



# On road to RV heaven

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REDLANDS is on the road to becoming a stop-over point for recreational vans and grey nomads.

The city has tentatively earmarked sites in Cleveland and Capalaba for caravan tourists to stop overnight, so they can go shopping, refuel, and, importantly, empty their toilet holding tanks.

John Fredericks Park at Capalaba and William Street Marine Facility at Cleveland will go on the 'Motorhome Map,' with Redland council aiming to have both set up before Christmas.

Self-drive motor homes are a booming tourism industry and more than 500,000 Australians own a campervan or caravan.

Redland council has struggled to keep up with demand despite plans unveiled in 2010 for 'dump' sites, where the vans could empty toilets into council sewers.

Mayor Karen Williams said council was working with the Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia.

"This project is great news for tourists as well as the Redlands tourism industry with it likely to result in an increase in tourism to the city," Cr Williams said.

Campervan and Motorhome Club of Australia Queensland representative Richard Mainey said Redland was allocated the two dump sites, which will be open to all RV self-contained vehicles. Mr Mainey, who was speaking at an RV conference in Toowoomba on Thursday, said Redland was still going through due processes before the dump sites were ready to open.

He expected the dump units, for waste water, to be installed by December. The units, currently stored at the council depot, will be built into the ground and will in-

clude a hose and a potable water tap.

"We commenced good discussions with Redlands in February, but council has to do due diligence with water people and go to the community to make sure there are not too many objections, and they have to be sited well," Mr Mainey said.

Redland councillor Wendy Boglary said she was pleased years of work paid off and the city would be on the Motorhome Map.

"The best locations have been chosen and are close to the highway," she said.



**DRIVING AMBITIONS:** Pat Martin, left, shows Redland councillor Wendy Bogleary her recreational van, in which she holidays with her partner Ian.



## Eco-tourism projects get green light

FOUR eco-tourism projects, including the Narawntapu adventure precinct, will proceed to the next stage, following recommendations from the state government's expressions of interest assessment panel.

As well as the Narawntapu National Park project for horse riding and other adventure activities, others to receive the green light were a luxury standing camp at Halls Island, Lake Malbena, to facilitate activities such as kayaking, bushwalking and fly fishing in the Walls of Jerusalem National Park; a proposal from Rotor Lift Aviation for helicopter access to the Freycinet Peninsula and Tasman Island; and an extension to Freycinet Lodge for additional cabins and powered motor home sites.

The government has said the projects would require amendments in order to proceed.

Public input is being sought on the Narawntapu National Park Draft Management Plan 2015, with comments closing on December 16. The plan can be viewed at [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au).