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PARK LIFE IN COOLUM MADE OVER WITH UPDATED LIONS AND NORRIE JOB PARK

VANESSA HALL
EDITOR

THREE just might be the magic number with the Coolum coastal region now boasting three impressive parks with the refurbished Lions and Norrie Job Park reopened to the community just in time for the school holidays.

Along with Tickle and Jack Morgan Parks, the Lions and Norrie Job Park is a much-loved family friendly park with great attractions for everyone and is conveniently located at the northern end of the Coolum Holiday Park and across the road from the Birtwill Street shopping precinct.

The park received a \$1.6

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The 'rakey master' who is also known as Owen Cavanagh was back at work this year creating his trademark sand mandalas to the delight of those up early enough to see the art being created or before the tide washed the piece away. Owen has created many installations since winter last year and absolutely loves making people happy via his art. With his beloved companion 'Max' the staffy by his side, Owen completes the pieces with just a rake and the sand as his canvas. Located usually just to the south of the Coolum Surf Club, the pieces are visible from the boardwalk once completed. Thank you Owen and we look forward to seeing more of your work throughout the year. You can check out more of Owen's work or talk to the artist himself at his surf inspired art gallery 'Studio 53 Art & Surf Culture Coolum Beach' at 53 Quanda Road, Coolum Beach. Photo: Peter Madden

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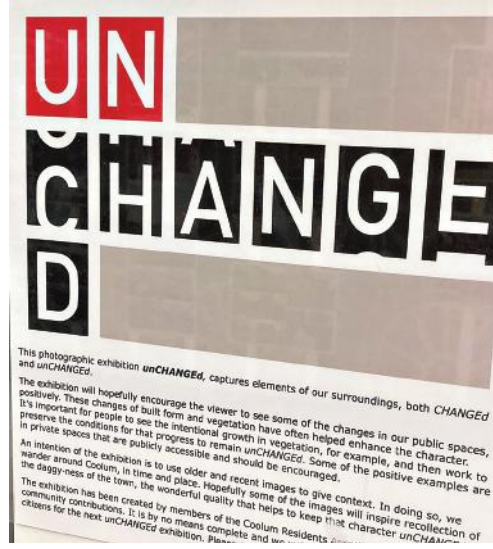
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COOLUM HISTORY IN PICTURES

THANKS to the Coolum Residents Association there is a great little photographic exhibition located in the arcade walkway which links the Frank St carpark with the Surf Club. The glass windows are adorned with a photographic retrospective called 'unCHANGED' which is all about showing how the region has both changed and how it hasn't changed.

There's some absolutely amazing blasts from the past and is well worth a look and will be on until mid-February. Photos: Vanessa Hall



This photographic exhibition unCHANGED, captures elements of our surroundings, both CHANGED and unCHANGED. The exhibition will hopefully encourage the viewer to see some of the changes in our public spaces, positively. These changes of built form and vegetation have often helped enhance the character, preserve the conditions for that progress to remain unCHANGED. Some of the positive examples are in private spaces that are publicly accessible and should be encouraged. An intention of the exhibition is to use older and recent images to give context. In doing so, we wander around Coolum, in time and place. Hopefully some of the images will inspire recollection of the idiosyncrasy of the town, the wonderful quality that helps to keep that character unCHANGED. The exhibition has been created by members of the Coolum Residents Association. It is by no means complete and we welcome community contributions. Please contact the next unCHANGED exhibition. Please contact the next unCHANGED exhibition.



Call to make water meters accessible for accurate readings

UNITYWATER is encouraging customers to check the location of their water meter and that gardens or dirt are not obstructing it, to ensure they're only billed for the water they use.

The utility has released figures that show about 30 properties each day cannot have their water meter read due to inaccessibility by meter readers.

Unitywater Executive Manager Customer Experience, Katherine Gee, said each of the 320,665 meters are read quarterly, with meter readers performing about 6,400 reads each day.

"There are a number of reasons meters can't be read,

known as 'skip reads,'" Ms Gee said.

"Our meter readers can be faced with unrestrained dogs, locked premises, or instances where gardens or dirt obstruct the water meter," she said.

Ms Gee said Maroochydore had the highest rate of skips across Moreton Bay, Noosa and the Sunshine Coast, followed by Caboolture, Morayfield, Coolum Beach and Buderim.

"Where meters can't be read, we bill based on an estimated reading," she said.

"We always aim to get a correct reading so we can bill our customers accurately and on time, but this is not al-

ways possible. The estimate is based on the property's previous water usage pattern and when we can get an actual reading in the next billing period, we'll adjust the account, so the customer is only charged for the water they've used."

Ms Gee said the utility also recommended customers check for leaks every two weeks.

"Identifying hidden leaks early helps to avoid bill shock and the expense that comes with them," she said.

"Unusually spinning numbers on your water meter when you aren't using any water inside your property could indicate a potential hid-

den leak.

"A unit owner had a concealed leak underneath a concrete driveway which was not visible above ground. Plumbing repairs cost them \$1300 and their Unitywater bill increased from about \$250 to \$8800. The sooner a customer can identify a leak, the less the bill increase will be.

"It's a cost to our customers and it's also about sustainability and valuing every drop. With our changing climate we can all do simple checks to save water."

For four easy steps on how to check for leaks, visit www.unitywater.com/leaks



In an effort to ward off expensive bills, Unitywater is calling on residents to check that their water meter is unobstructed so that meters can be read correctly. Photo: Contributed

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Park Life in Coolum made over with updated Lions and Norrie Job Park

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million transformation which followed three rounds of community engagement and a community-led new landscape plan.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez was thrilled the first stage of works was completed in time for the school holidays.

“It’s exciting to see the landscape plan, which was designed with and for our people, now brought to life with these improvements that enhance all those things we already love about the park,” Cr Suarez said.

“The site is actually two parks, Coolum Lions Park and Norrie Job Park.

“Historically they were divided by an open drain that traversed the site, and a significant amount of design and planning went into connecting the parcels to provide more open space for

recreation.

“What you don’t see above ground is that to facilitate the park upgrade we had to install about 70 metres of culverts under the park, to improve the site’s functionality.”

Stage one works complete

This first stage of works for the park included replacing the existing shelter, new barbecues and furniture, new fitness equipment and softfall, new pathways and pedestrian bridge, inground services, electrical infrastructure, drainage works, landscape works and signage.

“I’m grateful to those in our community who gave feedback over the past seven years to help inform the final landscape plan.

“It’s another great example of how we’re connecting and engaging with our communities to build a better future for everyone.

“It’s now open for our community to enjoy, and the

public amenities block is also open to use during daytime hours.”

State Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie MP said the reinvigoration of this parkland was welcomed by local families and visitors.

“When the upgrades are finished the park will be a terrific community asset,” Mr Purdie said.

“This project is a great example of how all three levels of government have come together to meet the needs of our growing and vibrant community.”

Sunshine Coast Council provided funding of more than \$1 million and proudly partnered with the Australian Government, which contributed \$250,000 through its Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, and the Queensland Government, which provided \$250,000 through its Minor Infrastructure Program towards improvements to Lions Park and Norrie Job

Park.

This joint partnership between all levels of government will enable Queenslanders to participate in sport and recreation activities on the Sunshine Coast.

Future stages?

The timing of future stages two and three is still to be confirmed. As part of the future stages and as one of the standout ideas from the landscape plan, council is planning a pump track (designed to be used by all non-electric bicycles) for the park.

“We listened to what our community wanted, and we’ve drafted a concept plan for the pump track,” Cr Suarez said.

“It will be a fantastic addition to Lions and Norrie Job Park for our community to enjoy.”



The newly refurbished Lions and Norrie Job Park in Coolum at the boundary which flanks the northern perimeter of the Coolum Caravan and Holiday Park. Photo: Vanessa Hall



The park has had extensive drainage works completed along with new exercise equipment, BBQs and paths. Photo: Contributed

FATAL TRAFFIC CRASH – PEREGIAN SPRINGS

THE SUNSHINE Coast Forensic Crash Unit is investigating a fatal traffic crash in Peregian Springs on Thursday, January 9.

At approximately 5.20pm, a silver Mitsubishi Triton was travelling north on the Sunshine Motorway, when it left the road after passing through the roundabout with Murdering Creek Road and crashed into a tree.

The driver of the vehicle, a 20-year-old Sippy Downs man, was transported to the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, where he has since died as a result of his injuries. A 56-year-old Cooroi man, a passenger of the vehicle, was not physically injured.

Forensic Crash Unit investigations remain ongoing, and investigators are

appealing to any witnesses, or anyone with relevant dashcam vision to come forward.

If you have information for police, contact Policelink on 131 444 or via www.police.qld.gov.au/reporting or report anonymously via Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000. Please quote reference number: **QP2500051706**

URGENT CALL FOR NEW YEAR BLOOD DONORS

WHY NOT start 2025 as a life saver and become a blood donor? Lifeblood has issued an urgent call for blood donors after a record number of planned blood donations were cancelled at the start of the month, putting pressure on blood supplies.

More than 6,500 people cancelled their donation appointments recently across the country—the highest number of New Year

cancellations in three years. A further 14,000 people either rescheduled or did not attend their appointment.

Lifeblood Executive Director Donor Experience Cath Stone urged people to book a donation.

“Every day, we are issuing more than 9,500 blood and plasma transfusions and medications to Australian hospitals.

“There are still cancer

patients, road trauma victims, new mums and newborn babies, and people with immune deficiencies that are relying on the generosity of blood donors.

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Letters to the editor

BUDGET QUERY

Dear editor,

Just asking if a 2024 budget deficit of \$28 billion is "off the cliff", then does it make the 2021 budget deficit of \$1trillion totally unfathomable?

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

and by many can shape our community.

These moments of compassion remind us of our shared humanity and ability to make a difference in each other's lives.

Let's thrive in 25, through creating waves of kindness.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

FAMILY KINDNESS

Dear editor,

Over Christmas, I watched the reactions to my 20-month-old grandson waving his pudgy little hands furiously to people having to work.

A garbage truck driver waved his gnarly hands and front forks bringing a smile to the little man's face especially when he tooted.

Kindness is contagious. When rubbish spilled, a young bloke jumped out of his car to help the old truckie gather up the mess.

Acts of kindness can have a ripple effect across our community. If enough of us have a go, we can join the ripples into waves of kindness to outweigh the powerful negative forces outside our control and our country that affect our daily lives.

Small gestures given often

STUMERS THANKS

Dear editor,

I wanted to pass on my grateful thanks to Elana who assisted me on Tuesday Jan 7th at Stumers Creek when my vehicle became lodged in a drain which was unable to be seen from a small car. Apparently this had happened also the day before and several times in the past.

Many thanks also to all the kind people who offered assistance.

Patricia Newsome,
Coolum Beach.

AUSTRALIA DAY

Dear editor,

The words of invitation to Australia Day on Sydney Harbour are to reflect, respect and celebrate together.

At dawn, the Opera House sails will be lit with an Aboriginal artwork in a quiet time to recall our country's unfolding story told in many voices across countless generations.

It continues that dawn is more than just another sunrise. It is a moment where we can draw courage and inspiration from each other and commit to shaping Australia into a place of unity and inclusion for all who call it home.

Joined by our resilience, mateship and sense of community, we can look forward with optimism and unity to the future and to the opportunities we can create together.

That's not only the type of Australia Day I want but the kind of Australia for all Australians no matter what the date.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

NUCLEAR AWARDS?

Dear editor,

Are there Bravery awards for those who declare that they know more about climate change and nuclear power than 97% of the Worlds' scientists and the CSIRO? Just asking who will be named?

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

OZ DAY AWARDS

Dear editor,

Prior to the last Council Elections I was critical of the last council and its decision to scrap the Australia Day awards.

I asked the Council CEO to allow the new council the option to rescind the motion to no longer have Australia Day Awards and replace them with Biosphere awards in the middle of the year.

Despite support from a number of candidates for the decision to be reversed, I have heard no more.

It would appear the old council was afraid of Australia Day rather than having pride for our National Day.

What has transpired in relation to reinstate our National Day Citizen of the Year Awards?

Colin Caudell,
Coolum Beach.

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REVVING UP WITH NEW FLEET OF RAVS FOR POLICING

QUEENSLAND Police officers across the state have been handed the keys to 400 new SUVs, with the Crisafulli Government unveiling Queensland's newest fleet of crime-fighting vehicles with the new Toyota RAV4s replacing hundreds of Camry sedans.

The fit-for-purpose RAV4s feature a number of improved safety features, including custom-made driver protection screens, specialist lighting systems, and modernised lockable storage for weapons.

The hybrid vehicles will replace the sedans currently being used by general duties officers across Queensland.

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Dan Purdie said the roll-out would commence within the next three months.

"Vehicles are an integral piece of policing equipment and are often used as an 'office on wheels' by general duties officers," Minister Purdie said.

"Ensuring they have the latest technology, and mod cons will mean frontline police are better equipped to do their jobs from the road.

"It will also mean improved safety conditions for our officers and the community, which is a top priority for the Crisafulli Government."

This roll-out is just one of a suite of measures that the Crisafulli Government has implemented to support the Making Queensland Safer Laws which came into effect last month.

The vehicles are part of the Crisafulli Government's plan to give front-line police the resources they need to do their jobs effectively and safely, which will continue to deliver change for Queensland.

The fleet features a mix of blue, silver, and white RAV4s, which are fitted with specially designed pursuit lightbars that synchronise with flash patterns across other emergency vehicles.

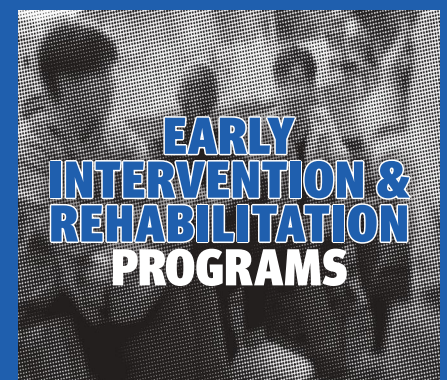
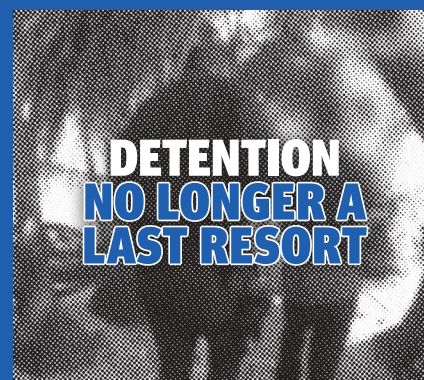
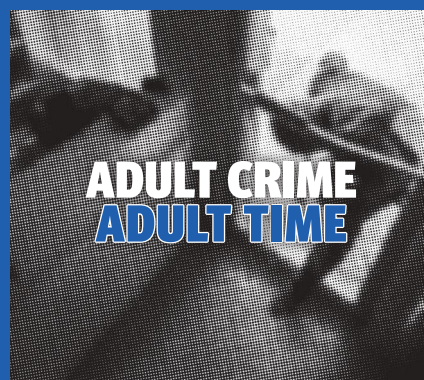
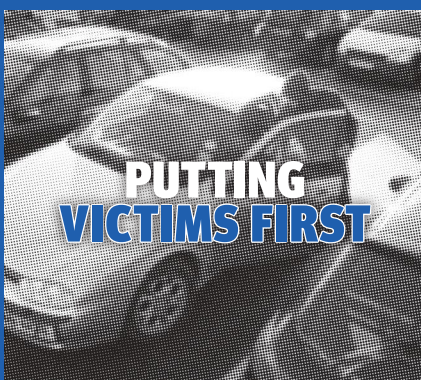


Member for Ninderry and Minister for Police and Emergency Services Dan Purdie with one of the new RAV4 SUVs. Photo: Contributed

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR RECOGNISING COMMUNITY HEROES

IF YOU'RE lucky enough to rub shoulders with the special people, groups and businesses who make our Sunshine Coast a better, fairer and more resilient place, then it's time to say thank you.

Sunshine Coast Mayor Rosanna Natoli said the search was on for the next group of community heroes.

"Nominations are open for the Sunshine Coast Biosphere Community Awards, which celebrate the achievements

and contributions of everyday people who are helping create a more socially, environmentally and economically sustainable Sunshine Coast," Mayor Natoli said.

"I'm confident we all know an individual, community group or business whose efforts uphold our unique Biosphere values and goals, deliver for others and make our region a better place to live, work and play.

"One of my first roles

as Mayor of the Sunshine Coast, was to attend the 2024 Sunshine Coast Biosphere Community Awards and I can honestly say, it was such an inspiring day.

"It was a joy to be surrounded by people in our community who deliver for the greater good, give selflessly, advocate and fight for a cause.

"Having witnessed the pride our 2024 nominees felt at being recognised by their community, I'd say this is one

of the best ways to say thank you and acknowledge their efforts.

"If you know of a person, community organisation or business making a difference in our Sunshine Coast community, I encourage you to celebrate their efforts by nominating them today."

Nominating is easy via the online form on Council's website sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/communityawards and nominations close April 30, 2025.

Award Categories

There are eight categories to nominate, including:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Community - group or organisation
- Creative Arts Award
- Healthy People Award (sport, recreation, health and wellbeing)
- Healthy Planet Award (environmental stewardship)
- Biosphere Business of the Year

RIDING FOR THE DISABLED CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SUNSHINE Coast Riding for the Disabled (SCRDA) are seeking dependable and compassionate people who have a love of horses who would like to give back to their community in a meaningful way in 2025.

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The organisation has a need for more volunteers in order to continue their work and they have vacancies for new volunteers and will be offering an 'Orientation and Induction' on Monday February 3 from 9am until 12 noon with

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North Arm based Riding for the Disabled Sunshine Coast is calling out for more volunteers in 2025 and will be holding an information and induction day on Monday February 3. Photos: SCRDA

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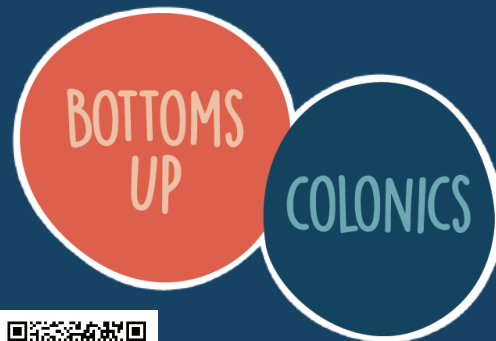
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All photos: Vanessa Hall



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Everyone enjoyed their festive lunch.

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. Alter-

natively 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

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WELCOME to 2025! I hope you had a chance to rest and recharge over the festive period.

This event is proudly run in partnership with Reef Check Australia, SEA LIFE Trust and Noosa Council.

JOIN CLEAN-UP FOR THE HATCHLINGS

If you'd like to help baby turtle hatchlings have a clear run to the ocean, come along to Clean up for the Hatchlings event at 6am, Saturday February 1 at several local beach clean-up locations including Coolum and Point Arkwright - Yaroomba beach.

We'll meet back at Coopers Lookout Park in Buddina from 8am to enjoy a FREE BBQ and other fun activities, and most importantly, to weigh and sort the collected debris.

All our collected litter information will go to the Australian Marine Debris Initiative database and will help encourage source reduction discussions.

Register today at events.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and please remember to wear sun-safe clothing, closed shoes and help us make this a single-use plastic-free event by bringing along your own reusable water bottle.

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While the parks and beaches in Coolum are some of the best around, it is nice to head out and visit public areas further afield. The "Beaches and parks directory" is a handy website to help you discover the Sunshine Coast's best parks and playground for every age and interest. This handy website includes an interactive map, an aerial view and will help you locate park facilities. If you are looking for inspiration and ideas to get out and about over summer try the beaches and parks directory on Council's website.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any other issues or suggestions to discuss, please contact me on 5475 9810 or maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Dan Purdie MP
MEMBER FOR NINDERRY



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I HOPE you all had a lovely and safe Christmas. The Sunshine Coast is still bustling with holidaymakers enjoying our pristine beaches and parks. Including Coolum's reinvigorated Lions and Norrie Job Park with a new shelter, barbecues, furniture, pathways, fitness equipment and pedestrian bridge. I am proud to have partnered with Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez and Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien to secure the combined funding for this valuable community asset.

SCRUB ROAD LIGHTING UPDATE

I met with TMR officials on site on Christmas Eve to discuss how the new safety lights at the pedestrian crossing are impacting residents. I once again appealed to them that something needs to be done. Potential improvements, possible solutions are on the table for discussion.

GOT A NEW PHONE FOR CHRISTMAS?

Don't throw out the old one! DV Safe Phone is a program that collects old phones to help victims escaping domestic and family violence. My office continues to be a collection point for these donations. DV Safe Phone's Christmas appeal received \$23,500 to support this important program.

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Thank you to Mr Ivey for eighteen incredible years of remarkable service. Chris has overseen the growth of one of Ninderry's largest private schools and is to be commended for his dedication and achievements. I look forward to working closely with incoming Principal Ms Karen Gorrie and heralding in a new era for the school.

PARLIAMENT NEWS

The LNP Crisafulli Government have just launched the largest rapid response policing unit in QPS history – an integrated State Flying Squad. This will mean a squad of 58 specialist officers will be deployed to high-risk areas in a timely manner without other having officers being taken offline.

Principal's Post



TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

DO you remember those days when the long summer holidays were about to end, and school was starting again?

People might have a range of different answers to that question. For some, the response might be "oh no!!!" For others, there might be excitement at the thought of being back with friends they haven't seen for a while. If you were about to start high school for the first time, there would have no doubt been a fair few nerves, mixed with some excitement, as you transitioned to the "big school" environment.

This year, Coolum High will be welcoming 300 year 7s as they make their first foray into the high school environment. Our aim is to make the next six years the most memorable of their lives. We encourage all our students to get involved in school life through our sports programs, music, drama, dance, robotics, chess, cheerleading and so much more. Everyone who has left school knows there is nothing quite like it for forming lifelong friendships that never leave you. It's such an important formative experience in all our lives.

At Coolum High we will never rest on our laurels. 2025 promises to be our best year yet as we push the boundaries of possibility and aim to ensure every student who enters our gates leaves with a clear and exciting plan for their future. We aim to ensure all students have the academic,

interpersonal and organisational skills to succeed in life and contribute meaningfully to our society. There are so many talented students at Coolum High and we are extremely confident we will see their talents shine like never before as this year unfolds.

As we start the new year, we would also like to pay a special tribute to our friends at the Coolum Advertiser who have been there every step of the way for the last eight years as we have worked to grow our school into a powerhouse in education. The Advertiser has reported our successes and let our community know of the talents and achievements of our students in ways we could never have done without their support. As a physical newspaper in a world of digital communication, to see the Advertiser thriving helps to build our whole sense of community – we are so fortunate to have them here in our town. As we look forward to the year ahead, we look forward to our relationship with the Advertiser and their support in telling the stories of our students – every life story is brilliant when you tell it from the right angle!

The back-to-school supplies are flying off the shelves, the new black shoes are sparkling in the wardrobe, and the new year's timetables are sending the printers into overtime – before too long school starts all over again and, at Coolum High, we can't wait!

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VANESSA HALL
EDITOR



WELCOME to 2025! It only feels like I was just writing about how we had celebrated our 30 years in the community and now I am letting you know that the Coolum Advertiser is celebrating 35 years in the local community! What a remarkable achievement this is for this little community print newspaper! We certainly could not have lasted so long in the fickle world of print news had it not been for the support of our readers and advertisers and for that we are truly thankful.

I was fortunate to spend some time on Christmas Day at the Coolum HeARTs community lunch and what a wonderful event that was. I spoke to some local faces I knew as well as people who had travelled from as far away as Caloundra for the lunch. This lunch is testament to how special our community is, and it is one that genuinely cares.

I encourage everyone to take a look at the photos which are featured in the exhibition

located near the Frank St carpark. If you have lived here for some time these images will be a real trip down memory lane and for new residents, you will see just how much the area has 'changed' – thank you to the Coolum Residents Association for putting this together.

How lucky we are to have had a bumper summer season where our tourism providers will have done well. It's always refreshing to see the 'No Accommodation' signs out and to know that others are falling in love with the place we are fortunate to call 'home'.

Here at the Advertiser we are happy to be back bringing you the best local news and stories within our region for 2025 and beyond. Thank you for supporting us and please do get in touch if you have a story idea or letter to the editor, or just say hi if you see me around town.

Cheers Vanessa
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Legal News

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NEGLIGENCE LAW: QUEENSLANDER!

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A Queensland born British judge, Baron Richard Atkin ("call me Dick") gave the leading judgement that created the modern law of negligence.

Atkin was born in 1867 in Tank Street, Brisbane.

In the case of 'Donoghue v Stevenson', the complaint was that a psychological injury had been sustained when a dead snail emerged from a drink bottle after some of the prod-

uct had been drunk. The House of Lords, in its judgment, described a duty of care, owed by one person to another, not to cause damage by any negligent activities.

The case was the start of negligence law in the United Kingdom and most of the common law countries of the world.

Down at Sandgate, there is a stone memorial to Atkin's father, Robert Atkin, who was a Queensland parliamentarian.

However, today the reminder of Dick Atkin can be seen in the compensation advertisements on the sides of Sunshine Coast buses. Can Baron Atkin have known that this legal response to the industrial revolution would spread to the whole world?

I think that he probably did.

Observations

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



VISION

IT IS that time of the year when many of us think about making some new year's resolutions or revisiting our goals and vision. Some of us have a vision that we continuously develop as we grow. My vision is for "nature and community to be connected and sustained" and if you are a regular reader of this column I am sure you would have picked that up. I would hope there a number of fellow travellers that would agree and may take on the sentiments in this form or another.

Of course the values that underpin my vision are a love of community, the natural environment, happiness, health and harmony. Also there is a strong resolve for social justice, fairness, equity and diversity in our community.

I read a recent article by Tami Harriott from the University of the Sunshine Coast which was titled "Reimagining Our Village – Multiculturalism as Biodiversity". Tami discusses building a diverse and inclusive community on the Sunshine Coast. Tami's stated persuasive vision in a call to action states "let's build a community that reflects who we are and who we can be – a global

village where local actions have a global impact."

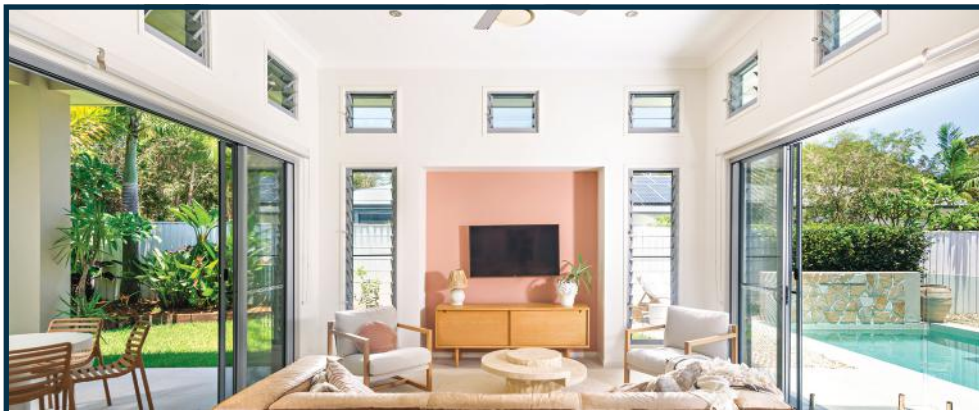
My son who is from a multicultural area of Sydney is a regular visitor. Recently, he commented that he can see a change in our community with more diversity reflected in the food options and accents overheard in the street. Conversations can now be heard flowing in multiple languages with new ideas and challenges helping to build and sustain our community.

Our annual cultural celebrations on the Sunshine Coast include Harmony Day, Christmas Day, Diwali, and Buddha's birthday at Chenrezig Institute highlighting the diversity.

We are made aware that overseas students brought in \$155 million to the Sunshine Coast economy in 2023. The opportunities that overseas students and visitors generally will help to enrich and sustain our community and help to negate any brain drain from our region to larger metropolitan centres around Australia is positive. We need to celebrate who we are, and this will have economic and cultural benefits.

What are your goals and vision for 2025 and beyond?

Got a comment? Email your contributions to: editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au



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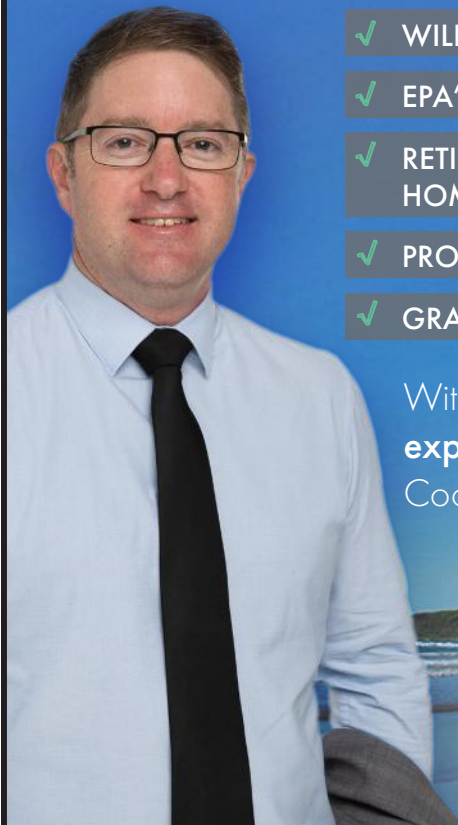
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A look back in time

FRANCES WINDOLF
A LONG TIME COOLUM RESIDENT WITH A PASSION FOR LOCAL HISTORY



FORTY YEARS OF COOLUM HIGH

RECENTLY many of us have become aware of the passing of time ... "It can't be 2025 already" has been heard quite frequently. However, there are those among us for whom 2025 is an important anniversary – the month which marks 40 [yes, forty] years of Coolum State High school.

Coolum High began with a total of 133 students – all in Year 8 – with Mr. Jim Lucey as Principal, and eight teachers – Mr. Brian Bennett, Miss Sue Blande, Mrs Kaye Joyce, Mrs Val Longden, Mr Peter Risby-Jones, Mr Jim Terrace, Mrs Di Treichel, and me – as well as ten ancillary staff ... teacher aides, office staff, cleaners etc., and the students came from a large area of the Sunshine Coast. From Pacific Paradise to Noosa Heads, as the nearest surrounding secondary schools were at Maroochydore, Nambour and Cooroy.

The land on which the school was built had previously been unused Crown Land until 1952, when the Queensland Government decided to site its proposed Wallum Research

Station at Coolum – south and south-west of Mount Peregian [Mount Emu] and Portion 470, Reserve 8757, which was later to become the school playing fields.

The research Station closed in 1982, and the local politician, Mr. Gordon Simpson, and others worked hard to have the school sited on that government-owned land, north of Havana Road.

Almost all the students travelled to and from the school by bus, from as far as Noosaville and Pacific Paradise, although a few rode bicycles from Coolum and Peregian. Very few of the students were transported by their parents – all of the students were too young to even dream of driving their own cars, and their older brothers and sisters travelled by bus to distant schools.

The new Coolum State High School was centred around three main buildings. They were the First Year Centre [where most classes and any large groups were held], the Manual Arts and Home Economics building shared one building, and the Library, the Office and the Principal

and Vice-Principal's rooms shared the third area.

The smartly-dressed Coolum High School students of today look very different from the students of forty years ago. The new Parents and Citizens [P&C] committee had gathered together to choose the uniforms for the future students – brown for the boys and brown-and-white stripes for the girls, with yellow sports uniforms for girls sporting activities ... and they were hated by almost everyone!

The original school song, written for the official opening of Coolum High School by Mrs Nola Oswin, began with the words, "Coolum High School, we are so proud of you", and this sentiment is repeated in words and in action today. Forty years on from the days of the original school, Coolum High School is still a school to be proud of, in every way. It is an institution in our town, and we are lucky to share its values of "Care and Respect", and its triumphs.

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More of Mike's local photographic work can be found by visiting his website 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!

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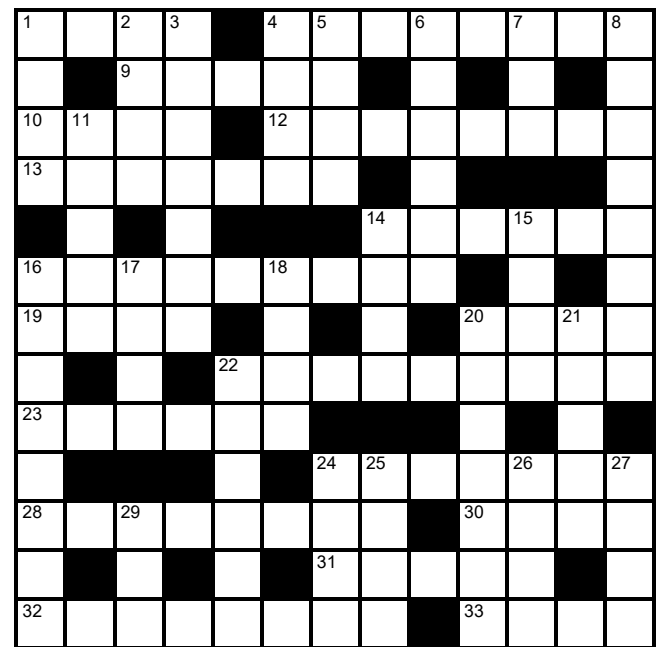
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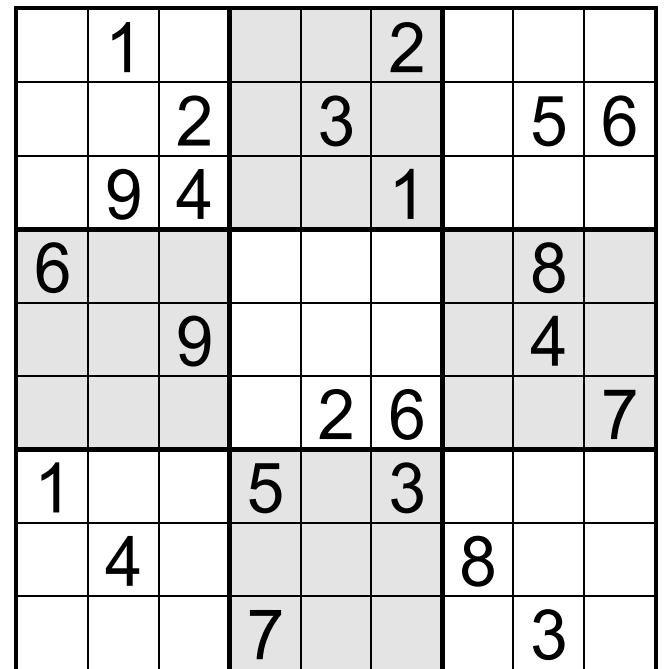
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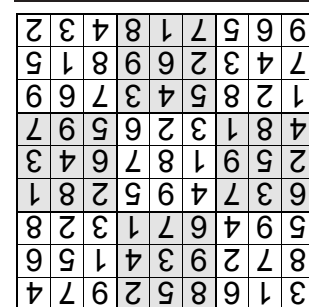


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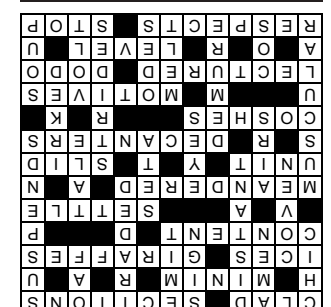


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Community News

Come along to help our hatchlings thrive

Let's give our turtle hatchlings a clear run into the ocean by cleaning up our beaches! Register now for 'Clean Up for the Hatchlings' and join in from 6am on Saturday, 1 February at 17 beach clean-up locations from Caloundra to Coolum. Meet back at Coopers Lookout Park in Kawana from 8am to enjoy a free barbeque and to weigh and sort all the collected marine debris. Register today at Council's Event website.

Attention Sunshine Coast residents and visitors... Mind if we share the path?

With more than 73 kilometres of Coastal Pathway, the Sunshine Coast is your perfect playground for walking, bike riding and scooting. Everyone wants to enjoy our pathways these holidays. Join us in promoting respectful behaviour for all pathway users. Keep left, pass on the right and signal when approaching. A nice thought, that's all it takes.

Did Santa bring a portable pool for Christmas?

Remember that any pool deeper than 300mm or with a capacity of more than 2000L must comply with pool safety regulations. This includes installing the correct barriers and permanently removing all climbable objects, like outdoor furniture, away from the surrounding area. Make sure to check the rules to keep your family safe. Visit Council's website for all the details you need about pool safety compliance.

Are the kids ready for a fun adventure these school holidays?

Head to Council's Mary Cairncross Scenic Reserve Rainforest Discovery Centre for the brand new "Stories from the Forest" exhibition. It's free and open daily from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Kids can write a letter to their favourite tree, listen to the exciting Jinibara story of the carpet python and record their own story in a special nook! Borrow a Junior Ranger Kit and explore the forest, then create a story map of your walk. Bring your family and friends and discover the magic of the forest at the Rainforest Discovery Centre.

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting

View online on Council's website or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers on Thursday 30 January at 9am.

If you're an emerging, mid-career or established visual artist, this prize is for you

Entries are now open for the 2025 Local Contemporary Art Prize. Entry costs just \$35 and there's a total prize pool of \$17,000. Finalist works will go on show in the exhibition at Caloundra Regional Gallery from 11 April to 8 June. Visit Council's Gallery website to complete the online form. Submissions close 9 February.

Why not holiday in paradise close-to-home at Coast holiday parks?

Sunshine Coast Council Holiday Parks welcomed more than 125,000 visitors in 2023, contributing close to \$12 million to the local economy - proving they aren't just a great place to stay, they are a vital part of our region's economy and a foundation for cherished family memories. Council operates six holiday parks on the Sunshine Coast, all situated in idyllic coastal locations - Dicky Beach, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Cotton Tree, Coolum and Mudjimba. Holidaying with your furry friend? Maroochydore, Coolum and Mudjimba Holiday Parks are dog-friendly upon application. For more details and to check availability, visit sunshinecoastholidayparks.com.au.

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NOT so long ago, a friend who lives in Maleny was puzzled when some unusual flowers suddenly appeared in a bushy part of her garden. They resembled large lilies and were a nice shade of apricot. They were really pretty with a mottled and patterned stem, almost resembling a snake skin.

But oh, the smell they emitted was horrible, it smelled like dead flesh!

That was the giveaway clue! Yes, they were Voodoo Lilies - related to another Corpse Flower, the largest flower in the world, *Amorphophallus Titanum*.

The Voodoo Lily, *Amorphophallus Bulbifer* is grown by bulb and is sold by some nurseries on the Sunshine Coast. It originates from Southern India and although the lilies look quite exotic, they are easy to grow. The flowers only last a couple of days though and die down over winter.

Another variety of the Corpse Flower is the *Amorphophallus Konjac*, otherwise known as the Devil's Tongue which is a striking shade of purple and can grow to two metres tall. The flower has the same unpleasant odour, but surprisingly is a herb! The

corm is edible, and is used in Chinese medicine and some Chinese culinary practices.

Recently there was a lot of publicity with *Amorphophallus Titanum* as there is one growing in the Geelong Botanic Gardens. People flock to see this amazing plant when in flower, as they know it only happens every seven to ten years. The unpleasant smell doesn't seem to deter the public, and the flower will eventually die and then go into dormancy.

It is widely accepted that this is the 'biggest flower in the world', although this is challenged by some experts who say it is actually an inflorescence, and the biggest flower in the world is another Corpse Flower *Rafflesia Arnoldi* which is found in the rainforests of Indonesia and Borneo, and is a parasite with no root system and lives on branches and vines. It gets its nourishment from the flies and insects which are drawn to the massive flower by the horrible odour. It's reddish brown, with large round petals around one metre wide, and is quite repulsive looking. It wouldn't survive in any other environment.

Happy gardening!

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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.

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.coolumhearts.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 584 573.

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 - 8.30am for 9.15am start
TUESDAY - 12.30pm for 1 pm start Contact Ali 0422791748 for more info.
THURSDAY - 12.30 for 1pm start
SATURDAY - 12.30 for 1pm start Partnership Contact: Trish Gatt on 0412 546 575

Do you have a Community Notice?
Send in your details to michelle@coolumadvertiser.com.au

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NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Coolum Peregian RSL Sub Branch Inc.
Will be held at the RSL Sub Branch
1906 David Low Way, COOLUM BEACH Q 4573
On Sunday, 16 March 2025, 09.00am
NOMINATION FOR BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS 2025
Please contact Peter Lloyd at peter.lloyd@coolum.rslqld.net.au to request a form to nominate for board positions.
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www.rslsunshinecoast.org/rsl-qld/coolum-peregian-rsl-sub-branch



COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

Tuesday, 7th January

Social Bowls

- 1st T Nunn, B Trewin +20
- 2nd M Slater, S Clarke, J Inglis +13
- 3rd L Hitchcock, D Lavery +13

Thursday, 9th January

Social Bowls

- 1st J & A Jones +11
- 2nd B Dryland, T Spencer +10

Friday, 10th January

Social Bowls

- 1st N Walsh, G Anderson +30
- 2nd M Corcoran, D Wright +11
- 3rd S Bowerman, C McDonald +9

2025 Club Championships

Ladies' & Men's Major Championship - A Singles

Commences Saturday, 18th January at 10am.

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. Selected sides and player availability lists are available 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.

Thursday, 2nd January

Social Bowls

- 1st P Hunt, N Mellett, K Barns +21
- 2nd B Griffiths, JP Sengers +12

Friday, 3rd January

Social Bowls

- 1st N Mellett, R Sloane, B White +24
- 2nd D Layden, M Emerton, K Emerton +17
- 3rd S Lubowicz, M Bartley, P Teale +14



Christmas fun, bowls and a whole lot of festive spirit was seen at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club over the festive period. Photos: Contributed

COOLUM CROQUET

Coolum Croquet Club offers a fantastic opportunity for both beginners and seasoned players to enjoy the game in 2025.

SPECIAL OFFER

New players can have three free lessons. Mallets are available. Wear flat soled, closed toe shoes.

Location:

25 Seacove Lane, Coolum Beach.

Contact:

Email: coolum.croquet@gmail.com. com for more details and to book a spot.

PLAYING HOURS

- Association Croquet:** Wednesday & Saturday - 1:30 pm
- Ricochet Croquet:** Wednesday & Saturday - 9:30 am
- Golf Croquet:** Monday & Friday - 1:30 pm, and Thursday - 9:30am.

Come and Try



Have you thought about playing croquet? The Coolum Croquet Club is offering new players three free lessons. Photo: Contributed

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TIDE TIMES 2024 JANUARY 15, 2025 - JANUARY 28, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach

WED 15 JAN	0.21m	2.03m	0.44m	1.37m
Coolum	2:27 am	9:07 am	3:40 pm	9:12 pm
Maroochy River	5:37 am	11:22 am	6:50 pm	11:27 pm
THU 16 JAN	0.26m	1.97m	0.46m	1.37m
Coolum	3:05 am	9:44 am	4:14 pm	9:51 pm
Maroochy River	6:15 am	11:59 am	7:24 pm	
FRI 17 JAN	0.33m	1.89m	0.49m	1.36m
Coolum	3:43 am	10:18 am	4:48 pm	10:28 pm
Maroochy River	6:53 am	12:33 pm	7:58 pm	12:06 am
SAT 18 JAN	0.43m	1.79m	0.51m	1.35m
Coolum	4:20 am	10:51 am	5:20 pm	11:09 pm
Maroochy River	7:30 am	1:06 pm	8:30 pm	12:43 am
SUN 19 JAN	0.55m	1.68m	0.53m	1.33m
Coolum	4:58 am	11:24 am	5:54 pm	11:54 pm
Maroochy River	8:08 am	1:39 pm	9:04 pm	1:24 am
MON 20 JAN	1.33m	0.68m	1.56m	0.55m
Coolum		5:43 am	11:57 am	6:31 pm
Maroochy River	2:09 am	8:53 am	2:12 pm	9:41 pm
TUE 21 JAN	1.33m	0.8m	1.44m	0.57m
Coolum	12:49 am	6:38 am	12:36 pm	7:14 pm
Maroochy River	3:04 am	9:48 am	2:51 pm	10:24 pm

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

WED 22 JAN	1.34m	0.89m	1.32m	0.58m
Coolum	2:04 am	7:54 am	1:24 pm	8:05 pm
Maroochy River	4:19 am	11:04 am	3:39 pm	11:15 pm
THU 23 JAN	1.4m	0.91m	1.22m	0.58m
Coolum	3:27 am	9:29 am	2:28 pm	9:03 pm
Maroochy River	5:42 am	12:39 pm	4:43 pm	
FRI 24 JAN	1.5m	0.86m	1.17m	0.56m
Coolum	4:32 am	11:02 am	3:48 pm	10:03 pm
Maroochy River	6:47 am	2:12 pm	6:03 pm	12:13 am
SAT 25 JAN	1.61m	0.78m	1.17m	0.5m
Coolum	5:24 am	12:03 pm	4:59 pm	11:01 pm
Maroochy River	7:39 am	3:13 pm	7:14 pm	1:13 am
SUN 26 JAN	1.72m	0.68m	1.22m	0.42m
Coolum	6:08 am	12:48 pm	5:55 pm	11:54 pm
Maroochy River	8:23 am	3:58 pm	8:10 pm	2:11 am
MON 27 JAN	0.42m	1.83m	0.59m	1.28m
Coolum		6:49 am	1:26 pm	6:42 pm
Maroochy River	3:04 am	9:04 am	4:36 pm	8:57 pm
TUE 28 JAN	0.33m	1.94m	0.5m	1.36m
Coolum	12:39 am	7:28 am	2:02 pm	7:26 pm
Maroochy River	3:49 am	9:43 am	5:12 pm	9:41 pm

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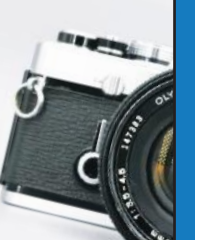
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- Coles Pacific Paradise
- Coles Peregian Springs
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- Coolum Beach Caravan Park
- Coolum High School
- Coolum News
- Coolum Village News
- Coolum-Peregian RSL
- Food N Vegi Maroocha
- Foodworks Twin Waters
- Ma Boulange Café
- Maroocha Beach News and Convenience Store
- Maroocha Branch Bendigo Bank
- Maroocha Surf Club
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Play any gaming machine from 4pm to 8pm and receive double points. Membership card must be inserted correctly to earn points.

TUESDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

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5:30PM

APL POKER
5:30pm registration. 6:30pm start. \$16 buy in. One rebuy \$10 if needed. \$10 add on. New players welcome.

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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