**Mar 23 - Mar 29, 2020** 

### **Corona Virus Update**

Due to COVID-19, we are going through uncertain times. For our protection, the Government is putting in place rules to assist us in managing transmission of the illness - rules that are changing constantly.

On Sunday evening, March 22, 2020, the Prime Minister announced further restrictions that directly affect our club and our day-to-day lives.

As of midday Monday, March 23, 2020, the Tingira Boat Club stopped trading.

There will be no more Friday night dinners or Sunday on the deck lunches until further notice.

The Seafood and Jazz Festival will be postponed to a date to be determined.

The 12th Macleay Island Classic also will be postponed possibly until October.

All other events will be put on hold until the current restrictions have been lifted.

This includes:

All dinners and luncheons.

Barbeques

**Social Functions** 

Private Functions i.e. Birthday Parties etc.

Private activities conducted by members.

As far as boating is concerned, there will be no use of the Club's boats including the OC6s.

The Safety Boats may only be used in an emergency.

All water events are postponed, including the Jubilee trials and Easter Regatta and the Calvert event.

During this time of closure, the Club will have no income, so any expenditure will be limited to essential items only.

Looking forward to better times, with my kindest regards.

**Neville Prosser** 

Commodore

Tingira Boat Club

#### Sailing and Paddling News

Sunday was a beautiful day for being involved in the Tingira Off the Beach sailing despite the wind not turning up. Have a good look at the photos and results. The supporting volunteers, including our new VHF Base Operator Ruth, all did a great job at this event and that's one of the reasons it was such a pleasure for the participating Jubilee sailors.



Photos courtesy of Neville Prosser and Kerry Otter























#### A Message from Redland City Council

Dear Tourism and Event Operators,

Council in conjunction with the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) are encouraging people to reconsider their need for non-essential travel to the Redlands Coast islands.

This includes North Stradbroke Island (Minjerribah), Coochiemudlo Island (Goochie mudlo), and the four Southern Moreton Bay islands of Russell (Canaipa), Lamb (Ngudooroo), Macleay (Jencoomercha) and Karragarra.

The request comes as an action of the Redland City Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), that today moved to 'Stand Up' status.

As you are aware, our Redlands Coast islands have ageing populations and vulnerable communities, putting residents at risk of complications from the virus that is causing COVID-19.

Consistent with Federal and State government messaging, Council and the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) are strongly urging everyone to avoid non-essential travel of any kind, especially to our islands.

This will help slow the spread of the virus and protect our island communities.

**Essential travel includes** travelling for work, medical reasons, education, compassionate reasons and to deliver essential services and supplies such as groceries.

**Non-essential travel includes** recreation, tourism, including camping, and general socialising with friends and family.

As you know, our island transport is often crowded, particularly as thousands of visitors arrived on the islands at peak times, including Easter. This makes social distancing difficult.

The islands also have limited medical facilities, so protecting our island communities is vitally important.

In addition to the non-essential travel recommendations, the Australian Government announced yesterday that the following facilities will be restricted from opening from midday local time Monday 23 March 2020:

Pubs, registered and licenced clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation)

Gyms and indoor sporting venues

Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs

Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery

Religious gatherings, places of worship or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies)

Council strongly urges tourism operators to encourage visitors with pre-existing bookings to rethink their Easter holiday plans if it includes the islands, and for tourism businesses to consider providing alternative arrangements such as postponing bookings, suggesting gift vouchers or offering refunds, this of course will be subject to each tourism business booking policies.

For the latest information and business support, please visit Council's <u>Coronavirus</u> (<u>COVID-19</u>) webpage that contains a wide range of information including questions and answers relating to the impact of the virus including stimulus package information.

Please also see the <u>Prime Minister's media release</u> outlining the latest changes.

If you have an enquiries please contact Council's Communication, Engagement and Tourism Group on tourism@redland.qld.gov.au

Thank you for your understanding as we work together to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Kind Regards,

Luke

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Keep well Stay Safe

Practise social distancing

I look forward to seeing all Club Members at the Club in the not-too-distant future

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