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This index lists all the elected representatives and shire clerks/chief executive officers of the Redland Shire Council (Redland City Council from 2008) from 1949 to Jan 2010. The Council was formed in 1949 from the amalgamation of all of the Cleveland Shire Council and parts of the Tingalpa Shire Council.

The index was compiled from RSC minutes, newspaper reports and oral histories. All are held in the Local History collection, Cleveland Library.

Section 1 lists the chairs (mayors from 1994). Section 2 lists the shire clerks (chief executive officers from 1993). Section 3 lists the councillors in alphabetical order.

Section 4 provides details of the meetings at which a change of member or employee occurred. Not every Board/Council meeting is listed. Please note that the dates indicate the date of the meeting at which the decisions were made or the date of the first meeting after an election or event, and do not necessarily indicate the exact date on which a person resigned or took up their appointment.

Re divisions: The divisional boundaries have changed considerably over the years. Therefore lists of councillors by division are not included. In 1979 in particular, a major redistribution occurred and the numbers of most divisions changed. That explains why some councillors appeared to change divisions.

NB: minutes from July 1949-June 1950 are missing.

Section 1: Chairs/Mayors

Date order

In 1994 the position of Shire Chairman changed to Mayor.

From 1949 to 1979 candidates could stand as a divisional councillor OR as chair, not both. From 1979-1985 candidates could only stand as a divisional councillor. The councillors then elected the chair from among themselves, usually at the first meeting after the election. In 1985 it changed back and since then candidates can stand as a divisional councillor OR as chair/mayor, not both.

Wood, Genrich and Santagiuliana served as divisional councillors before serving as chair/mayor.

Price, Keogh, Seccombe and Hobson did not serve as divisional councillors at all.

Price, JHN	June 1949 ¹ – April 1961 (retired)
Wood, EGW	April 1961 – Mar 1982 (lost election)
Genrich, Merv	Mar 1982 – Mar 1991 (lost election)
Keogh, Len	Mar 1991 – Mar 1994 (lost election)
Santagiuliana, Eddie ²	Mar 1994 – April 2001 (died)
Seccombe, Don	June 2001 – Mar 2008 (retired)
Hobson, Melva	Mar 2008 –

Section 2: Shire Clerk/ Chief Executive Officer

Date order

In 1993 the position of Shire Clerk changed to Chief Executive Officer.

Ellis, Ernie	June 1949 ³ - Dec 1962
Simpson, Donald	Dec 1962 – Mar 1978
Mackie, Robert	Mar 1978 – 1993
Wright, Hayden ⁴	1993 – Jan 2002
Leader, Loren	Mar 2002 – Sept 2002
Rankin, Susan	Dec 2002 – April 2008
Stevenson, Gary	April 2008 –

¹ Before this, Price chaired the Cleveland Shire Council.

² First Mayor. Position was previously Chair.

³ Before this, Ellis was the Shire Clerk of the Cleveland Shire Council.

⁴ First Chief Executive Officer. Position was previously Shire Clerk.

Section 3: Councillors

in alphabetical order

NB: Retired means they finished their term and did not stand at the forthcoming election.

Resigned means they resigned before they finished their term. After 1979 a blank usually means the councillor was defeated at the election.

Number in brackets indicates division number. Where a councillor has two numbers while serving continuously, unless otherwise indicated, it means a redistribution resulted in the divisional number changing. This happened in 1979 in particular and also in 1991.

**** indicates councillor still sitting in Jan 2010.***

Abeya, Trevor (5)	Mar 1994 – April 2000 (retired)
Austin, Norman WG (1)	Mar 1973 – Mar 1979
Bahr, Martin George (2)	June 1949 – May 1952
Barker, Alan (1)	Mar 2004 – Mar 2008
Batt, Raymond Leonard John (5)	April 1970 – Mar 1973
Beard, Alan (8)	Mar 1997 – Mar 2008
Benfer, Albert J (8)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1988 (retired)
Benfer, Wilhelm (2)	June 1952 – April 1955
Bengston, Kevin (7)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1991
Bengston, Kevin (5)	Mar 1991 ⁵ - Mar 1994
Birch, Rose Marion (1)	April 1961 – Mar 1973 (retired)
Boglary, Wendy (1)*	Mar 2008 –
Bonney, John O (5)	Mar 1973 – Mar 1979
Bonney, John O (10)	Mar 1985 – Mar 1991
Bowler, Toni (6)*	Mar 1994 –
Bradley, Frank (2)	Mar 1994 – Mar 2004 (retired)
Bucknall, Ray (9)	May 1993 – Mar 2004
Burns, John (4)	Mar 1994 – Mar 2000 (ran as mayor)
Burns, John (5)	Mar 2004 – Mar 2008
Burns, John (4)*	June 2009 –
Close, Neil (3)	April 1961 – Sept 1969 (left district)
Cooke-Bramley, Jennifer (4)	Mar 1988 – Mar 1991
Cottam, Trevor W (5)	Mar 1976 – April 1979
Crane, John Robert (1)	June 1952 – April 1955
Degen, Christian FW (1)	March 1954 – April 1961
Dickson, Power Irving Nelson (4)	March 1957 – Nov 1969 (resigned, ill health)
Dowling, Arthur Ernest (2)	April 1955 – April 1961 ⁶
Dowling, Peter (4)	Mar 2000 – May 2009 (resigned) ⁷
Dunstan, George (9)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1991
Dunstan, George (6)	Mar 1991 – Mar 1994

⁵ In 1991 the boundaries changed and the Islands became part of Division 5.

⁶ Stood against Wood as chair at April 1961 election.

⁷ Resigned to contest State election.

Durbidge, Ellanor (4)	Nov 1969 – Mar 1973
Elliott, Murray (7)*	Mar 1997 –
Fiedler, John (4)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1985
Field, Paul (8)	Mar 1988 – Mar 1997
Field, Ron (6)	Sept 1977 – Mar 1979
Field, Ron (6)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1988
Forrest, Bill (9)	Mar 1991 – May 1993
Fowler, Geoff (1)	July 1988 – Mar 1991
Gannon, John Michael (1)	April 1955 – April 1958
Geary, Barbara (3)	Mar 1976 – Mar 1979
Geary, Barbara (12) ⁸	Mar 1979 – Mar 1982 (retired)
Genrich, Mervyn A (2)	Mar 1973 – Mar 1979
Genrich, Mervyn (5) ⁹	Mar 1979 – Mar 1985 ¹⁰
Gibson, JA (Arch) (6)	June 1973 – Sept 1977 (resigned)
Goleby, Betty (8)	Mar 1988 – Mar 1997 (retired)
Goleby, John (3)	April 1961 – Feb 1980 (resigned)
Gordon, John Ivor (Jack) (2)	June 1952 – Mar 1979
Gordon, John Ivor (Jack) (7) ¹¹	Mar 1979 – Mar 1982 (retired)
Groom, Betty (2)	Mar 1991 – Sept 1992 (stood down) ¹²
Hartley, Ronald B (4)	Mar 1973 – Mar 1976
Henry, Debra (3)*	Mar 2004 –
Holt, Judy (11)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1988 (retired)
Holzapfel, Daniel John (5)	May 1964 – Mar 1973
Horton, James (12)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1985 (retired)
Howlett, Joshua (1)	April 1955 – April 1958
Hucker, Roy John (1)	June 1949 – April 1958 (retired)
Hunter, Peter (2)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1982
Kenny, Ronald Richard (3)	Sept 1969 – Mar 1976
Langdon, Alfred (1)	June 1949 – Feb 1954 (resigned, left area)
Mackay, Charlie (2)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1985 (retired)
McIntyre, William (5)	Mar 1985 – Mar 1991
Mellis, Andrew (3)	Mar 1976 – Mar 1979
Mellis, Andrew (10)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1985
Moore, JL (2)	Jan 1963 – Mar 1973 (retired)
Murray, Helen (10)*	Mar 1994 –
Newton, Decalie (1)	Mar 1997 – Mar 2004
Nothling, George	Mar 1976 – Mar 1979
Ogilvie, Craig (2)*	Mar 2004 –

⁸ A major redistribution took place in 1979 and as a result the divisional numbers changed.

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¹⁰ Changes to election rules in 1985 meant candidates could stand as divisional councillor OR chair, not both. Genrich was both chair and cr for Div 5 from Mar 1982-Mar 1985. He chose to stand as chair in Mar 1985 so resigned his divisional seat.

¹¹ A major redistribution took place in 1979 and as a result the divisional numbers changed.

¹² Groom was stood down due to bankruptcy, therefore no longer eligible to be div cr.

Price, DN (1)	Feb 1961 – April 1961
Reimers, Kathy (8)*	Mar 2008 –
Robinson, Norm (10)	Mar 1991 – Mar 1994
Robinson, Peter (6)	Mar 1988 - Mar 1991
Roebuck, Cyril R (6)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1982
Ross, Joe (3)	Mar 1994 – Mar 2004
Russell, Allen Thomas (2)	April 1961 – Dec 1962 (resigned)
Santagiuliana, Eddie (3)	Mar 1982 – Mar 1994 ¹³
Skelly, Rosemary (4)	Mar 1991 – Mar 1994
Skinner, Geoff (1)	Mar 1982 – June 1988 (died)
Skinner, Sue (1)	Mar 1991 – Mar 1997 (retired)
Strachan, James (2)	June 1949 – May 1952 ¹⁴
Taylor, Kenneth A (5)	Mar 1973 – Mar 1976
Taylor, William HJ (3)	Oct 1964 – Nov 1970 (died)
Toni, Charles (1, 3)	June 1949 – Sept 1964 (died)
Townsend, Barbara (5)	Mar 2000 ¹⁵ - Mar 2004 ¹⁶
Townsend, Barbara (5)*	Mar 2008 –
Washington, Howard (3)	Feb 1980 – Mar 1982 (retired)
Williams, Karen (9)*	Mar 2004 –
Wood, Ernest Gaden Western (3)	April 1958 – April 1961 ¹⁷
Wood, Ernest Gaden Western (1)	Mar 1979 – Mar 1982 ¹⁸
Woodgate, Alan (3)	Dec 1970 – Mar 1976
Woodgate, Alan (12)	Mar 1985 – Dec 1988 (died)
Woodgate, Dean (12)	Jan 1989 – Mar 1991
Yarrow, William Henry Thoburn (1)	June 1949 – Jan 1961 (resigned)
Yeo, Wayne (2)	Mar 1985 – Mar 1991
Yeo, Wayne (2)	Sept 1992 – Mar 1994

¹³ Resigned divisional seat to stand as mayor at Mar 1994 election. Santagiuliana was on the Council continually from Mar 1982-April 2001.

¹⁴ Stood against Price as chair at May 1952 election.

¹⁵ Redland Times, 14 April 2000.

¹⁶ Bayside Bulletin, 30 March 2004.

¹⁷ Resigned divisional seat to stand as chair at the April 1961 election. Wood was on the Council continually from April 1958-Mar 1982, including as chair from April 1961-Mar 1982.

¹⁸ In 1979 the election rules changed and voters no longer elected the chair AND a divisional councillor. Wood wanted to remain as chair so he had to stand as a divisional councillor at the 1979 election, and then stand as chair at the first council meeting after the election. Wood won Div 1 at the election and the subsequent vote for chair. Thus Wood was both a divisional councillor AND chair from Mar 1979-Mar 1982. He lost his divisional seat in Mar 1982 and thus also lost the chair, which he had held since April 1961. The rules changed back to the former system in 1985; ie voters elected the chair AND divisional councillors.

Section 4: Meetings

in date order

FIRST MEETING OF REDLAND SHIRE COUNCIL¹⁹

9 June 1949

Chair: JHN Price
Members
Div 1, old Cleveland Shire, NSI C Toni
WHT Yarrow
A Langdon
RJ Hucker

Div 2, old Tingalpa Shire J Strachan
MG Bahr

Election: 31 May 1952

Chair: Price, JHN
Members:
Div 1 Toni, Charles
Hucker, Roy John
Langdon, Alfred
Crane, John Robert

Div 2 Benfer, Wilhelm
Gordon, JI

11 Feb 1954

Members: Langdon resigned, leaving district

11 March 1954

Members: Degen, Christian FW (replaced Langdon)

Election: April 1955²⁰

Chair: Price, JHN
Members: Hucker, RJ
Degen, CFW
Gannon, John Michael
Howlett, Joshua
Div 2: Gordon, JI
Dowling, AE

March 1957

Div 4 (new): Dickson, PIN elected to new North Stradbroke Island division.

¹⁹ A photocopy of the original minutes is in the Local History collection: HF42.2, no 1.

²⁰ Divisions increased from two to three.

April 1958

Div 1: Huckler, R, (retired)

Election: April 1958

Chair: Price, JHN
 Div 1: Yarrow, William Henry Thoburn
 Degen, Christian Frederick William
 Div 2: Dowling, Arthur Ernest
 Gordon, John Ivor
 Div 3: Toni, Charles
 Wood, Ernest Gaden Western (Dick)
 Div 4 (NSI): Dickson, Power Irving Nelson

Div 1: Thornlands, Cleveland, Ormiston
 Div 2: Thornlands West, Redland Bay, Victoria Pt, Mt Cotton
 Div 3: Wellington Pt, Thorneside, Capalaba
 Div 4: NSI

12 Jan 1961

Div 1: Yarrow, WHT, resigned

9 Feb 1961

Div 1: Price, DN appointed (JHN Price's son)

13 April 1961

Chair: Price, JHN, last meeting before retired

Election: April 1961

Chair: Wood, EGW (Dick)
 Div 1: Birch, Rose Marion
 Goleby, John Philip
 Div 2: Russell, Allen Thomas
 Gordon, John Ivor
 Div 3: Toni, Charles
 Close, Neil
 Div 4: Dickson, PIN

Dec 1962

Div 2: Russell, AT, resigned

Jan 1963

Div 2: Moore, JL, replaced Russell

Election: May 1964

Chair: Wood, EGW (Dick)
 Div 1: Birch, Rose Marion
 Goleby, John Philip
 Div 2: Moore, JL
 Gordon, John Ivor
 Div 3: Toni, Charles
 Close, Neil
 Div 4: Dickson, PIN
 Div 5: Holzapfel, Daniel John

Sept 1964

Div 3: Toni, C died in Sept.

Oct 1964

Div 3: Taylor, William HJ appointed to replace Toni

Election: April 1967

Chair: Wood, EGW (Dick)
Div 1: Birch, Rose Marion
Goleby, John Philip
Div 2: Moore, JL
Gordon, John Ivor
Div 3: Taylor, William HJ
Close, Neil
Div 4: Dickson, PIN
Div 5: Holzapfel, D

Sept 1969

Div 3: Close, N resigned. Leaving district.
Kenny, Ronald Richard appointed to replace Close.

November 1969

Div 4: Dickson, PIN resigned for health reasons.
Durbidge, Ellanor, replaced him

Election: 4 April 1970:²¹

Chair: Wood, EGW (Dick)
Div 1: Birch, Rose Marion
Goleby, John Philip
Div 2: Moore, JL
Gordon, John Ivor
Div 3: Taylor, William HJ
Kenny, Ronald Richard
Div 4: Durbidge, Ellanor
Div 5: Holzapfel, Dan
Batt, Raymond Leonard John

Dec 1970

Div 3: Taylor, WHJ died in Nov
Woodgate, Alan, appointed to replace Taylor²²

²¹ Redland Times, 15 April 1970, p11. Div 1: Cleveland, Ormiston, Thornlands, Victoria Pt. Div 2: Redland Bay. Div 3: Birkdale, Thorneside, Wellington Pt, northern Alexandra Hills. Div 4: NSI. Div 5: Mt Cotton, Capalaba, southern Alexandra Hills.

²² Redland Times, 11 Nov 1970, 2 Dec 1970.

Election: 31 March 1973²³

Chair:	Wood, EGW (Dick)
Div 1:	Austin, Norman WG Goleby, John Philip
Div 2:	Genrich, Mervyn A Gordon, John Ivor
Div 3:	Woodgate, Alan Kenny, Ronald Richard
Div 4:	Hartley, Ronald B
Div 5:	Taylor, Kenneth A Bonney, John O

June 1973:

Div 6 (SMBI) ²⁴ :	Gibson, JA appointed to new division
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Election: Mar 1976:²⁵

Chair:	Wood, EGW (Dick)
Div 1:	Austin, Norm W Goleby, John P
Div 2 (Vic Pt, Redland Bay):	Genrich, Merv A Gordon, John I (Jack)
Div 3:	Geary, Barbara J Mellis, Andrew F
Div 4 (NSI):	Nothling, George H
Div 5:	Bonney, John O Cottam, Trevor W
Div 6 (SMBI):	Gibson, JA (Arch)

Sept 1977:

Div 6:	Gibson, JA resigned, replaced by Field, Ron ²⁶
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Election March 1979:²⁷

Chair	Wood, EGW ²⁸
Div 1 (Wellington Point)	Wood, EGW
Div 2 (Ormiston-Cleveland):	Hunter, Peter New
Div 3 (Cleveland-Thornlands):	Goleby, John
Div 4 (NSI):	Fiedler, John
Div 5 (Vic Pt and Coochie):	Genrich, Merv
Div 6 (SMBI):	Roebuck, Cyril R (new)
Div 7 (Redland Bay):	Gordon, John Ivor
Div 8 (Mt Cotton):	Benfer, Albert J (new)
Div 9 (Capalaba-Thornlands):	Dunstan, George (new)
Div 10 (Capalaba):	Bonney, John
Div 11 (Alexandra Hills):	Holt, Judy
Div 12 (Birkdale, Thorneside):	Geary, Barbara

²³ Redland Times, 28 March 1973, p1. Div 1: Cleveland, Ormiston, Thornlands. Div 2: Victoria Pt, Redland Bay. Div 3: Wellington Pt, Birkdale, Thorneside. Div 4: NSI. Div 5: Capalaba, Mt Cotton.

²⁴ Southern Moreton Bay (SMBI) islands of Russell, Macleay, Karragarra and Lamb became part of the Redland Shire in June 1973.

²⁵ Redland Times, 31 March 1976, p1.

²⁶ RT 28 Sept 1977

²⁷ Redland Times, 18 April 1979.

²⁸ Until 1979 the voters elected the Shire Chair and the divisional councillors. From 1979-1985 the voters elected the divisional councillors, who then elected the Chair from among themselves, usually at the first meeting after the election. In 1985 it changed back to the voters electing the Chair and the divisional councillors.

Feb 1980:²⁹

Div 3: Goleby, John, resigned.
Washington, Howard, appointed to replace Goleby.

Election March 1982:³⁰

Chair: Genrich, Merv
Div 1: Skinner, Geoff
Div 2: Mackay, Charlie
Div 3: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 4: Fiedler, John
Div 5: Genrich, Merv
Div 6: Field, Ron
Div 7: Bengston, Kevin
Div 8: Benfer, Albert
Div 9: Dunstan, George
Div 10: Mellis, Andrew
Div 11: Holt, Judy
Div 12: Horton, James
(Washington, Gordon and Geary retired at this election)

Election March 1985:

Chair: Genrich, Merv
Div 1: Skinner, Geoff
Div 2: Yeo, Wayne
Div 3: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 4: Fiedler, John
Div 5: McIntyre, William
Div 6: Field, Ron
Div 7: Bengston, Kevin
Div 8: Benfer, Albert
Div 9: Dunstan, George Richard
Div 10: Bonney, John
Div 11: Holt, Judy
Div 12: Woodgate, Alan
(Mackay and Horton retired; Genrich stood for chair, not as divisional councillor)

Election March 1988:

Chair: Genrich, Merv
Div 1: Skinner, Geoff
Div 2: Yeo, Wayne
Div 3: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 4: Cooke-Bramley, Jennifer
Div 5: McIntyre, William
Div 6: Robinson, Peter
Div 7: Bengston, Kevin
Div 8: Goleby, Beatrice (Betty)
Div 9: Dunstan, George Richard
Div 10: Bonney, John
Div 11: Field, Paul
Div 12: Woodgate, Alan
(Benfer and Holt retired)

²⁹ Redland Times, 27 Feb 1980.

³⁰ Redland Times, 31 March 1982.

July 1988

Div 1: Skinner, Geoff died (June).
Fowler, Geoff, appted.

Jan 1989

Div 12 Woodgate, Alan died (Dec 1988)
Woodgate, Dean appointed

Election March 1991:³¹

Chair: Keogh, Len
Div 1: Skinner, Sue
Div 2: Groom, Betty
Div 3: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 4: Skelly, Rosemary
Div 5: Bengston, Kevin
Div 6: Dunstan, George
Div 7: Goleby, Betty
Div 8: Field, Paul
Div 9: Forrest, Bill
Div 10: Robinson, Norm

Sept 1992:³²

Div 2: Groom, Betty, stood down³³
Yeo, Wayne, appted

May 1993:³⁴

Div 9: Forrest, Bill, resigned
Bucknall, Ray, appted

Election Mar 1994:

Chair: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 1: Skinner, Sue
Div 2: Bradley, Frank
Div 3: Ross, Joe
Div 4: Burns, John
Div 5: Abeya, Trevor
Div 6: Bowler, Toni
Div 7: Goleby, Betty
Div 8: Field, Paul
Div 9: Bucknall, Ray
Div 10: Murray, Helen

³¹ Divisions reduced from 12 to 10 meant several sitting councillors stood against each other for same seat.

³² Redland Times, 30 Sept 1992.

³³ Groom was stood down due to bankruptcy, therefore no longer eligible to be div cr.

³⁴ Redland Times, 25 Mar 1994.

Election Mar 1997:

Chair: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 1: Newton, Decalie
Div 2: Bradley, Frank
Div 3: Ross, Joe
Div 4: Burns, John
Div 5: Abeya, Trevor
Div 6: Bowler, Toni
Div 7: Elliott, Murray
Div 8: Beard, Alan
Div 9: Bucknall, Ray
Div 10: Murray, Helen
(Skinner and Goleby retired)

Election Mar 2000:³⁵

Chair: Santagiuliana, Eddie
Div 1: Newton, Decalie
Div 2: Bradley, Frank
Div 3: Ross, Joe
Div 4: Dowling, Peter
Div 5: Townsend, Barbara
Div 6: Bowler, Toni
Div 7: Elliott, Murray
Div 8: Beard, Alan
Div 9: Bucknall, Ray
Div 10: Murray, Helen
(Burns, John, retired as div cr to stand for mayor; Abeya, Trevor, retired)

April 2001:

Mayor: Santagiuliana, Eddie, died

June 2001:

Mayor: Seccombe, Don, elected

Election Mar 2004:

Chair: Seccombe, Don
Div 1: Barker, Alan
Div 2: Ogilvie, Craig
Div 3: Henry, Debra
Div 4: Dowling, Peter
Div 5: Burns, John
Div 6: Bowler, Toni
Div 7: Elliott, Murray
Div 8: Beard, Alan
Div 9: Williams, Karen
Div 10: Murray, Helen
(Bradley, Frank, retired)

³⁵ Start of four-year terms.

Election Mar 2008:

Chair:	Hobson, Melva
Div 1:	Boglary, Wendy
Div 2:	Ogilvie, Craig
Div 3:	Henry, Debra
Div 4:	Dowling, Peter
Div 5:	Townsend, Barbara
Div 6:	Bowler, Toni
Div 7:	Elliott, Murray
Div 8:	Reimers, Kathy
Div 9:	Williams, Karen
Div 10:	Murray, Helen

(Seccombe, Don, retired)

May-June 2009:

Div 4:	Dowling, Peter, resigned to contest State election. Burns, John, appted.
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