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It's the community party and celebration which kick starts the festive season each year and the annual North Shore Community Centre Christmas Carnivale was again a huge community get together full of fun, and free festive cheer. The afternoon event held on Saturday November 23 featured lots of activities and the star attraction Santa, arrived by helicopter and had a gift for all children. The organisers and volunteers did an incredible job and the smiles on all who attended was proof of the great community event. Pictured are North Shore Community Centre volunteers Vivien, Doris, Tony and Nanette with Santa. More photos page 2. Photo: Vanessa Hall

TOUGH STANCE ON CRIME INTRODUCED INTO PARLIAMENT WITH MAKING QLD SAFER BILL

VANESSA HALL
EDITOR

THE CRISAFULLI Government has delivered on one of their much touted election promises which was to address the "youth crime epidemic" and to put victim's rights at the forefront. This is set to be achieved via the Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024.

Throughout the past few years, the LNP routinely stated that the previous government's "watered down crime laws" had played a pivotal role in creating the heightened state of crime and fear across the state. This new bill is set to be a key component in the Crisafulli Government's approach to

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North Shore Community Centre Christmas Carnivale

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THE NORTH Shore Community Centre (NSCC) held their annual Christmas Carnivale on Saturday November 23 within the grounds of the Mudjimba based centre. The free event is always highly anticipated each year and attendance this year was estimated at around 1,500 people.

Centre representative Tony Brown stated that events like this are so important for the community.

"We all work so hard to put this on but it's just so good to see everyone come along and catch up... we were thrilled to see so many turn up which is what the community centre is all about."

The team made sure that

there were lots of free activities for the little family members.

"Santa drew a huge crowd down on the ground as he landed in the helicopter and we had presents for all of the kids," Tony said.

The NSCC is a vibrant local hub that is open to all. They have a range of community services available from support services, health and fitness

classes, room hire, social and adult learning as well as special events. They are non-judgemental and offer a welcoming space. For more information on events and activities at the NSCC please visit www.northshorecommunitycentre.org or contact the centre on 5450 9700 or drop in at 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba.



Maira, Liz, Caio and Kaique pose for a photo with Santa.



Friends Nash, Joey, Jacob and Stone.



Porter, Lulu, Lilla and Maia with Santa.



Clare and Robyn from the Maroochy North Shore Lions who held a fundraising BBQ and were so successful they sold out!
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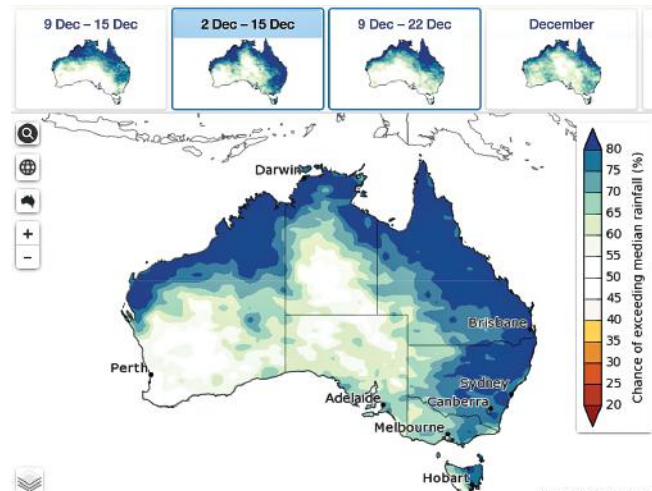
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Dan and Melanie with some of the donations that have already been dropped off. Photo: Contributed

NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

THE LOCAL community are being encouraged to support a hamper drive to help those less fortunate this festive season.

Ninderry MP Dan Purdie said his office is a drop off location for donations of non-perishable items as part of the Urban Angels Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Mr Purdie said the hamper drive is being coordinated by local resident Melanie Ottaway, who has been raising funds for charities in the local area for several years.

“When Melanie asked for help to raise awareness for this Christmas hamper appeal, I was only too happy to help,” Mr Purdie said.

“She is always one of the first people to put their hand up to support our hard-working charities, and at this time of year, the Christmas Hamper appeal is a great way for the wider community to get involved.”

Melanie said that many are doing it tough.

“The gift of giving and being able to bring our community together in a time of crisis is beyond words,” Melanie said.

“I feel like I said the same thing last year, it’s been a rough few years on the Coast and we can all make a difference. You don’t need to go out and spend money, it can be an item you no longer need in the

pantry.

“It’s the thought that counts.”

The Christmas Hamper Appeal is an initiative of Urban Angels, a local charity providing nutritious meals for people who need support.

Nearly 200 volunteers and a small number of staff deliver on average around 13,000 meals a month.

In the lead up to Christmas, they will also be putting together roast dinners for as many people as possible.

Non-perishable items being requested include canned soups and other meals, canned salmon and tuna, canned fruit, nut trail mixes and snacks, tea and

coffee, long life milk, and condiments and spreads.

Plum puddings, to go with the roast dinners, are also welcome.

Locals are being asked to drop in their donations as soon as possible, to give the volunteers plenty of time to put them together and distribute before Christmas.

The donations can be dropped off to Dan’s office at 11 Heathfield Road, Coolum Beach by the 19th of December 2024 or directly to Urban Angels, at Unit 4, 27 Service Street, Maroochydore.

Noosa Coolum Salvos and MP Bolton to host Christmas Lunch

INDEPENDENT member for Noosa Sandy Bolton will be again co-hosting Christmas Day lunch this year with the Noosa Coolum Salvos, Making Lives Matter, and a wonderful band of merry elves at 6 Bartlett St, Noosaville from 11.30am on December 25.

The team includes Tony Crossin who once more will be creating the festive fare, and of course entertainment and Santa. Numbers are limited and to secure a place please RSVP by December 18.

Sandy’s family including

partner Shoey and ‘furkids’ Coco and Bear will be celebrating with fellow people who are flying ‘solo’, and Sandy is looking forward to the usual traditions, including the ‘bon bon’ battle which continues to elude her!

“We have an incredible, loving and selfless community, with an enormous heart. I am always in awe of how everyone pulls together to make Christmas special.”

“To assist in hosting this lunch is a joy, with new friendships made amongst genuine

care for each other. No one should ever spend Christmas day alone, so please join us for a complimentary lunch and some merry cheer on Christmas Day,” Sandy said.

Matthew Gluyas is the Mission Leader at Noosa Coolum Salvos and is working with Sandy and Making Lives Matter on delivering this lunch for the community.

“We don’t want anyone to be alone this Christmas. We are made for community and Christmas is a time, more than any other, where it’s important

that we place our self around others,” Matt said.

The lunch will be held at 6 Bartlett Street, Noosaville from 11.30am on December 25. As spaces are limited, please book as soon as possible. RSVP with your name/s, phone number and ages/gender of any children before December 18 to 07 5335 8500.

If you wish to enquire about volunteering, please contact Sandy’s office on 5319 3100 before December 11.



Noosa MP Sandy Bolton, Jude McCourt from Making Lives Matter and Matthew Gluyas from the Salvos are all eagerly looking forward to hosting the 2024 community Christmas lunch. Photo: Contributed

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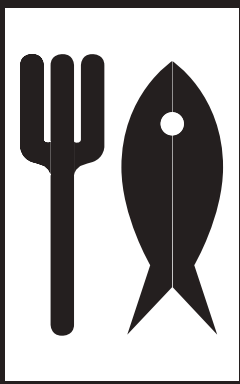
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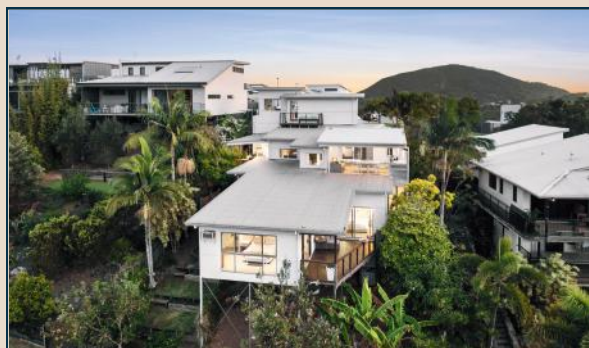
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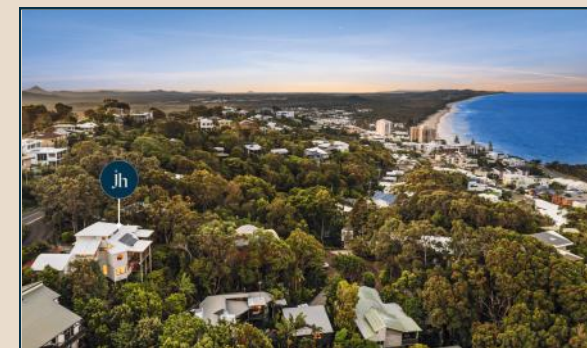
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Tough stance on crime introduced into parliament with Making QLD Safer Bill

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this far reaching and complex issue.

Under the laws, juvenile offenders who commit some of the most serious crimes will face the same penalties as adult offenders and the rights of victims will be put ahead of the rights of offenders.

Under the proposed laws, the Youth Justice Act 1992 would be amended so young offenders committing particular crimes would be subject to the same penalties as adults.

Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie MP said it was an honour to play a pivotal role

in the development of these laws and that he was proud to be part of a Government that was prioritising the region's safety.

"Over the past few years, I have heard too many stories from Ninderry residents who have been living in fear in their homes and workplaces because of the youth crime crisis.

"The elderly and parents of young children tell me they are scared to leave their homes to go to the shops or to sit in a park because they may be harassed or threatened with violence.

"It is unacceptable that law

abiding citizens don't feel safe anymore and that youth offenders take over the streets and flout the law without consequences for their actions," Mr Purdie said.

The Crisafulli Government has taken the first step to restoring community safety and legislating 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' with the introduction of the landmark Making Queensland Safer Bill 2024 to Parliament recently.

The Bill also includes measures to fully open the Children's Court for victims and the media.

Premier David Crisafulli

said restoring community safety would be the first order of business with the new laws.

"The Making Queensland Safer Laws are the first strike back against a youth crime crisis a decade in the making," Premier Crisafulli said.

The Premier also stated that this was voted for by Queenslanders.

"Where we are today is the result of decisions made a decade ago; a fresh start is what we need, Queenslanders demanded it, and we are delivering it with the Making Queensland Safer Laws.

"No one is suggesting there

will be no crime, but these laws will start to restore safety to our community and mean fewer Queenslanders fall victim to crime.

"Youth who choose to commit the most serious crimes will serve the time under these strong laws, but with Gold Standard Early Intervention and effective rehabilitation they will have every opportunity to stay on the right track."

The Bill is set to be considered by Committee before being debated by Parliament this month and in place before the end of 2024.

The tough provisions con-

tained in the Bill complement plans for Gold Standard Early Intervention, crime prevention and effective rehabilitation to ensure fewer Queenslanders fall victim to crime.

Adult Crime, Adult Time offences include: Murder, Manslaughter, Unlawful striking causing death, Grievous bodily harm, Wounding, Serious assault, Home and business break-ins and robbery, Dangerous operation of vehicles.

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Letters to the editor

ADVERTISER PRAISE

Dear editor,

It's that time of the year that we should do well to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of our great local rag! Always keeping us informed and abreast of important developments in the Coolum and North Shore area, the truly significant role a local paper plays cannot be overstated.

What's the haps now? A connection to history, the vibrancy of our education centres and a spotlight on people whose works make up the backbone of a community - this information is crucial to our growth as peaceful, creative and knowledgeable, loving humans.

In local collaboration and recognition... In local acts and local ideas coming to fruition, this is the tree of life, that becomes the forest of a world. Shout out to the Advertiser and all the people who put it together. Yeah! Great Stuff.

Dylan White,
Coolum Beach.

PAY GAP

Dear editor,

I was touched by the story of a widow who asked if her late husband's deep voice announcing 'Mind the Gap' at London's Embankment tube

station could be returned in place of a digital creation that replaced his voice leaving her devastated.

The authorities agreed making her overjoyed to hear the love of her life while waiting for the next train.

However, there is another gap that our community leaders should focus on in Australia. That is the gender pay gap and its impact on older women, especially those who fall through the superannuation gap.

While Australia's gender pay gap has been shrinking little by little each year, women are still being paid almost \$30,000 a year less than men the same age, and the gap widens with age.

The biggest gap is among older workers. At its widest point, women aged 55 to 59 years are earning \$53,000 less each year than men - a gap of 32.6%.

Women aged 60 to 64 have 23% less super than men and are likely to work in lower-paid industries, reducing their potential savings and super entitlements.

At retirement age (60-64 years), 23% of women have no superannuation compared to 13% of men.

Then there is the gap for women who have not been in the paid workforce. Across all age groups, 1 in 3 women have no superannuation compared to 1 in 4 men.

This makes it tough for

older women facing homelessness and confronting escalating living costs especially as divorce rates are rising fastest amongst older couples.

As we hear the approach of the Federal City Express to Canberra, we should remind our politicians to Mind the Gap before they board after the next election.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

COOLUM TERRACE PATH

Dear editor,

As a resident of the western side of Coolum Terrace, I was drawn to the letter from Michael Caffery last fortnight, highlighting the unacceptable state of the only pedestrian access we have to and from our homes.

The "footpath" on the western side of Coolum Terrace where it is split level is patently unsuitable for pedestrian use because of its crossfall and surface irregularity. The split level, one-way section of the road along this section is extremely narrow and always full of parked cars due to the proximity to the beach and surf club. The remaining roadway is barely wide enough for cars, but pedestrians are forced to use the roadway for access to and from their properties. This problem is exacerbated when families with children and babies are forced onto the road with prams while trying to avoid traffic

coming from behind.

The fact that there is no street lighting on this side of the road magnifies the problem to another level at night.

I seriously urge the Council to address and rectify this issue before the costs to the ratepayers are further amplified by public liability payouts and legal costs incurred because of Council's ongoing negligence in relation to this matter.

Sharne Andrée,
Coolum Beach.

ROBODEBT

Dear editor,

The Robodebt Royal Commission found Mal Pheesance and Korr Upshon were in charge from 2014 to 2021. In evidence, 2 former PMs, 4 Department Ministers, Public Service bosses and now the National Crime and Corruption Commission couldn't find them anywhere. More details needed?

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

BUDDING WRITERS

Dear editor,

Congratulations to the budding journo, editors and writers at Coolum State School and their "stewardship" mentor, Mrs Kotzur, on the publication of their children's created magazine: "Behind the School"! This

is a worthwhile effort which can be jump-start of a career in writing and publishing for these eager students.

Nothing inspires talent like success, seeing their own productions and creations in print. Who knows where this will lead these children in the future? It is a learning curve which may take a lifetime of commitment to the written word. Its success can be the spark which kindles a fire deep within children, which may burn long after school days, leading to satisfying careers in publishing. Nothing succeeds like success, even from these early beginnings.

Congratulations to their teacher, who leads by example. Such a worthwhile exercise for the real world. The printed word always will have an audience of those who value talent and perseverance in creating a lifetime

from small beginnings. Not everyone is a Shakespeare or Agatha Christie, but to have a love of learning a new craft which equips one for the future, is enough impetus to continue building on what these children have created. The joy in both creating and reading the written word has no limits especially if it is their own work. "Well done!"

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

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It's been a busy year at Coolum HeARTs with the local not for profit offering many low-cost art and lifestyle classes to the community, especially those with life challenges from their beautifully renovated shed located on the corner of Sunrise Ave and Elizabeth St. We met up with the Monday morning art class for their second last class of the year to see the amazing work they have been producing.



Beverley with her 'mountain scene'.



Art Teacher and Facilitator Chony with Maree.



Carer Megan with Michaela and her 'Kung Fu Panda' painting. Photos: Vanessa Hall



Barry with his carer Angelo.



Kira with her 'Amazing Spider Man 2' Marvel movie inspired painting.




Carer Shaun with Jack.

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Gay, volunteer and artist Georges and Megan.



Andrew and his Anzac inspired painting.



Volunteer Robyn with Julie.

HeARTS at the Twilight Markets

If you would like to support Coolum HeARTs you can catch them each Thursday selling raffle tickets at the Coolum Hotel from 4.30 – 5.30pm. They have a meat tray, seafood voucher and

food vouchers from the Hotel on offer. Alternatively you can get in touch via their website and sign up to their mailing list for information on their 2025 activities and classes and they are always in need

of more volunteers - www.coolumhearts.com.au

Do you have an event that you would like featured? Send in your details or images to editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au



The Coolum Twilight markets have started and are held each Friday afternoon and into the evening in Tickle Park until January 17. Coolum HeARTs have a fundraising stall there with all profits going back into the not for profit in order for them to provide their low-cost art and lifestyle courses and classes. Pictured at the first market on Friday November 29 is Julie Chizzoni and Wendy O'Hanlon. Be sure to drop by the markets and say hi! Photo: Wendy O'Hanlon

Happy Gardening

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POPPIES (Papaveraceae)

POPPIES (Papaveraceae) are an amazing, diverse family of plants. There are over 250 species across the world, with the majority hailing from the northern hemisphere.

My first memory of them is the Iceland Poppies that my aunt used to grow in her front garden every year. As a child I remember their distinctive perfume and watching their papery petals swaying in the gentle breeze. For the home gardener, they are relatively easy to grow, preferring a well-prepared soil in a sunny position, sheltered from strong wind. They are hardy and will tolerate a variety of soils. Some are self-seeding, producing many small seeds which germinate easily.

This is pertinent as we look at perhaps the most recognisable flower in the world, the Flanders Poppy (Papaver rhoeas).

Fresh in our minds, the Flanders Poppy is featured to commemorate Remembrance Day on the 11th November. Heavy fighting was carried out in the fields of Flanders in the First World War. It is said that the poppy seeds lay dormant for many years, and it didn't take long for thousands of flowers to spring up in the churned up, fertile soil.

The bright red colour of the Flanders Poppy is said to represent all the red blood that was spilled on the battle fields. Remembrance Day honours all fallen soldiers in all wars.

Other varieties include the Californian poppy, Oriental Poppy, Opium Poppy, Belgium Poppy, Shirley Poppy, and the Blue Himalayan. The Blue Himalayan Poppy (Meconopsis betonicifolia) is a stunning blue colour, but will only grow in cold, moist conditions, so it's



certainly not suitable for our Queensland's conditions.

After the petals of the poppy flower have dropped, a lot of people save the pods which can be then used in bunches of flowers. Completely dried, it lends a lovely rural look to arrangements. In some areas, certain varieties of poppy pods are grown mainly for their ornamental value. In other cases, the seeds in the pods are used for culinary arts, such as in pastries, breads and cakes. A big favourite is the orange and poppy seed cake.

The Opium Poppy (Papaver somniferum) is grown agriculturally in many areas for its important medicinal value. It will grow from 1 - 4 metres in height and can be white to mauve in colour. It's illegal to grow in some countries because of its opiate content.

What an important, interesting, versatile plant - and pretty too!

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There is no need to make the dreaded trip to Mooloolaba on Christmas eve for your seafood, simply place your seafood order now with Coolum Seafoods and conveniently pick up your goods on Christmas eve from their shop which is located on the Coolum Strip at 3/1788 David Low Way (next to Eastell Real Estate).

The seafood stocked by Coolum Seafoods comes from the same trawlers who supply the seafood shops along the spit at Mooloolaba - you will be ordering the same product! You can be assured that you will be getting only the very best fresh Mooloolaba King Prawns, Moreton Bay Bugs, Coffin Bay Oysters, Mooloolaba Crabs and whole fish.

Under new ownership since March, however retaining the same long-term staff, owner Trent Catanzariti who was previously the Coolum Westpac Bank Manager said that there was no need to have to stand in

a queue for hours on Christmas eve ordering your seafood.

"We really want to make it easy for people. Simply phone in your order now or drop in and come and pick it up on Christmas eve - it is that easy."

As well as being the number one place for Christmas seafood, Coolum Seafoods is also fully licensed and have ample outdoor space for casual dining. The beach can be seen from their outdoor dining area further adding to the whole seafood eating experience!

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Renae, Sequoia and Daniela from Coolum Seafoods are ready to take the hassle out of Christmas seafood ordering and can take your orders now, saving you a trip to Mooloolaba. Photo: Vanessa Hall

A look back in time

FRANCES WINDOLF

A LONG TIME COOLUM RESIDENT WITH A PASSION FOR LOCAL HISTORY



TALES FROM DOWN THE ROAD ... PART TWO

MY LAST article began a short journey inland, along Beach Road and the Yandina-Coolum Road, introduced Martin Oosthuizen - who never "went home" to New South Wales after first seeing Coolum Beach, and the ladies of the Perry-Keene family (Magdalene White and Piercy Maud Perry-Keene), who bought Grainger Ward's original 225 hectares in 1906. In 1909 the property was extended by another 210

hectares, covering most of today's central Coolum, in Harold Perry-Keene's name.

By 1913 the Perry-Keenes had two sons, and had built a comfortable two-storey house, "with detached kitchen" on the land where today's BP garage now stands. The "Green Hills" surrounding their property carried 120 Shorthorn cattle - 80 of which were milked daily - while eleven hectares of the land grew bananas, and many hectares of sugar cane.

At Christmas 1918, Harold Perry-Keene opened "Mount Coolum Beach" [near

today's Coolum Surf Club] to campers for the first time, with the Nambour Chronicle stating, "Although this was only known to the public a few days before the holidays, the number who availed themselves of the privilege was over 300. All who came were enthusiastic."

Always an entrepreneur, Harold Perry-Keene saw that the main aspect keeping Coolum from expanding greatly was the lack of a trafficable road, and he was a strong advocate for the use of cane trams to bring tourists to the area of Coolum. When the tramline from the Moreton Central Sugar Mill in Nambour was opened in November 1923, Harold Perry-Keene was perhaps its strongest advocate.

The tramline from

Nambour arrived in Coolum from Nambour via Buderim, crossing the Maroochy River near Dunethin Rock, and then across Coolum Creek to "Oak Trees" at the corner of today's Edith Place and Yungar Street. From November 1923 to late 1925, travellers then had to walk the distance to the beach, along the southern side of today's Yandina-Coolum Road ... but Mr. Perry-Keene, considerate, as always, of what people needed - and the money they could spend ... had one of their workers set up a "cool drinks stall" outside the Perry-Keene home!

When the tramline was extended to today's Perry Street [behind the Anglican Church] the line followed the route that passengers had walked, crossing the road opposite "Green Hills", with

many parched passengers leaving the train there, and making money for the Perry-Keene family!

Sadly, one Saturday in 1929, people on the beach realised that "Green Hills" - now a popular guest house

- was burning, almost to the ground! ... I have been told that every young person raced "up the road" to help, but from then onwards the guest house remained a private home.



The "Green Hills" guesthouse in 1925. Photo: Windolf Collection

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Saluting lifeguards and the navy at refurbished Power Park



Children enjoying the new playground at Power Memorial Park.

HMAS Brisbane and Lifeguard tower play structures at Power Memorial Park. Photos: Contributed

SUNSHINE Coast Council has completed a new playground as part of the second stage of upgrades and landscaping works at Power Memorial Park in Mudjimba.

The Park refurbishment has been unveiled, just in time for the summer holidays, and the refurbishment has a nautical and beachy theme with the navy and lifesaving represented.

Sunshine Coast Council

proudly partnered with the Australian Government, which contributed \$265,000 through its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program towards these Stage Two improvements.

This partnership will enable Queenslanders to participate in sport and recreation activities on the Sunshine Coast.

During Stage 1, Council improved walkways and

renewed the five shelters adjacent to the playground with new roofing, barbecues and seating. During this stage, local artists made park elements pop with a splash of colour.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag said the upgrade and a new playground made an already popular park even better.

"I'm thrilled with the new

playground at Power Memorial Park," Cr Bunnag said.

"The design gives a nod to two icons, the ex-HMAS Brisbane, which was decommissioned in 2001 and was sunk as a dive wreck off the Mudjimba coast in 2005, and also to our iconic Sunshine Coast surf lifeguard services and volunteer lifesaving teams.

"With a bright red and yellow lifeguard tower and a

play structure that looks like the bow of the HMAS Brisbane – complete with fish – the playground provides a great mix of activities that my kids road tested on the weekend and absolutely loved."

The upgrade did present some challenges due to tree roots.

"We moved the playground to the south, out of the tree root zone and this is now a first-class play space for our

community to enjoy.

"As a result of the playground relocation, we've had to redesign the new shade sails, and they will be installed in the next few months.

"I encourage our community to visit the park, have a picnic and bring the kids for an amazing time on the new playground."

Fibonacci Spider Web



MIKE DRINKWATER

LOCAL photographer Mike Drinkwater snapped this close up of a spider and its web on Tuesday November 26 at Point Arkwright. Resembling a Fibonacci spiral which is often found in nature, Mike said that the setting sun perfectly backlit the scene. "It was a pleasant surprise to accidentally discover this stunning orb spider's web lit up by the late arvo sun after an otherwise non-eventful outing with my camera. I'd gone down to the beach to have a break from the drawing board and had hoped to photograph surfing

action but that was not to be found. So, I just sat on the cliff top hoping for Fairy Wrens and waiting for Eagles and Osprey. Nothing too eventful there either. So, I just chatted with the locals for a bit and stumbled upon this beauty on the walk home." The moral of the story we think, is that sometimes, you need to stop and look outside of the norm or down! More of Mike's local photography can be found at www.drinky.weebly.com



If you happen to take a stunning pic or have a pic of something you think the community should know about – on either your smart phone or DSLR from anywhere in the region, we would love to see it!

Please send in your 'pic of the week' to, editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au and don't forget to include your name, where the pic was taken and what it is of.



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FIRST WEEK OF PARLIAMENT

LAST week saw the milestone of one month since the state election and the opening of the 58th Parliament, followed by the first Parliamentary Sitting Day of the new Crisafulli Government. It was a big week for Queensland as we begin delivering a fresh start for Queenslanders.

The Premier introduced the Making Queensland Safer Bill to the Queensland Parliament, delivering on a key commitment for the first 100 days. I am proud to be part of a Government that is prioritising the region's safety as we work hard to implement the commitments we made on priorities such as housing, health, youth crime and cost-of-living.

I'm delighted to be serving in the Cabinet with four of my Sunshine Coast Colleagues which makes for a strong voice for our region.

SCHOOLS OUT

I would also like to congratulate the Year 12 Class of 2024 and wish you all the best with your future adventures. It's an exciting time finishing school as you navigate the world with many possibilities ahead. Congratulations and enjoy this special time.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas lights and trees are up, and the Sunshine Coast is looking magical. However, for some Christmas can be a difficult time of the year and as always, I like to give a shout out to local organisations providing people and families with much-needed support. If you are

looking to give a Christmas gift of kindness this year consider giving to St Vinnies, Lifeline or SunnyKids, or a group of your choice to help others at Christmas – your donation will be appreciated.

My office is also a collection point for Care Kits for Kids QLD Inc, a not-for-profit charity distributing free Care Kit backpacks to children in crisis / out-of-home care in Queensland. Around 12,000 Queensland children are living in out-of-home care or crisis, and they often leave unsafe situations with nothing but they what they are wearing. The charity fills back packs with age appropriate new or handcrafted donations of clothing, toiletries, toys, books, educational items and quilt / wrap for distribution to Queensland Police Child Protection, Queensland Child Safety Services, Foster & Kinship Care and Domestic/Family Violence Services. You can drop items in the pink bin anytime. For a list of items needed go to: www.fionasimpson.com.au/care-kits-for-kids-qld/

TWIN WATERS CAROLS

The annual carols are scheduled for Sunday December 15 from 5-7.30pm at Moorings Circuit Park. My good friend Tanya and I are again looking forward to singing carols on the stage. It is one of my favourite Christmas Community events. I hope to see you there!

Don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can be of assistance with. To contact me, my electorate office email is maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au or phone 54067100.

Taylor Bunnag CR

DIVISION 8 SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL



THE 12 days of Christmas is a popular Christmas carol you'll probably be hearing a lot over the next few weeks, so I thought it was worthwhile sharing my own version – the 12 projects and initiatives of 2024 that have defined my brief time as your Councillor.

1. Funding secured to deliver a footpath along South Coolool Road between Warrack Street and Scottlynd Street benefiting residents in Coolool and Mount Coolool.

2. Building 22 affordable rental homes for local workers in Marcoola in partnership with the State Government.

3. Hosting Free Tree Days throughout the division, with my third to be held on Monday, December 16, between 2-4pm at Power Memorial Park in Mudjimba.

4. Delivered the Power Memorial Park and Playground Upgrade in Mudjimba.

5. Delivered the Petrie Avenue Carpark Upgrade and the Lorraine Avenue streetscape is currently under construction in Marcoola.

6. Funding secured to deliver kerb and channelling for Sundew Street East in Mudjimba.

7. Advocated to re-prioritise funding from the Transport Levy, which will see \$3.3 million in funding spent on infrastructure projects each financial year to assist the most vulnerable in our community across our region.

8. Refurbished the Pacific Paradise Skatepark and similar works have started on the Mudjimba Skatepark.

9. Delivered new, or refurbished, footpaths in Yaroomba, Twin Waters and Maroochydore.

10. Progressed design work for toilet amenities at the base of Mount Coolool with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

11. Rolled out 28 new public space recycling bins throughout Division 8.

12. Proudly supported community groups with \$16,271 in discretionary funding and committed a further \$8,000 by the end of this fiscal year. I also successfully advocated during the Council budget process to ensure that community partnerships funding for community groups was aligned to the Consumer Price Index annually.

As this is my last column before the festive break, I'd like to say thank you for taking the time to read my comments throughout the year and for your support.

I recognise that for many people 2024 has been a challenging year. I hope that however you spend your time over the festive season, you find some enjoyment and happiness.

For me, I'm looking forward to quality time with my family and extra surfing. See you in 2025!

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

Please keep an eye on my Facebook page for the latest Division 8 news and information by searching 'Councillor Taylor Bunnag - Division 8, Sunshine Coast Regional Council'.

Sandy Bolton MP

MEMBER FOR NOOSA



THE FIRST piece of legislation to be debated in the 58th Parliament was the Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Arrangements Bill, and it was an 'urgency' one with multiple unrelated pieces of legislation that I would normally oppose as there was no community consultation nor scrutiny from a committee. However, it had a needed outcome for Noosa regarding State Facilitated Developments (SFDs) that was time critical with legislation to give power to the Planning Minister to revise or revoke applications. This allows our new Government to keep their commitments made during the election, and I thank the Premier and Planning Minister for this, and for their reassurance going forward to work with Noosa Council in ensuring any applications or proposals do not contravene our local planning scheme. After a contentious journey since we opposed the original Bill facilitating the SFD pathway back in April, this is welcomed progress.

The Noosa MP annual community survey is open for you to have your say on Noosa's priorities for 2025 at www.sandybolton.com, under the 'Connect' tab, not to be confused with the annual newsletter! If you require a paper copy of either, do not hesitate to contact my office as we want to hear from as many Noosa Elector-

ate residents as possible. The survey is a little longer than usual however there are many important issues that require feedback.

We are again co-hosting festivities with Noosa Salvos, Making Lives Matter and a band of merry elves! For anyone flying 'solo' this year, please join us for a complimentary lunch, Santa and some Christmas cheer. However you MUST book early as limited seats – so please RSVP with your name/s, phone number and ages/gender of any children before December 18 to 07 5335 8500 or head to www.bit.ly/NoosaXmasLunch2024.

Further information on all the above and more is on Noosa 360 at www.SandyBolton.com/Noosa360. In addition, follow 'Sandy Bolton MP' on Facebook to receive information as soon as available and remember to subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.SandyBolton.com/Newsletters. Always, if you require assistance regarding state matters, contact us on 5319 3100 or via noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au.

A reminder, our office is closed from 1.30pm on 20 December to 9am 6 January for the Christmas and New Year break.

Have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to seeing you out and about enjoying our beautiful home!

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Observations

TONY GIBSON

A MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.



PLANNING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

MAKING the decision to live permanently on the Sunshine Coast at Marcoola some 16 years ago was a good decision for my partner and I. We have similar values with a love of the natural environment and the community. Enjoying the biodiversity such as the calls of golden whistlers or the clatter of the yellow tailed black cockatoos are regular experiences of joy for us both.

We have worked to maintain the habitat that sustains us with other like-minded community members in groups like Coolum and North Shore Coast Care. The biodiversity is amazing and to have the Sunshine Coast and Noosa identified as UNESCO biospheres of global significance says a great deal about our precious gifts.

I have been a strong advocate of effective planning in my career, and I began to realise that we need to make plans without rigid expectations. The key thing is for there to be buy-in to the values that underpin or support a plan. Living and teaching by example and doing few things well in line with the values will lead to success.

Unfortunately, we see the lack of buy-in by some which has led to community distress as animals are killed on our roads by cars. Vehicles and domestic animals unrestrained on beaches, inappropriate building heights and lighting negatively

challenge natural processes like nesting turtles or rest for migratory birds.

This is a planet that we need to consciously share and cooperate by fully appreciating the interdependence of all species to sustain life on the Earth.

A Coastal Management Plan – Draft is out for consultation by the Queensland Government, with the “objects related to coastal management to:

- Provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and management of the coastal zone, including resources and biological diversity, and
- Encourage the enhancement of knowledge of coastal resources and the effect of human activities on the coastal zone. So, have your say.

I ask for not only planning but “plan-act-do and check” to see how human and nature’s wellbeing is being sponsored and sustained.

We are all guardians with our traditional owners so let us continue to love and enjoy it.

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



HOW REFRESHING was it to see our senate passing laws to limit access to social media for children aged under 16. There is now no doubt that social media is causing harm to young people, and we now have lawmakers willing to take a stand. Every politician that voted for this legislation deserves to be applauded.

Social media has caused untold damage to the mental health of young people everywhere. It is not a healthy space for the young, who should be playing sport, mixing with friends, engaging with family, learning music and reading books, and getting out in nature. We should not be in darkened rooms engaging with people who are not with us in person. As truly social creatures, our socialisation should always be with people who are with us physically, along with the occasional phone call.

Unfortunately, as parents, social media requires us to be more vigilant than ever before. As someone who was raised in the country, we only ever had two golden rules – be home before five OR be home before

dark. These were simpler times and parents could let us have the run of the town knowing we would be safe. I can’t remember the words “mental health” ever being used together in that way. Times have changed!

We have to keep our kids safe. The social media companies have shown that they will not take charge unless their hands are forced by governments, and even then, it will be hard. Our best chance is to take charge ourselves. Only as communities can we make a difference.

I have been heartened to see the immediate improvement made in the use of e-bikes in our community thanks to the determined actions of Sergeant Joel Bryant of the Coolum Police. If we can make a difference there, we can make a difference here. Let’s stand together on social media and save the minds of our young people. It will be hard and maybe slow at first, but we can do this. Let’s make our world a safer place for our young people.

Legal News

JULIAN PORTER

SOLICITOR AT BARBER PORTER IN COOLUM BEACH SPECIALISING IN ELDER LAW AND ALL LEGAL MATTERS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.



GUARDIANSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

MOST OLDER people these days know that it’s just as important to have an Enduring Power of Attorney as it is to have a will. But what happens if someone hasn’t managed to make an EPA, and they lose capacity to make their own decisions?

First of all, let’s not jump to any conclusions. The test of capacity for making an EPA requires that the person be capable of making it freely and voluntarily and understands the nature and effect of the document. It is entirely possible for someone to have sufficient capacity to appoint an Attorney or Attorney’s, but not enough capacity to make complex decisions about accommodation and finances. An assessment and report by an appropriate medical practitioner will either reinforce the person’s capacity to make the EPA, or be useful to support the application for appointment of a Guardian and Administrator if such capacity is not shown.

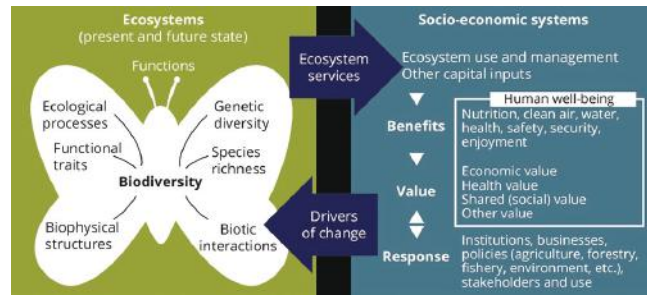
The application is to QCAT (the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal), with the Applicant seeking orders for Guardianship (personal and health matters) and/or Administration (finances). It is quite an undertaking, involving a very long Application form, a detailed report to be completed by a Medical Practitioner and preparation of a Finan-

cial Management Plan. Once it is completed and filed, the QCAT website presently says that these matters are taking approximately 21 weeks to get to a resolution. Which is actually very short for QCAT.

What is important to remember is that to make an order for Guardianship and/or Administration the Tribunal must be satisfied not only that the person has an incapacity for a type or types of decision, but also that there are decisions to be made.

Commonly the loved ones of an older person will say the personal decisions to be made are about accommodation and supports (where the person is going to live and who is going to provide care), while the financial decisions are how that accommodation and support is to be paid for. For example, decisions might need to be made about whether to sell assets and pay a Refundable Accommodation Deposit (RAD) when entering residential aged care, whether to pay a Daily Accommodation Payment (DAP), or whether to pay part-RAD, part DAP.

This sort of argument will usually succeed in QCAT, but ‘pre-emptive’ applications, by someone seeking to be appointed, just because there is no EPA, or in readiness for when decisions may be needed in the future, will not. Even more reason then that everyone should appoint an EPA or EPA’s now, while they still have capacity to do so.



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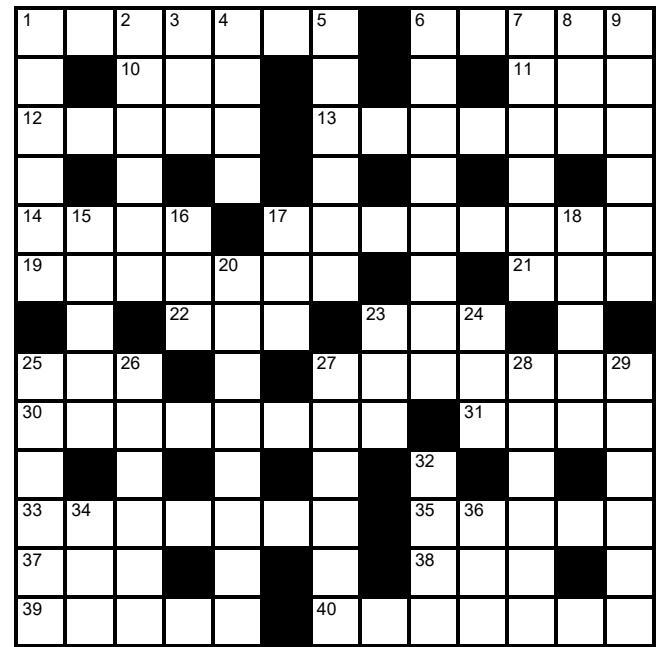
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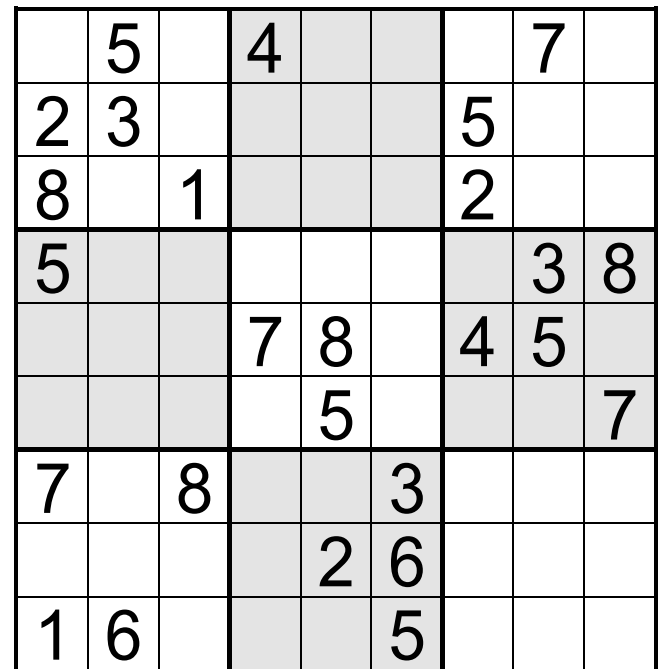
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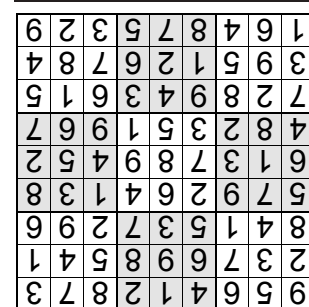


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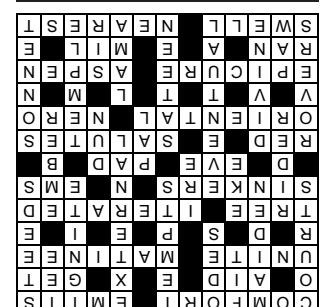


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Community News

Looking for ideas to keep the kids or grandkids entertained these school holidays?

Check out Council's Summer School Holiday Guide. Full of free and low-cost boredom-busting ideas, there's something to suit all ages and interests. Ditch the devices and get out and about on our Sunshine Coast to make memories that will last a lifetime. Places are limited for some events, so book early to avoid disappointment. For all the details, visit Council's website.

Attention artists of the Sunshine Coast!

The prestigious Local Contemporary Art Prize 2025 is open for entries. Caloundra Regional Gallery in partnership with Friends of the Regional Gallery, Caloundra, is offering emerging, mid-career and established visual artists the chance to put forward their best work and vie for the \$10,000 Best in Show Acquisitive Award. With a total prize pool of \$17,000, including a People's Choice category, the competition is a must for visual artists in all 2D and 3D mediums, and it's only \$35 to enter. Forty finalists will be selected for the exhibition and all works on display will be available for sale, providing a unique opportunity for Sunshine Coast art lovers to secure a unique artwork. Submissions close February 9, 2025. Head to Council's Gallery website for more details.

Join the Library Explorers Club for a summer of fun

Throughout December and January, kids can complete weekly challenges at their local library or online for a chance to win a \$100 book voucher. Each challenge earns an entry and participants can collect stamps on a special boarding pass to track their progress. Visit any Sunshine Coast Library or visit the Libraries website to embark on this fun reading journey!

Come along on Rocky's Mary River adventures!

A curious young turtle seeking his kin and navigating challenges with determination: it's time to meet Rocky the Mary River Turtle, while at the library! Rocky is a very special turtle – his species is only found in the Mary River catchment and was recently declared Critically Endangered. Sunshine Coast Council has released a children's book - Rocky and the River in Peril - just in time for the school holidays. You can borrow a copy from your local library.

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting

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Festive season feedback wanted: don't delay

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AS THE Coolum Colts Rugby League Club enters a new season full of promise and potential, the club is again actively seeking new sponsorship opportunities in order to support their continued growth and success on and off the field.

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The 2024 season marked a pivotal moment in the club's history with all three senior teams reaching finals as well as a first ever A Grade final appearance, registered player numbers of over 480+ and record-breaking home game crowds "filling the hill" at the legendary stables.

The Colts have been building and have shown impressive development in recent years, both in terms of on-field performance and via their community presence.

The club is now working hard to build partnerships with a range of potential sponsors. They are offering various sponsorship packages, including both Junior and Senior sponsorships which include branding opportunities in the fields, and promotional content across the club's growing digital platforms.

President Simon Kidman stated that this is a great opportunity for locals to actively support the Colts.

"We believe there are real opportunities for businesses to connect with our members and be part of our journey. Sponsorship is not just about getting your name out there—it's also about building long-lasting access to sport for our Coolum community."

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Coolum Colts players out front of sponsor UBX Coolum. Photo: Contributed



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Community news

COOLUM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CRA)

The Coolum Residents Association will be holding a general meeting of members at 5pm **Thursday 5th December** in the small conference room upstairs at the Coolum Beach surf club. Please note the changed date and venue for the meeting. CRA is a local community organisation that aims to identify and promote sustainable opportunities to preserve and enhance the amenity and facilities in the Coolum Beach and surrounding areas. See the CRA website www.coolum-residents.org for more information about current activities. All current and prospective new members are welcome, and will have an opportunity to socialise after the meeting.

AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT RETIREES (AIR) NOOSA BRANCH

December Meeting: **Thursday 12th**, 10:30am start @ Villa Noosa Function Room. Guest speaker: Bob Ansett, local icon. Cost: Members: meeting no cost Visitors: Meeting \$10 (first 2 meetings free). Please register telephone 0478 479 049 or email: airnoosasecretary@gmail.com www.facebook.com/AIRNoosa

COOLUM WOMEN'S SHED

The Coolum Women's Shed will be closed from Monday, December 16th and will commence activities again on Monday, January 13th. We wish a safe and happy festive season to our members and local community.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels Coolum Beach has had a place in the hearts and homes of the Coolum Community

for more than 40 Years. We prepare fresh nutritious meals and deliver them to people's homes to enable them to live independently. We also provide a social contact, a friendly smile and a chat to check all is well and make a difference to someone's day. Our volunteers are the core of our service – preparing and delivering meals as well as helping in the office. We couldn't do what we do without their help. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team. Can you spare a few hours a month to help keep the wheels running smoothly? Why not give us a call to find out more? It could make your day! Please call 5446 1000 to find out how to be part of our community.

QUOTA CLUB OF COOLUM BEACH

Quota Club of Coolum is a group of dedicated women who have been raising funds to support disadvantaged people in the local community for 30 years. If you would like to join, we would love to hear from you. For information contact Sandra Verrall on 0457 355 734 or secretary@quotacoolum.com.au.

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS/MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Egg & Bacon Burgers/Sausage Sizzle (BBQ) Mudjimba Surf Club. **21st December** 6.30 am to 1.00 pm

COOLUM HeARTS

Coolum HeARTs offers low-cost access to a range of activities to all in the community. We have great facilitators and volunteers ready to welcome you to art, djembe drumming, choir, ukulele, mosaics, meditation and gentle yoga. Our

women's hub and men's resilience groups meet regularly. When you join as a member you will pay only \$5 to \$10 per session. Follow us on Facebook, on-line at www.coolum-hearts.com.au or phone 0478 646 330.

ANGLICAN CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Free coffee and delicious toasties along with a friendly chat are available every Thursday from 10am to noon on the back lawn of the Anglican church, 25 Beach Road, Coolum Beach. Everyone is welcome to join us in caring for each other and connecting with others in the community.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings are at the Coolum Surf Club on the third Monday of the month. Members share experiences, hear from guest speakers and researchers on videos about how to live better with Parkinson's Disease and to slow its progress. For more information phone Peter Wylie on 0429361301.

COOL CONNECTIONS WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all ladies to our group where we bring together women from all walks of life to enjoy each other's company and form friendships. Meeting from 9.30am to 11.30am each Friday (during school term) at Yaroomba Meeting Place, 1443 David Low Way, Yaroomba. Entry fee includes morning tea, guest speakers or activities. Esme 0408 077 882.

NINDERRY BRANCH ALP MONTHLY MEETING

The Ninderry branch of the ALP holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Coolum Beach Hotel starting at

10.30 AM. Visitors are welcome and you are also invited to join us afterwards for lunch. You can also log into our Facebook page for up-to-date details of other events. <https://www.facebook.com/ALPNinderry>. For more information and to book, please contact Melinda Dodds Ph. 0409 890 186.

COOLUM BEACH DISTRICT SENIORS CLUB

Mondays 11.30 - 3.30pm at the Coolum Civic Centre. Come along and join us.

COOLUM BEACH QUILTERS

Meet every Thursday morning 9am-11.30 at the Baptist Church, David Low Way, Coolum Beach. All welcome.

COOLUM CONNECTIONS

Join us for Relaxed Mid-Week Worship every first Thursday of the Month at 9.30 am. Coolum Salvos meets at Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. Enquires 5335-8500. All welcome!

COOLUM CROQUET CLUB

Croquet for fun and fitness. New members and visitors are very welcome. Try it with 3 free games and lessons. Mallets and free coaching are available. Social Golf Croquet Monday and Friday starting 1.15pm. For more information contact: Barb 0423 277 951 Sea Cove Lane, Coolum

MARCOOLA COMMUNITY GROUP

We would like to invite new members and visitors to our meetings where we discuss concerns and development of Marcoola area and beaches. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday, every second month at 7pm. marcoolacommunity@gmail.com Phone April 0413 137 182

COOLUM AMIGOS

Coolum Amigos is a social club for the over 50s. We meet at 10am every Tuesday at the Coolum Surf Club for coffee and a chat and to arrange outings. All welcome. For more information call Carol on 0419 423 367 or just come along!

COOLUM CRAFT GROUP

If you enjoy craft and good company join the Coolum Craft Group. We meet every Tuesday, in the Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. 2pm – 4pm. A variety of crafts are on offer and our friendly participants are always ready to lend a hand or maybe you have a craft you could teach the rest of the group. New members welcome and for \$3 you will receive tea/coffee and cake/biscuit as well as a fun few hours. For more information, please contact Patricia: 0403 017 247.

TRY TOASTMASTERS

Practice your public speaking, gain confidence, improve your leadership and communication skills. Coolum Communicators supports members to practice speaking to an audience while having fun. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm at North Shore Community Centre, Mudjimba. Guests welcome! Email: coolumtoastmasters@gmail.com

HOME LEAGUE COOLUM BEACH

Are you looking to make new meaningful friendships? This

women's group meets every Thursday 9.30-11 at the Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. (We take a break during School Holidays). Come and check us out. Morning tea is a highlight. We'd love to meet you. Ask for Chris: 0478 584573.

COOLUM BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Welcomes all citizens 50 and over. Activities include Mahjong, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Card and Board games. Meet every Monday from 11.30am-3.30pm at the Coolum Civic Centre. Entry fee includes afternoon tea and a ticket in the door prize. For further information please phone Bernie 5448 8693.

COOLUM BRIDGE CLUB - YAROOMBA MEETING PLACE

Enquiries info@coolumbridgeclub.com
Sessions as follows:
MONDAY - 9am for Start 9.15 - 12.40
TUESDAY - 12.45 for 1 pm start Supervised Play (Contact Ali 0422 791 748 for more info).
THURSDAY - 12.45 for Start 1pm - 4.30
SATURDAY - 12.45 for Start 1pm - 4.30
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Do you have a Community Notice?
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Volunteers Needed



Meals on Wheels

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- Be able to get in and out of a car without too much difficulty.
- Have a National police check. If you already have one that was conducted less than 2 years ago, we can accept a copy, if not, we can run a check for you free of charge.

Delivery Volunteers starting and finish times : 10:45am – 1:00pm

Meals on Wheels has had a place in the hearts and homes of Australians for more than 70 years.

Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels prepare fresh nutritious meals and deliver them to people's homes to enable them to live independently in our community. We provide a regular social contact, a friendly smile and a chat to check all is well.

Our volunteers are the core of our service - cooking, delivering and helping to make a difference to someone's day. We couldn't do it without their help.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team. Can you spare a few hours a month to help keep the "wheels" running smoothly?

Why not give us a call to find out more? It could make your day!



Please call 5446 1000 to find out how to be a part of our community

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COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

2024 Club Championships

Club Drawn Pairs

Round 2

V Smith, H Mackenzie 26
def E Smith P Bartlett 16
J Membrey, G Roulston 29
def M Bartley, C Belsham 12

T Spencer, R Tuni 20
def J Beattie, P Lawler 18

P Croft, J Waters 19
def C Grassick, D Amyes 10

Brian Smith, J Rixon 19
def S Moss, P Judge 18

J Shipstone, M Newlan 17
def N Mellett, L Cattanaach 12

L Cowie, Sandy Wilson 22
def P Raynes, K Wilson 12

Scott Wilson, C Johnston 36
def T Nunn, C Orr 10

Quarter-finals

J Membrey, G Roulston 37
def V Smith, K Mackenzie 11

T Spencer, R Tuni 23
def P Croft, J Waters 15

B Smith, J Rixon 25
def J Shipstone, M Newlan 4

Scott Wilson, C Johnston 26
def Sandy Wilson, L Cowie 16

Club Championship results available on club website at:

<https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/club-championships/>

Club Honour Roll available on club website at:

<https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/championship-honour-roll/>

2025 Great 8 Bowls Challenge

The 2025 Great 8 Bowls Challenge will commence on Saturday, 1st February 2025. Players available for the competition should place their names on the club website at <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/2025-great8/>

Weekly Bowls Program

- Social bowls every Tuesday Open Pairs 1pm, Thursday Open Pairs 1pm, Friday Open Pairs 1pm.

- Register at: <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/social-bowls/>

- For all social bowls enquiries contact the Social Bowls Coordinator on 0499 167922.

- Barefoot bowls every Friday night from 4.30-7pm and Sunday afternoon from 1-5pm. For all barefoot

bowls enquiries, including social functions, contact the Club Manager on 5446 1153.

- Coaching is provided free of charge every Wednesday morning commencing at 10am. For all coaching enquiries, contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0493 216779.



Congratulations to one of our star bowlers Annie McGill, who took out the prestigious 2024 Sunshine Coast District Bowls Association (SCDBA) Ladies Singles Championships. Well done Annie, fantastic achievement. Photo: Contributed

Tuesday, 19th November

Social Bowls

1st D Figgins, P Croft +13
2nd D Buchanan, L Yates +13
2nd D Amyes, M Corcoran +13

Thursday, 21st November

Social Bowls

1st J Wilson, M Corcoran +17
2nd D Layden, M Cadamy +12

Tuesday, 26th November

Social Bowls

1st J Cook, G Sargent, L Cowie +24
2nd B Biddle, JP Sengers +19
3rd F Millard, T Coyne +17

Thursday, 28th November

Social Bowls

1st M Schreiber, G Kennedy +18
2nd G Barrett, C Grassick +11
3rd F Millard, G MacDonald +10



The inaugural Richardson & Wrench Coolum Mixed Medley Tournament was a resounding success. The rain held out and it was great to see bowlers from across the region enjoying Coolum's wonderful greens and club facilities. Thank you to all who played, supported and volunteered. Special congratulations to the tournament winners. Plans are already underway for the next one - stay tuned. Photos: Contributed

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TIDE TIMES 2024 DECEMBER 4, 2024 - DECEMBER 17, 2024

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach

Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au

WED 4 DEC	0.26m	1.85m	0.5m	1.2m
Coolum	2:59 am	9:58 am	4:36 pm	9:55 pm
Maroochy River	6:09 am	12:13 pm	7:46 pm	
THU 5 DEC	0.31m	1.82m	0.52m	1.17m
Coolum	3:42 am	10:43 am	5:27 pm	10:45 pm
Maroochy River	6:52 am	12:58 pm	8:37 pm	12:10 am
FRI 6 DEC	0.38m	1.78m	0.52m	1.16m
Coolum	4:30 am	11:32 am	6:23 pm	11:44 pm
Maroochy River	7:40 am	1:47 pm	9:33 pm	1:00 am
SAT 7 DEC	0.45m	1.74m	0.5m	1.16m
Coolum	5:27 am	12:26 pm	7:22 pm	
Maroochy River	8:37 am	2:41 pm	10:32 pm	1:59 am
SUN 8 DEC	1.26m	0.58m	1.64m	0.38m
Coolum	2:13 am	7:50 am	2:23 pm	9:13 pm
Maroochy River	4:28 am	11:00 am	4:38 pm	
MON 9 DEC	1.28m	0.5m	1.69m	0.29m
Coolum	3:55 am	9:36 am	4:06 pm	10:47 pm
Maroochy River	4:42 am	10:58 am	4:53 pm	
TUE 10 DEC	1.4m	0.6m	1.59m	0.3m
Coolum	3:25 am	9:10 am	3:22 pm	10:02 pm
Maroochy River	5:40 am	12:20 pm	5:37 pm	12:23 am

WED 11 DEC	1.57m	0.58m	1.53m	0.22m
Coolum	4:27 am	10:27 am	4:19 pm	10:50 pm
Maroochy River	6:42 am	1:37 pm	6:34 pm	1:12 am
THU 12 DEC	1.74m	0.53m	1.47m	0.16m
Coolum	5:23 am	11:36 am	5:15 pm	11:37 pm
Maroochy River	7:38 am	2:46 pm	7:30 pm	2:00 am
FRI 13 DEC	0.16m	1.89m	0.47m	1.41m
Coolum		6:14 am	12:38 pm	6:10 pm
Maroochy River	2:47 am	8:29 am	3:48 pm	8:25 pm
SAT 14 DEC	0.12m	2m	0.43m	1.36m
Coolum	12:22 am	7:04 am	1:34 pm	7:03 pm
Maroochy River	3:32 am	9:19 am	4:44 pm	9:18 pm
SUN 15 DEC	0.1m	2.07m	0.4m	1.31m
Coolum	1:07 am	7:52 am	2:28 pm	7:54 pm
Maroochy River	4:17 am	10:07 am	5:38 pm	10:09 pm
MON 16 DEC	0.12m	2.08m	0.4m	1.28m
Coolum	1:51 am	8:38 am	3:17 pm	8:42 pm
Maroochy River	5:01 am	10:53 am	6:27 pm	10:57 pm
TUE 17 DEC	0.16m	2.04m	0.43m	1.25m
Coolum	2:35 am	9:24 am	4:05 pm	9:28 pm
Maroochy River	5:45 am	11:39 am	7:15 pm	11:43 pm

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5:30PM

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5:45PM

500 CARD CLUB

WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM

TABLE TENNIS
Under cover area next to green #3. New players welcome.

2PM - 5PM

HI VIS PROMO
Tradies welcome. Prize draw end of month.

4PM - 7PM

MEMBERS PROMO NIFTY FIFTY
Swipe your card to win.

7PM

TRIVIA NIGHT - Last Wednesday of the month.
7pm Register for a 7:15pm start- Free to enter!

THURSDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

JAG THE JOKER
Enter from 4pm. Jackpot increases by \$100 each week.

5:30PM - 6PM

MAX'S HOOPS
Register by 5pm.

6:30PM

DARTS
\$2 entry. You must be a Social member to play.

FRIDAY

5PM

TGIF RAFFLE
Tickets on sale from 5pm prizes are \$100 meat tray, carton of beer, breakfast tray then a 6 pack of beer. Drawn around 6:45pm.

SATURDAY

10AM - 2:15PM

THE BOWLO BIG SPIN
4 lucky gaming members will be drawn for a chance at \$200.

11:30AM - 1:10PM

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1:30PM

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