can be best viewed by following the Cleveland and Capalaba Art Walks. Stretching through the two business centres, the Art Walks are a great way to view some of our local culture.

The Cleveland Art Walk explores the themes of community, the bay and nature. Stroll through the town centre (Middle and Bloomfield Streets) to view sculpture, poetry and mosaics. A poetry trail weaves text throughout the street, including the evocative words of North Stradbroke Island indigenous poet Oodgeroo Noonuccal.

The Capalaba Art Walk features works that respond to Capalaba's history as well as its current role as one of the Redland's major centres. Take a walk through the town centre via Capalaba Place – where Redland Art Gallery, Capalaba, is located – the bus station and through Capalaba Regional Park, and appreciate sculpture, totems, mosaics and murals first hand. It's also a great place for picnic.

Maps and detailed information about works featured in the Art Walks are available at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland, and Redland City Council Customer Service Centres.

Markets

You can find fantastic local artwork at the Cleveland Bayside Markets, along with a wide range of handmade goods including woodwork, pottery, clothing, jewellery, confectionary, candles and soaps. There's live entertainment, organic produce, massage therapists and specialty food stalls. The markets are in Bloomfield St, Cleveland, every Sunday, 8am -3pm.





The islands also have regular markets.

The Point Lookout Markets on North Stradbroke Island are held monthly (and every Sunday during school holidays). There you'll find photography, prints and watercolours depicting the beauty of the island, and locals also sell handmade goods including natural beauty products, jams, relishes and honey, and home-ware made from island wood.

A little closer to the mainland are the Coochiemudlo Island Markets, held five times a year (dates on next page). Just a 10 minute ride by passenger ferry from Victoria Point, the markets offer hand-made cottage crafts and condiments, including jams, chutneys and traditional Greek sweets. The biggest market of the year is on 17 July, coinciding with Flinders Day celebrations and the re-enactment of Matthew Flinders' arrival.

Redlands Arts Council President, Myann Burrows, says the Redlands arts community has gone from strength to strength in recent years, growing in professionalism as the population has expanded and more artists have been attracted to the area.

"Many people are still not aware of the artistic orientation of the Redlands community or the regional significance of our galleries," she said.

The Redlands Arts Council is working with Redland City Council to redress this through the new Redlands Cultural Plan – developed by Redland City Council in partnership with the local arts community – and by boosting the artistic presence at local events including the Ba-Lonn Community Arts Festival at the Leisure Life Redlands Spring Festival each September.

What you need to know

Art Walk

Maps are available at Redland Art Gallery, Cleveland and Redland City Council Customer Service Centres
To book a Cleveland Art Walk tour phone 07 3829 8484 or email galler@redland.qld.gov.au.

Botanix

1 Nelson Road, Wellington Point
P: 07 3822 1111
Seven days, 8am-5pm

Coral Sea Art Gallery – Art Escapes

Pandanus Palms Resort
Cumming Pde, Point Lookout
9.30am-4.30pm (school holidays only)
P: 3415 3044
W: www.straddieonline.com.au

Mellersh Gallery

120 Queen St, Cleveland
P: 3286 1971
Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm
Saturday, 9am-midday

Old Schoolhouse Gallery

124 Shore St
Cleveland Point (just past the Grand View Hotel)
Friday to Sunday, 9.30am-4.30pm
P: 07 3821 2419

Fig Tree Art Gallery

2 Finnegan Street, Dunwich
North Stradbroke Island
Monday to Saturday, 10am-6pm
P: 07 3409 9643



Grand View Hotel - Art Gallery

Heritage Precinct, North Street
Cleveland Point
P: 07 3286 1002
Seven days

Haven Art Gallery

17 Coast Rd, Macleay Island
P: 07 3409 5341
Tuesday to Thursday, 10am-4pm (or by appointment)

Macleay Island Arts Complex

95/97 Coast Road, Macleay Island
Sunday, 10am-3pm (or by appointment)
P: 07 34094100

Cleveland Bayside Market

Bloomfield St, Cleveland
Every Sunday, 8am -3pm

Point Lookout Markets

Point Lookout Hall
Home Beach, Point Lookout
North Stradbroke Island
Held regularly (go to: www.more2redlands.com.au)

Redlands Arts Council

P: 07 3161 7552

Redland Art Gallery – Cleveland

Cnr Bloomfield and Middle Street
Cleveland
Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm
Sunday 9am – 2pm
P: 07 3829 8899

Redland Art Gallery - Capalaba

Capalaba Place, Noeleen Street, Capalaba
Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8.30am – 5pm
Wednesday 9am – 5pm
Thursday 8.30am - 7.30pm
Saturday 9am – 4pm
P: 07 3829 8899

Redlands Yurara Art Society Inc

Pinklands Reserve, Cleveland/Redland Bay Rd,
Thornlands
Saturday & Sun, 10.30am to 3.30pm
P: 07 3409 4202

Saltwater Murriss' – Quandamooka Inc Gallery

3 Ballow Rd, Dunwich
P: 07 3415 2373
Wednesday to Sunday, 9am-4pm
(Please phone to confirm gallery availability)

Coochiemudlo Island Markets

Flinders Park, Victoria Pde
Held five times a year:
- Australia Day (26 January)
- Easter Sunday
- 17 July (Flinders Day celebrations)
- 18 September
- 27 November.

For more information: Redlands on Moreton Bay Visitor Centre

Raby Bay Harbour complex 2/152 Shore St West, Cleveland
P: 1300 667 386
Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Sat-Sun, 9am-3pm
www.more2redlands.com.au/explore

