## HELP Straddie Heal



**Redland City Council** joins with the **Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation** to thank all emergency services, volunteers, community groups, businesses, residents and visitors for their help during the recent bushfires on North Stradbroke Island.

Although the fires are now out and the island is open for business, it is important to be aware that things have changed. Now is a critical time in the recovery of this beautiful island so please do what you can to "CARE FOR COUNTRY".

## **Protect native wildlife**

- Keep pets on a leash or enclosed in a yard
  - Wildlife is highly vulnerable post-fire
  - Home Beach is the island's only dog off-leash beach area
  - Another off-leash area is located at Skatebowl Park in Dunwich, between the skatebowl and the fenced area at the eastern end of the park



- Council's animal management officers will have an increased presence on the island at this critical time to help ensure dogs are kept on leashes
- Avoid a \$220 fine by keeping your pets restrained outside designated off-leash areas
- Report fox and feral cat sightings to 3829 8999
- Drive carefully as wildlife continues to relocate to new habitats.

Report sick and injured wildlife to Wildcare Straddie on 0407 766 052.

## **Care for country**

- Stick to roads and well-formed tracks
  - Don't take shortcuts, seeds are germinating under the layer of ash
  - Feral animals are lazy don't create new tracks and hunting vantage points for them
- Tread lightly, if on foot
  - Weeds don't like fire, but they love disturbance
  - There may be dangers under the burnt debris
- Keep a tidy campsite, reduce the impact on our environment
- Remember it's easy to become lost in a burnt landscape.



The landscape is fragile post-fire and vulnerable to erosion. Please use common sense.

Council is planning to install new digital signs on Straddie to help keep the public informed and up to date, especially during emergencies.



