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SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2025!

The new school year has officially started with 301 year 7 students putting on their brand-new high school uniforms and making their way to Coolum State High School for the start of their secondary education. Coolum High School had a staggered start with year 7s, year 10s and year 12s starting on Tuesday January 28. This year the motto at Coolum High is, '2025 The Year of Possibility' and anything really is possible with a great education and that's exactly what our local public high school offers. Pictured are year 7s with Principal Troy Ascott on their first day of secondary education. More photos on page 7. Photo Vanessa Hall

CAUTION URGED FROM COMMUNITY AS FIRST BAY LANDSLIP REPAIR WORKS START

A SECTION of cliff face above First Bay in Coolum is being repaired and stabilised after being damaged during weather events that stretch back to February 2022.

This repair work will strengthen the area affected by the landslide at First Bay and provide a new path for pedestrians.

The landslide repair works are scheduled to take place from Monday, January 20, to Monday, June 30, weather permitting, and the works will include repairing 145 metres of public footpath on the eastern side of David Low Way at First Bay and stabilising the cliff face above the beach.

Sunshine Coast Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez welcomed the repair works, which include a section of

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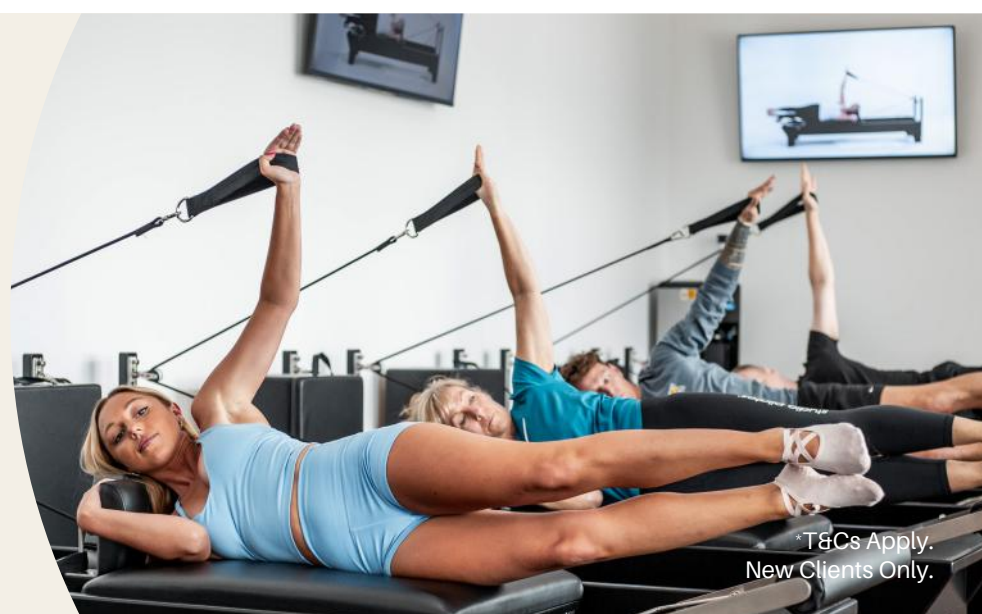
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A BETTER ROAD REPORT URGED FOR THE STATE AFTER A SHOCKING 2024

AS THE new year begins, Queenslanders are being urged to re-evaluate their driving behaviours as the state faces a devastating start to 2025, with more than 15 lives tragically lost on Queensland roads in the first few weeks.

The figure more than doubles the fatalities recorded during the same period last year and is the highest lives lost toll for this period since 2020.

In 2024, 302 people were killed on Queensland roads, making it the worst year on Queensland roads since 2009.

With more Queenslanders using e-scooters, e-skateboards and solo wheels, 2024 unfortunately saw eight people lose their lives on personal mobility devices (PMDs), with this number anticipated to increase as usage rises.

Young drivers, aged 16 to 24 years old, make up around 13 per cent of licence holders in the state but are unfortunately involved in almost 30 per cent of the fatal crashes on our roads, highlighting the importance of on-going education.

Similarly, 98 lives were lost in 2024 as a result of crashes involving senior drivers, which is a 32 per cent increase compared to the average of the previous five years.

The most common contributing factors in serious and fatal crashes continue to be the Fatal Five - speeding, fa-

tigue, distraction (including mobile phone use), incorrect seatbelt use, and drink and drug driving.

Speeding has continued to climb year-on-year as a key factor in fatal crashes, with drivers being urged to slow down and drive to the conditions.

There is a continued upward trend in motorcycle riders being vastly over-represented in road trauma, with 77 riders killed last year - 25.5 per cent above the five-year average, despite motorcycles comprising just four per cent of registered vehicles on our roads.

Heavy vehicles (excluding buses) are also over-represented in fatal crashes. They comprise of around two per cent of registered vehicles, yet as they spend more time on the roads, they are involved in around 15 per cent of fatalities in Queensland.

Regional Queensland is sadly where most road users are losing their lives, accounting for more than 60 per cent of fatal crashes.

The Southern region (Darling Downs, Ipswich and South-West Queensland) had the highest number of fatalities, followed by the North Coast police region (Bundaberg, Gympie, Maryborough, Moreton and Sunshine Coast areas), Central Queensland and Brisbane.

The Crisafulli Government has already begun putting in the groundwork to improve safety on the Bruce Highway for Queenslanders, with the re-establishment of the Bruce Highway Advisory Council to understand the real issues from road users.

Minister for Transport and Main Roads Brent Mickelberg said he would also continue to take up the fight with the Federal Government for 80:20

funding for the Bruce Highway to improve safety for all motorists.

"The Bruce Highway is a major national route, and it is about time the Federal Government fronted up and provided the funding needed to keep Queensland moving," Mr Mickelberg said.

"Too many Queenslanders are losing their lives on the Bruce Highway, and every life cut short leaves a permanent mark on families and has a devastating impact on the entire community.

"At this time of year, we know people typically spend more time on the road than usual.

"Whether it's a small trip in your area, or a lengthy road trip, there is still no excuse to speed, lose focus, not wear a seat belt properly or drive when you're affected by drugs or alcohol - it's just not worth the risk."



Too many lives were lost on Queensland roads last year and all road users are being asked to do better in 2025. Photo: Contributed

To the lovely mother and daughter from Peregian Springs,

Thank You

for your kindness

Cr Suarez says thank you to kind Springs resident



Thank you to the mother and daughter in Peregian Springs for their display of kindness.

Recently the contracting crew who were placing asphalt humps at the new raised pedestrian crossings in Peregian Springs were struggling with the heat. It was around

55 degrees behind the paver.

A lovely woman and her daughter arrived with three bags full of ice and cold drinks for the workers. It was such a thoughtful and appreciated gesture. The workers were blown away - "It is nice to know that there is still plenty of kindness and gener-

osity within our community".

They did not get her name, and we cannot thank them properly. I hope this lady and her daughter see this and know what a difference it made to the workers. Thank you for being kind.

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Caution urged from community as First Bay landslip repair works start

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pedestrian footpath and cliff face at First Bay, adjacent to David Low Way.

“This work will ensure the stability and safety of this area, and we’re also building a new path for our community and visitors to enjoy this very special place,” Cr Suarez said.

“I remember the extraordinary storm events in 2022, when heavy rainfall caused a section of the top of the cliff face to become saturated and to slip down the hillside at First Bay.

“While we’ve had the area safely fenced off since the landslip occurred, I’m pleased we are progressing the repairs at this location.

“We have worked with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) to secure funding to repair this landslip and other damaged civil assets with assistance from the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

“This is one of 15 landslips across the Sunshine Coast repaired using DRFA funding and is part of one of our most successful programs delivering vital repair works through QRA.”

Accessibility during the works

The Coolum community and visitors to this popular spot will still have beach access to First Bay and Second Bay during this work. Access to Hansen’s Lookout at the southern end of the works area will also remain open.

Pedestrian access will be maintained during the project, and temporary crossings will be in place at both the southern end and northern ends of the works area to allow safe access across David Low Way.

Changes to traffic and parking

For the safety of road users and pedestrians, there will be some changes to parking and traffic.

- Car parking at Hansen’s

Lookout will not be available during the works period.

- Several on-street parking bays along David Low Way will be unavailable.

- The north bound driving lane and north bound parking lane will remain open to allow continual access for traffic on David Low Way, however speeds will be reduced to 40 km/hr.

- The right turning lane from David Low Way into Mona Vista Court will be

closed during the works period.

“We do not anticipate significant delays to road users, however I encourage our community to avoid this area and take an alternative route if you can,” Cr Suarez said.

“The posted speed through this section of David Low Way will be reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h for safety reasons.

“Please follow the directions of on-site traffic

controllers and signage for your own safety and the safety of others.”

Caution for cyclists

Cyclists will still be able to use David Low Way, however there won’t be space for vehicles to overtake riders through the works area, with the traffic reduced to sharing the north bound driving lane.

“I urge drivers and riders to please obey instructions from traffic controllers and slow down through this area,” Cr

Suarez said.

“Thank you to our Coolum community and motorists along David Low Way for your patience while we complete these essential repairs to First Bay.

“The temporary changes to traffic and parking are necessary to ensure the safety of our community and our workers, and to provide continued flow of traffic along David Low Way.”



An aerial view of First Bay, Coolum. Photo: Contributed

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Letters to the editor

FAIR GO FOR FAIRFAX

Dear editor,

Apparently there's a Federal election looming. You can tell by the number of roadside billboards popping up like Dicky Knees all over the countryside.

The current member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien is leading the charge with an interesting approach. He seems to be promoting the phrase 'Fairfax matters'. However, just to set the record straight, 'Fairfax matters' is the name of the well-established community group which supports independent candidate Francine Wiig for the Federal seat of Fairfax in the coming election.

Confused? I'm not. Clearly the Federal member and his staff are either well-aware of the group 'Fairfax matters' or they're just not paying attention. Which means either they're playing dirty politics to intentionally confuse, or they're not very interested in the 'safe' Fairfax electorate. Both show a disappointing willingness to put party politics over people.

I'm supporting Francine Wiig as an independent candidate who prioritises integrity and puts the people and the community first rather than party politics.

Robyn Peters,
Yaroomba.

FEDERAL ELECTION

Dear editor

Here we go folks, another federal election is looming, and the political class is stirring. It will be very interesting to see how well the already announced independents fare.

The community group Fairfax Matters has a candidate, as has the group in Fisher.

A wise political activist once said to me "Never give a mongrel a name", that is never name an opponent. So has Fairfax MP, Ted O'Brien kicked an own goal?

On his latest billboard, our local MP declares that he is delivering for Fairfax because Fairfax matters.

The voters of Fairfax will have the last say on whether he has been delivering or has he been too busy spruiking the opposition nuclear energy policy.

Many experts have disparaged the Liberal National Parties' nuclear power plans as too expensive and undeliverable as there are too many hurdles to jump such as legal ones, environmental, and technological to have a timely impact on addressing climate change and

certainly won't reduce the cost of energy for decades to come.

But that has been O'Brien's top priority for too long now, certainly not Fairfax or anything that matters to residents here in the near future.

Robyn Deane,
Nambour.

SUNRISE LOVE

Dear editor,

I am blessed to live near Coolum at Point Arkwright - just a five-minute walk to the beach. I think Coolum with its bays is one of the most magnificent places in Australia... maybe even in the whole world! Every day I am grateful to experience the glory of dawn greeted by singing kookaburras as the sun awakens the natural elements. These connections are very tangible at Point Arkwright with its magnificent rocks and beautiful foreshore with native bush, birds and animals. I've seen kangaroo, sea eagle, various bird species, turtles, jellyfish, whales, dolphins and more.

Sunrises are always awe-inspiring. Even when it is overcast and the sun is not visible, its rays of red light are healing mind and body. Looking out across the expansive ocean watching the sun at the horizon is an unbeatable experience. You simply can't capture the beauty of first light on a camera. Its golden orange pink glory has to be experienced with all the senses. The ocean, the sun, the clouds, the sky, the rocks, the sand, the freshwater creek and the dunes; it's all here.

Coolum is indeed a wonderful place with its supportive, caring and environmentally engaged community. I feel very blessed to call this my home.

K. Maa,
Pt Arkwright.

FAST FOOD

Dear editor,

With approaching holiday seasons, McDonalds and similar fast foods advertisements have bombarded our screens. They are relentless in brainwashing audiences with tempting food and drink varieties, appealing to a more relaxed spirit, in tune with holiday makers needing a break. The everyday consumption is becoming the norm.

What targeted audiences are not focussed on when hunger sets in, is that over 60% of Australians are classified as obese, including children. This puts huge pressures on our health

system, especially with preventable diseases caused by regular poor nutrition. Adding to the fast-food addictions Australians seem to indulge in for convenience, is the high consumption of alcohol and alarming drug dependency, exacerbating the cost of running our costly health system, failing many. This is an escalating trend, considering generations of children are addicted to fast foods regularly, with parental consent. Fast food outlets are complicit in contributing to the high percentage of preventable diseases and obesity, in children, in particular. Then into adulthood, the occasional treat becomes a habit hard to break.

Governments in the past have endeavoured to reduce liquor advertisements, associated with and promoted at sporting events and the total elimination of tobacco advertising. However, persistence and "pester power" seem to win over impatient appetites, when fast food presentations are so appealing. This does not augur for future generations at risk of fatal diseases, impacting a struggling health system which we increasingly cannot afford.

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

NUCLEAR?

Dear editor,

Is it true that the 18-year-old founder of 'Nucula' for Australia is sponsoring a visit by Miss America 2023 Beauty Queen to convince Australian women that 'nucula' power is good for humanity? Just asking for more details.

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

AUS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Dear editor,

I love watching the Australian of the Year ceremony with nominees who have chosen to take the high road.

How wonderful to see Professor Georgina Long return with Professor Richard Scolyer who had no guarantees to survive his brain cancer with an Australian experimental treatment.

Richard spoke of the importance of feeling the support of so many Australians. Georgina said the essential ingredient for Richard and all of us this year is hope.

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as a time to renew ourselves as 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

In an age of uncertainty, local Anglican churches are pursuing a Year of Hope reaching out to their wider community.

This year's Australian of the Year, Neale Daniher, offers

hope by saying "Imagine what we can achieve when we take small steps to make a difference and work together."

Warren Buffet who is donating most of his \$150 billion in wealth to worthy causes has said, "Take the high road it's far less crowded."

As a community, our challenge is to pursue the high road avoiding the distractions of fear mongering and nay-sayers on the low road which is becoming choked.

Young Australian of the Year, Dr Katrina Wruck, urges us to turn hope into action by being the change we want to see in the world.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

HUMANISM

Dear editor,

Congratulations on 35 years at The Advertiser! I would like to talk about 'humanism'. Humanism encompasses many things. Stories, emotion, prevailing over challenges, but it is anchored in three things- humans are inseparably fated to the health of the natural environment. Humans must have respect for diversity, equity and inclusivity. And most of all, humanism is a project of elevation. To elevate all humans always everywhere. This is done through the dissemination, without barriers, of knowledge.

But with respect to correspondent Mr Reynolds and to quote Madonna "... It's a material world and I am a material girl (person)." A person's spiritual and physical health is directly related to their material circumstances. Kindness is great, awesome, but a system that ensures material safety nets for every human ever to be born is something else entirely. There is enough wealth for the collective endeavour of humanism to be enjoyed by ALL.

Shout out to Mrs Treichel! A magnificent humanist English teacher.

Dylan White,
Coolum Beach.

SALVOS CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Dear editor,

With the start of a new year, 2025 offers us a chance to reflect on the year that has passed, and also look forward to the new beginnings offered in the year ahead.

For The Salvos, looking back on 2024 means reflecting on the one person every seventeen seconds that we helped throughout the year. It is a privilege to stand alongside Aussies

doing it tough and provide them with support and hope.

It also means reflecting on the generosity of you, the Australian public who help make this vital work possible. So, from all of us at The Salvation Army, and on behalf of all those we support every day, to the Australian public we say thank you.

Thank you particularly for your generosity towards our Christmas Appeal, which helped provide a special Christmas to those who would have otherwise gone without.

If it wasn't for your support, kids would have gone without presents under the tree, families without a special Christmas meal and many without hope and joy during the festive season. For this, we say thank you.

Now, as we look towards 2025, The Salvation Army wants to make an encouragement to those around the country.

While some Australians were in the position to give to The Salvos during Christmas, many others found it to be one of the most financially crippling times of the year, particularly as our nation faces a cost-of-living crisis.

To anyone who found themselves in that position, and now may be facing debt, financial hardship or stress about money, we want to let you know that there is hope at the start of this year.

The Salvos Moneycare service offers free and confidential financial counselling to thousands of Aussies each year, helping them to get on top of their finances. There is no better time than the start of a new year to take a fresh look at your finances and get on top of your financial situation.

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Colonel Rodney Walters,
The Salvation Army

ADVERTISER THANKS

Dear editor,

Congratulations on the Coolum Advertiser celebrating being part of the local community for 35 years.

Thank you for publishing my letters and I will keep endeavouring to provide honest thoughtful well researched contributions.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs

PRAISE FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear editor,

Thank you for such a beautiful article on Coolum Hearts. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated, and we love your work.

I look forward to each edition of the Advertiser - life in our little pocket of heaven would not be the same without it.

Best wishes for a brilliant 2025.

Barb and Clive Holden,
Coolum Hearts.

HEART HEALTH THIS FEB

Dear editor,

As REDFEB, Heart Awareness Month, approaches this February, Heart Research Australia is urging all Australians to come together and take action to safeguard both their heart and brain health. This year, we are shedding light on the crucial link between cardiovascular health and cognitive function and sharing effective day-to-day strategies to support both. It's crucial to understand that what supports the heart also benefits the brain.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in Australia, and its effects reach far beyond our hearts. Conditions such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol can not only cause damage to the heart, but can also increase the risk of cognitive decline, and the development of dementia. By 2054, the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to double. So, protecting our heart and brain health now is more vital than ever, not only for our own health and wellbeing, but to reduce the pressure on our health system as it braces for the impact of an ageing population.

In our communities, the impact of heart disease and dementia are deeply felt. We see it in our families, friends, and neighbours. The path forward begins with simple, actionable steps. Heart Research Australia's 4-M Approach—Meals, Movement, Measurement, and Mental Wellness—guides us to take small, meaningful actions today, which can protect both our hearts and our minds.

This REDFEB, we are asking Australians to come together to wear red, raise awareness, and contribute to the vital research that will change lives.

To learn more about Heart Research Australia's 4-M approach and support Heart Research Australia's critical research, please visit www.heartresearch.com.au.

Nicci Dent,
CEO, Heart Research
Australia.

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**2 Grange Place
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IT WAS an afternoon of star footy action on Wednesday January 22 with players from the Brisbane Lions stopping by the Coolum Breakers headquarters to sign autographs, share their footy wisdom and of course kick the footy around.

From 4pm at the Coolum State High School oval Camreron Rayner, Darcy Fort and Darragh Joyce from the Pre-

miership winning Brisbane Lions team were more than happy to be amongst the next crop of rising AFL players.

“It was so hot but that didn’t dull the spirits of our footy enthusiasts - the smiles on everyone’s faces were wonderful to see,” a Breakers spokesperson said.

“Thank you to our awesome

committee for pulling this event together at the last minute. If anyone is interested in joining the committee in 2025 please get in touch. It is a great way to get involved and meet some wonderful people.”

You can keep get in touch with the Breakers via their website at www.coolumbreakers.com.au



Saying hi to the Breakers management team and volunteers.



Kicking the footy with the Brisbane Lions. All photos: Contributed



The three Brisbane Lions players were happy to field questions from those in attendance and eager to hear their stories.



Darcy Fort posing for photos with young fans.



Darcy Fort signing autographs.



Cameron Rayner meeting with young AFL fans.

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Byron, Henry, Finn, Noah and Rupert who are friends from Peregian Springs.



Year 7 students at Coolum State High School.



Charlotte, Ailah and Luca. Photos: Vanessa Hall

Marcoola Bendigo Bank celebrates 21 years of giving back in 2025

BENDIGO Bank is hitting the ground running in 2025, continuing its mission to make a positive impact on the Sunshine Coast community. This year marks a significant milestone as the Marcoola branch proudly celebrates its 21st birthday, reaffirming its long-term commitment to the region.

With Yariet Peers stepping into the role of Branch Manager in 2024, the branch is more focused than ever on delivering personal service and meaningful support to the community.

Yariet is passionate about building genuine connections with locals, drawing on her wealth of banking experience.

“We’re here for so much more than banking,” Yariet said.

“It’s about building relationships, being a source of guidance, and becoming part of the community.”

What really sets Bendigo Bank apart is its profit-with-purpose model, where up to 80 per cent of profits are reinvested directly back into the community, so banking with Bendigo doesn’t just meet your personal financial needs—it also makes a difference locally.

In the past financial year alone, the Marcoola, Cooroy, and Tewantin branches supported over 70 community

groups and initiatives, contributing to more than \$5 million reinvested since the branches opened.

Among the various local entities that Community Bank proudly supports are Coolum Business & Tourism, North Shore Community Centre, Coolum Beach Surf Life Saving Club, the Coolum Wedge event, Brave Blokes.TV, and the Coolum Beach Breakers AFL Club. These partnerships exemplify the bank’s dedication to nurturing local enterprises and enhancing the cultural and social fabric of the community.

The Coolum Beach Breakers AFL Football Club will host an Open and Sign-On

Day on Sunday, February 9, from 10 am to 1 pm at the Coolum-Peregian RSL Sub Branch. Boys and girls aged 7–17 are invited to learn more about the club and sign up for the new season.

If you’re looking for a bank that’s more than just a place to manage your money, Bendigo Bank Marcoola invites you to experience the difference.

“We all need a bank,” Yariet said.

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That simple idea perfectly sums up what Bendigo Bank is all about.



The Bendigo Bank business model sees up to 80 per cent of profits directed back into the local community to groups such as the Coolum Beach Breakers AFL and Coolum Business and Tourism (pictured). This year the Marcoola branch is celebrating 21 years of partnering with the local community and making it stronger. Photo: Contributed

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Community Update

COOLUM BOARDRIDERS

**GAVIN POTTER
PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year to all our valued Club Sponsors!

ON BEHALF of Coolum Boardriders, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous support throughout 2024. Your contributions played a crucial role in:

- **Supporting our members:** Providing a safe and fun environment for over 150 active members and their families to enjoy the sport.
- **Funding our events:** Enabling us to successfully host 11 local rounds and the prestigious "Yaroomba Classic" competition.
- **Supporting our elite athletes:** Sending our top seeds to compete in major events such as the Usher Cup, Kira Teams Challenge, Kirra Junior Challenge, and Straddie Invitational. At these events, all our athletes and supporters proudly wore their club tees, and we utilized

our marquee and sponsor wall to promote your businesses. We were also able to support two boys and two girls in competing at the National Junior Surfing Titles.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our members and the club as a whole in 2024, and we attribute a significant portion of our success to the invaluable support of our sponsors.

Exciting News for 2025!

• **Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle:** Coolum Boardriders has qualified for the Finals of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle held at Burleigh Heads on March 8-9, 2025. This prestigious event features a bigger event site, more interactive partnership activations, viewing areas, Jim Beam Bars, and a total prize purse of \$113,000! Our team, which competed in the preliminary stages late last year, has already begun training for this exciting challenge.

• **World Junior Championships:** One of our talented 16-year-old female junior surfers Brisa Canina has achieved the incredible milestone of qualifying for the World Junior Championships in May 2025, to be held in Puerto Rico. We are committed to assisting her with raising enough money to cover her travel and competition expenses.

Supporting our Junior Surfer!

To help our junior surfer Brisa Canina represent herself and our club on the international stage, we are applying to Bunnings to run a sausage sizzle. We are also reaching out to local businesses for support in making this opportunity a reality.

Join Coolum Boardriders!

Memberships are open to the community via www.surfingaustralia.com. Many of our 2024 members have already renewed, and we encourage new faces to join! Our first round is on February 9th, so register now! Please follow us on Instagram to stay updated on club activities and events.

COOLUM BOARDRIDERS CLUB 2025 Season Calendar

ROUND 1	SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - INCLUDES AGM
ROUND 2	SUNDAY 30TH MARCH
ROUND 3	SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
ROUND 4	SUNDAY 18TH MAY
CLUB TAG TEAM	SATURDAY 7TH JUNE
ROUND 5	SUNDAY 22ND JUNE
ROUND 6	SUNDAY 13TH JULY
ROUND 7	SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST
ROUND 8	SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER
YAROOMBA CLASSIC	4TH - 6TH OCTOBER
ROUND 9	SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER
ROUND 10	SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER
CHAMP OF CHAMPS & CLUB PREZO'S	SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER



Coolum Boardriders would like to see many new faces join the club this year and registrations are now open for both returning members and new ones. Photos: Coolum Boardriders

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- 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!



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Noosa Sunset Surf

MIRANDA HARPER

WITH the hot weather and clear days, the best place to be has been in the water! From sunrise


to sunset the water and waves have been rather special this summer. Local photographer Miranda Harper took this sunset snap up at

Noosa. "I have been really enjoying being back into my water photography/surf photography lately. I hope you enjoy my

images." We sure do Miranda, and you can check out more of her work on Instagram via the handle - @solseaphoto

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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<p>2</p>	<p>3 Coolum District Senior Citizens Club Coolum Civic Centre 11:30am - 3:30pm</p>	<p>4 Coolum Women's Shed 26 Research Street Sewing Group 10:30am - 2:30pm thewomensshed.org</p>	<p>5 Coolum Women's Shed Walking Group Meet at Tickle Park 7:30 - 9:30am thewomensshed.org</p>	<p>6 Coolum HeArts Community Shed Mosaics 9:30am - 12:30pm Ph. 0478 646 330</p>	<p>7 B4 Kerfew Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm</p>	<p>8 Thrift Fest Coolum Civic Centre 9am - 12noon</p> <p>Salty Saturdays Jack Morgan Park 3pm</p>
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Sandy Bolton MP

MEMBER FOR NOOSA



HAPPY New Year all! This is always an exciting time with resolutions made, events to enjoy and opportunities in abundance! Thank you to all volunteers who made our Community Christmas Day so special, wrapping presents and preparing a feast for over one hundred. A big thank you also to residents who completed our annual Community Survey, which is currently being collated with results to be released shortly.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) once again conducted Operation Sandstorm, which has been operating since 2019, across Noosa North Shore, Teewah beach, and Cooloola Coast during the break to target unacceptable behaviour. This resulted in over four hundred Traffic Infringement Notices and fourteen DUIs from over eight hundred and fifty Random Breath Tests. During my first meetings with the new Minister for Environment and Minister for Police regarding our ongoing advocacies, I reiterated the importance of the implementation of automatic sharing of essential enforcement information between agencies, so that permit restrictions can be placed on offenders in our national parks, as well as recommendations regarding decreasing the volume of day trippers during peak

periods.

Following reports on social media of several houseboats moored at Woods Bay being used for STAs on the river, we contacted Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) and the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA), a Federal Government organisation who regulate commercial boating activities and registrations, to investigate. In response we were informed that they conducted an on-water joint patrol, with regulatory actions issued against those non-compliant and a commitment to increase monitoring.

With so much to share and limited space, please stay 'in the loop' via Noosa 360 with updates on a range of important issues we are working on. In addition, follow 'Sandy Bolton MP' on Facebook to receive information as soon as available, and subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.SandyBolton.com/Newsletters which also ensures you are advised when Noosa specific surveys are held, with one in the coming weeks on fluoridation in our water. Always, if you have any questions or require assistance regarding state-related matters, do not hesitate to contact my office on 53193100.

Taylor Bunnag CR

DIVISION 8
SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL



WELCOME to 2025! I hope you've all had a great festive season and I'm excited to share my first column of the new year with you.

NEW STREETScape

The Marcoola Streetscape works started late November and were completed after the Christmas break. We transformed the Lorraine Avenue corner into a pedestrian shared zone, renewed the existing coastal footpath and formalised the eastern side of the street as a pedestrian and walkway area with multiple new gardens and trees. The existing carpark area also was moved into an easier access location. The transformation was led by our community's vision to make it a vibrant, safe and accessible place where neighbours and visitors can stroll, chat, and enjoy the beauty of everything Marcoola has to offer. Thank you to all the residents who contributed to the design of this project, and I also acknowledge the work done by former Councillor Jason O'Pray, who helped initiate the project.

SAFER PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AT MUDJIMBA

Work will soon begin to enhance pedestrian safety in Mudjimba at one of our most popular crossing points along Mudjimba Esplanade. The new

pedestrian refuge will ensure safer access to our local transport network, beach access 117 and the recently refurbished Mudjimba skate park, which I passionately advocated for and delivered. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as these important works are carried out.

DRIVE WITH CARE

Additional temporary kangaroo signage has been installed at Yaroomba along the David Low Way. The signage shaped as a kangaroo says 'Drive with care' to encourage our community and provide another reminder for visitors travelling through the area to slow down, particularly at night. This signage complements the other work done in this space based on advice from a leading macropod expert. The signage is really eye-catching, so while I know it's tempting, please don't take these skippy signs home - let them serve their purpose in this location!

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'.

Fiona Simpson MP

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE



GRATEFUL FOR THE GREAT SOUTHLAND OF OZ

THE SUMMER of Sport, whether it is cricket or tennis, or another flavour, adds to the joy of this time of year. One of the things I love to see is Aussies getting into the spirit of things and dressing up in the flag, or green and gold and boxing kangaroos. On Australia Day I enjoyed seeing that spirit of celebration.

Like ANZAC Day, I'm grateful for those who have sacrificed to create a nation of opportunity, peace and the rule of democratic law.

The freedoms we have of speech, religion and the rule of law are not as common around the world as people would think, and sometimes I think they can be taken for granted and underplayed. What we don't value is always at risk of becoming fragile in the future and needs to be understood, and protected,

I appreciate there will always be deeper conversation about our history and it's important that we know it all - the good, the bad, the beautiful and the painful.

What we shouldn't do is erase it or pit one part of the community against the other.

All Aussies matter, whatever their origins, their pathways to being part of this land and their hopes for a future where their children and family can thrive

as fully participating members of our community.

Included in the pledge of allegiance at Citizenship Ceremonies held at this time of year are these words:

I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people, whose democratic beliefs I share, whose rights and liberties I respect, and whose laws I will uphold and obey.

We all share rights and responsibilities to protect what is valuable about our country and improve it for the next generation.

That's why I celebrate with a grateful heart for this nation and the many wonderful people who have made it the great place it is.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can be of assistance with.



Fiona Simpson celebrates Australia Day. Photo: Contributed

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Observations

TONY GIBSON

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



LIVING UNDER A ROCK?

WHILE we might think our village is untouched by world events like Donald Trump's inauguration, wars, famines, mass migrations and climate change do impact us. Closer to home the inequality with homelessness and insufficient food and the degradation of the natural environment come to mind.

"Living under a rock" is not beneficial as it means being unaware of things that most people are aware of. Not knowing sometimes could result in a level of peace short term but we need to be actively trying to bring about changes.

Communication, creativity, listening and finding one's own voice helps us to be a fully functioning human being. The right to speak and hear the truth is impacted when our parents, culture or government lie to us. Learning good communication is essential to our health and wellbeing.

In Australia we have seen the rise in political movements like the Teals. Political Law Professor Graeme Orr describes the movement as a nascent political

movement, sharing resources and strategies across seats with a similar policy focus on climate change, government integrity and gender equality.

The Teals have support from former politicians John Hewson and Meg Lees and are a challenge to the dominance of major parties. Funding from Climate 200 sponsors like Mike Cannon-Brookes and Holmes a' Court have been the foundations. More equality and integrity in politics are good goals and there are candidates already in Sunshine Coast electorates.

Unfortunately, greed seems to be one of the continuing problems impacting the fair share of resources for our human and natural world survival. Ancient wisdom tells us "People starve because of greed. People rebel because their leaders interfere too much. The wise leader is successful because they are content, caring and responsive. Only they should be trusted to govern the people" (Dao Te Ching Chapter 75 - Greed) and "All sorrow is the result of possessiveness" (Buddha).

Let us hope for more wisdom and kindness.

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



IT'S THAT week – the first week of school. It's a time of nerves, anticipation, ambitions and a general readiness that we all need to get back into some routines. It's an especially big week for our incoming year 7s!

High school is such an amazing journey – from the start of year 7 to the end of year 12. There is so much development, both physically and mentally, with the anxious year 7 ultimately replaced by a young adult at the end of year 12 who is driving, likely to have a part time job and with a clear pathway to the next steps of their lives. It happens so quickly!

The influences that a student engages with during these years are absolutely critical to their development. Built with love, with gentle but firm guidance, and with the stimulation of academic, cultural and sporting pursuits, that incoming year 7 emerges as a wonderful young adult.

You can't say enough for the place of a community. The role of sports clubs and surf clubs, of coaches and guides and men-

tors from outside the family but within the community, is often profound in the development of a young person. In Coolum, we are lucky to have so many dedicated community organisations and so many people who play a role in the development of our young people.

This week, we see the start of the journey. We see the anticipation, the oversized uniforms, and the sense that something great is possible. At Coolum High, we see 300-year 7s begin on their first steps in what we hope will be the most memorable adventure of their lives. Teachers and school staff have been quietly preparing in the background, getting classrooms and curriculum and learning sequences ready. The groundsman have been hard at work. The enrolment papers are all processed. It's time, as they say in the movies, for "lights, camera, action!"

Legal News

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REVOCAION OF WILLS AND EPAS

WHILE it is relatively well-known that marriage revokes a will, the fine print in the Succession Act (Qld) states that gifts to people who you remain married to at the time of death will still be valid. Further, that an entire will 'made in contemplation of marriage', whether this is stated in the will or not, will not be revoked. There are good public policy reasons for ensuring that old wills, perhaps giving the estate to brothers or sisters, or charities, should be automatically wiped when younger people finally partner up. But it can lead to some undesirable outcomes when people remarry later in life, usually with wills in place which favour their adult children equally.

As you would expect, divorce also revokes a will. And so does the ending of a de facto relationship. But, once again, there are exceptions, where the will demonstrates a contrary inten-

tion, and to the extent that the will makes your 'ex' the trustee of money intended for minor children of the relationship. It is interesting to note that while ending a de facto relationship revokes a will, starting one does not.

Subtle differences again when it comes to revocation of an Enduring Power of Attorney. The Powers of Attorney Act states that marriage revokes an EPA, except to the extent it gives power to the new husband or wife. This seems poorly thought out, as well drafted EPAs commonly appoint the spouse first, then the children jointly or severally if the spouse cannot act.

Divorce also revokes an EPA to the extent it gives power to the person you are divorcing, but leaves any other appointments in place. Importantly, there is no mention of de facto relationships at all, meaning a former de facto could still become your decision-maker when you lose capacity, years after you last had anything to do with them!

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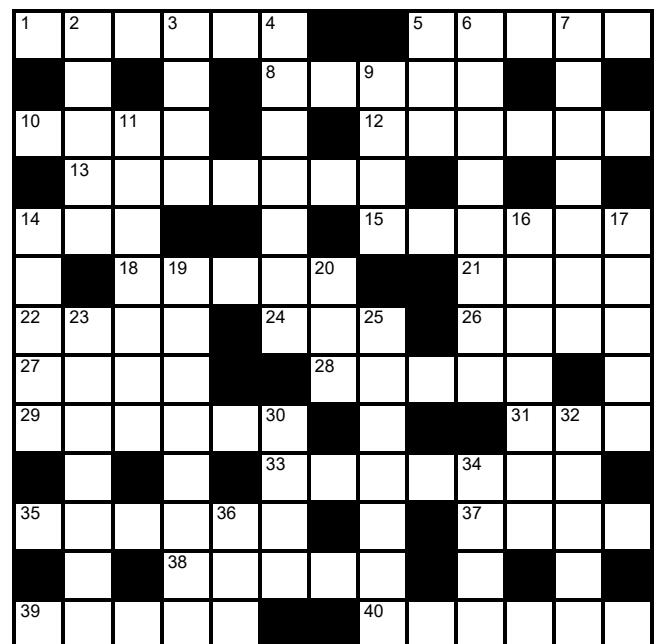
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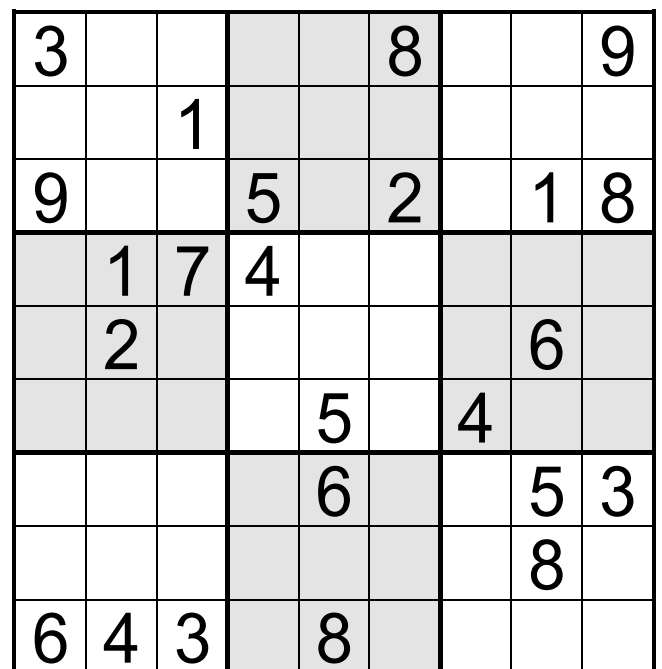
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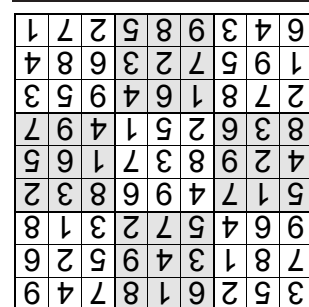


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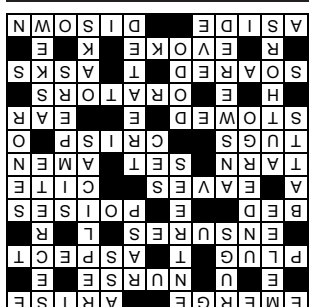


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A look back in time

FRANCES WINDOLF
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A CENTURY OF FUN TIMES ON OUR SANDS

DURING the summer of 2024-2025, Coolum residents and visitors have been thrilled by the superb mandala installations created by Owen Cavanagh on Coolum Beach, sculpted into wonderful designs with a rake on the damp sand. It is wonderful to see that the tradition of people enjoying an interesting range of activities on "our" beach continuing, as it has for more than a century!

The first records of the likelihood of beach activities at Coolum appeared in 1922, when the Mount Coolum Beach Estate [situated at today's Coolum Beach, not at Mount Coolum] was advertised to prospective buyers as an area with "hard and level sand - where later on all the motor speedsters will score in a straight 5 to 10 mile [8 to 16 kilometre] run at 80 to 100

m.p.h. [130 to 160 kilometres per hour]!

At the first sale, there was a "Beach Racecourse" where, we are told ... "There were some horse races on the beach which caused much excitement, especially at the unfenced finishes among the watching crowd ... the best place to watch them was the surf, where the water was delightfully cool."

In 1925 a "Belle of the Beach" competition was held - young ladies, dressed in their best full-length "beach pyjamas", and wearing large hats to protect them from the sun, paraded on the beach in front of the Coolum Life Savers Club. These competitions, which continued at least until the 1950s, had prizes that were worth up to the equivalent of a whole day's wages!

During the 1930s, the Courier Mail newspaper ran a "Sand

Garden" competitions on most Sunshine Coast beaches in the week between Boxing Day and New Years Day, and in the 1940s these continued with the North Coast and Mary Valley Progress Associations through to the 1940s and 1950s, including in Coolum. This keenly competed competition - which was open to all children under 15 years of age - was held on the damp-sand area near the water's edge and comprised a "castle" and "garden" made from natural items such shells, stones and seaweed, and each "Castle and Garden" had to be constructed

within a period of ninety minutes. The "Sand Garden" competition was said to "attract many visitors" to seaside towns such as Coolum.

In October 2000 the sands of Coolum attracted local people and visitors in a different way, everyone looking to the skies at the first Coolum Kite Festival. It was estimated that 12,000 people had "watched or participated in" that festival - and a crowd of 30,000 took part in 2004.

So many wonderful times ... so much fun ... how lucky we are, here in Coolum!



The "Belle of the Beach" competition which started in 1925. Photo: Windolf collection.

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SAINTS Rugby Club Peregian Springs registrations for the 2025 season is now open for both new and returning players.

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CUPIDS MASQUERADE BALL PRESENTED BY THE RANGEBOW

A Valentine's Day Celebration for Adults 18+ with Disabilities

THE RANGEBOW Festival is proud to announce the inaugural Cupids Masquerade Ball, a Valentine's Day celebration tailored specifically for adults aged 18+ with disabilities. This unique event will be held on Friday February 14, 2025, from 6 - 10 PM, at the stunning Altitude Nine, the new top-floor event space in City Hall, Maroochydore, offering breathtaking coastal and hinterland views.

This unique Valentines Day Ball will be a celebration of community, accessibility and inclusion.

The Rangebow Festival has built a strong reputation for delivering accessible, diverse, and inclusive events that bring joy to the Sunshine Coast community. Recognising the need for bespoke events for adults with disabilities, the team has designed the Cupids Masquerade Ball to provide a safe and welcoming environment for fun and friendship.

Festival Director Wayne Parcell said the unique event is specifically designed for people living with disabilities to enjoy a night out in a beautiful space.

"The venue is accessible, and there will be a sensory space available to ensure that neurodiverse attendees can be comfort-

able at the event, which might otherwise be a little overwhelming.

"This event is possible because of the support and encouragement we have received from The Compass Institute Inc, an award-winning Sunshine Coast based 'For Purpose' organisation, dedicated to providing support for people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities."

The Ball will feature live entertainment from a band and DJ who will provide music all night and each ticket holder will receive a mask, a mocktail and delicious gourmet food. All of this will be enjoyed from the vantage of one of the most spectacular venues on the Sunshine Coast at Altitude Nine in Maroochydore. Tickets are just \$79 and will be limited to just 150. The event will be alcohol free.

The Cupids Masquerade Ball is also looking for businesses and the broader community who would like to support the event by way of sponsorship with opportunities available to do so. People can also contribute by gifting tickets for the Support Workers and Carers accompanying attendees.

The organising committee is thankful for the funding and support already provided by Mayor Rosanna Natoli and Councillor Taylor Bun-nag from Sunshine Coast Council.

Further Details

Tickets for the event may be purchased online only at <https://www.therangebowfestival.org/all-events/cupids-2025>.

For enquiries about tickets, sponsorship, or support, please contact the Festival Director Wayne Parcell at info@therangebowfestival.org

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Community news

COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Coolum Beach Combined Probus Club is for retired and semi-retired people looking for friendship and fun. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 4th of February @ 9.15 am sharp at The Uniting Church, 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach. A generous morning tea is provided (small fee for guests \$3.50). For all enquiries please Phone Faye 0419 644 651.

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS/MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Egg & Bacon Burgers/Sausage Sizzle (BBQ) Mudjimba Surf Club. 15th February 2025 6.30 am to 1.00 pm

CAR BOOT & TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Car Boot & Table-Top Sale on Saturday 15th March 2025 at Coolum Beach Uniting Church garden/carpark and in the Church Hall, from 7.00 to 11.00am (set up from 6am). The S.O.S. will have a Sausage Sizzle with profits going to S.O.S. (Save Our Streets). For more information and booking of stalls, please phone Pam on 0418 610 423.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

Our first General meeting will be on Saturday February 15th at 9:30am when our guest speaker Clive Waring will talk on restoring and editing your photos.

Our interest groups will commence on Monday 3rd February which is Convict Day followed by Irish Day on 2nd Tuesday of each month and Scottish on 3rd Tuesday with a Creative Writing group on the 4th Tuesday. Cost is \$2 for members or \$5 for non-members.

Our workshops will commence on Saturday February 22nd when the morning session will be on the basics of Roots Magic and the afternoon session on scanning documents and/or photos. If you have something you would like scanned, please bring it along. Cost of the workshops is \$15/day for members or \$8/half day and \$25/day for non-members or \$15/half day. BYO lunch but morning and afternoon tea is included in the cost.

Our rooms are in Petrie Park Rd. opposite the swimming pool in Nambour. We are open each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9-4:30pm. Please book for the workshops on 07 5329 2315 or book in on our website.

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.

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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.

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.

CHEW & CHAT

Chew & Chat is back this year at Coolum Beach Uniting Church Hall, starting on Tuesday 18th February 2025. The morning starts at 9.30am with morning tea followed by entertainment finishing at 11.30am. all for the princely sum of \$3.00.

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

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TUESDAY - 12.30pm for 1 pm start
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COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

2025 Club Championships

Men's A Singles - Round 1

N Mellett 25 def P Spencer 16
 P Lawler 25 def D Kelly 15
 P Judge 25 def R Partridge 19
 P Bamforth def B Trewin 15
 R Tunj 25 def T Nunn 24
 G Bullingham 25 def G Kennedy 19
 D Wright 25 def D Lavery 14
 C Hawthorn 25 def D Turk 5
 B Shorter 25 def G Roulston 17
 J Membrey 27 def L Cattanach 20

Men's A Singles - Round 2

G Brown 25 def B Griffiths 16
 P Lawler 25 def N Mellett 24
 P Bamforth 26 def P Judge 9
 R Tunj 26 def G Bullingham 8
 C Hawthorn def D Wright
 J Membrey 25 def B Shorter 16
 B Smith 28 def M Newlan 17

Ladies' A Singles - Quarter-finals

C Belsham 25 - K Mackenzie 9
 J Beattie 25 def K Barns 20
 S Weatherby 25 def A McGill 14
 Ladies' A Singles - Semi-finals
 J Beattie 26 def C Belsham 21
 S Weatherby 27 def S Moss 11

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 5 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.

Tuesday, 14th January

Social Bowls

1st L Cattanach, M Newlan +11
 2nd S & R Weatherby +9
 3rd B Griffiths, JP Sengers

Thursday, 16th January

Social Bowls

1st L Hitchcock, D Lavery +18
 2nd C Grassick, G Bartlett +13
 3rd J Forde, J Rixon +10

Friday, 17th January

Social Bowls

1st G Fletcher, S Black +22
 2nd N Walsh, G Anderson +21
 3rd M Newlan, G Torbit +17

Tuesday, 21st January

Social Bowls

1st P Spencer, B Smith +44
 2nd M Wilson, R Tunj +24
 3rd S Moss, N Mellett +11

Friday, 24th January

Social Bowls

1st P Spencer, P Carmody +26
 2nd N Walsh, G Anderson +18



Despite the very, very steamy and hot conditions on Friday January 24 where the temperature nearly reached 40, the Friday bowlers were still out on the greens! Photos: Coolum Bowls



Farewell to Jenny and Steve Bowie, who are heading back to Victoria after spending time on the Coast playing bowls at Coolum and Tewantin-Noosa. Coolum looks forward to seeing you on our fabulous greens on your next visit. Pictured are Geoff Fletcher, Jenny Bowie, Keith Wilson and Steve Bowie.



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TIDE TIMES 2024 JANUARY 29, 2025 - FEBRUARY 11, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au				
WED 29 JAN	0.24m	2.03m	0.43m	1.43m	WED 5 FEB	1.59m	0.74m	1.42m	0.46m
Coolum	1:22 am	8:08 am	2:38 pm	8:08 pm	Coolum	1:11 am	7:16 am	1:00 pm	7:34 pm
Maroochy River	4:32 am	10:23 am	5:48 pm	10:23 pm	Maroochy River	3:26 am	10:26 am	3:15 pm	10:44 pm
THU 30 JAN	0.18m	2.09m	0.37m	1.5m	THU 6 FEB	1.61m	0.82m	1.26m	0.5m
Coolum	2:04 am	8:47 am	3:15 pm	8:51 pm	Coolum	2:32 am	8:58 am	2:12 pm	8:39 pm
Maroochy River	5:14 am	11:02 am	6:25 pm	11:06 pm	Maroochy River	4:47 am	12:08 pm	4:27 pm	11:49 pm
FRI 31 JAN	0.16m	2.1m	0.33m	1.55m	FRI 7 FEB	1.68m	0.79m	1.18m	0.5m
Coolum	2:47 am	9:27 am	3:54 pm	9:35 pm	Coolum	3:56 am	10:42 am	3:46 pm	9:56 pm
Maroochy River	5:57 am	11:42 am	7:04 pm	11:50 pm	Maroochy River	6:11 am	1:52 pm	6:01 pm	
SAT 1 FEB	0.2m	2.05m	0.31m	1.59m	SAT 8 FEB	1.78m	0.7m	1.19m	0.45m
Coolum	3:30 am	10:05 am	4:33 pm	10:21 pm	Coolum	5:05 am	11:56 am	5:10 pm	11:10 pm
Maroochy River	6:40 am	12:20 pm	7:43 pm		Maroochy River	7:20 am	3:06 pm	7:25 pm	1:06 am
SUN 2 FEB	0.29m	1.95m	0.32m	1.6m	SUN 9 FEB	0.45m	1.87m	0.6m	1.26m
Coolum	4:16 am	10:44 am	5:13 pm	11:10 pm	Coolum		6:02 am	12:47 pm	6:12 pm
Maroochy River	7:26 am	12:59 pm	8:23 pm	12:36 am	Maroochy River	2:20 am	8:17 am	3:57 pm	8:27 pm
MON 3 FEB	1.6m	0.43m	1.79m	0.36m	MON 10 FEB	0.38m	1.94m	0.53m	1.34m
Coolum		5:05 am	11:25 am	5:55 pm	Coolum	12:09 am	6:50 am	1:28 pm	6:59 pm
Maroochy River	1:25 am	8:15 am	1:40 pm	9:05 pm	Maroochy River	3:19 am	9:05 am	4:38 pm	9:14 pm
TUE 4 FEB	1.6m	0.59m	1.61m	0.41m	TUE 11 FEB	0.31m	1.98m	0.48m	1.42m
Coolum	12:05 am	6:02 am	12:09 pm	6:41 pm	Coolum	12:57 am	7:32 am	2:04 pm	7:41 pm
Maroochy River	2:20 am	9:12 am	2:24 pm	9:51 pm	Maroochy River	4:07 am	9:47 am	5:14 pm	9:56 pm

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5:45PM

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WEDNESDAY

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4PM - 7PM

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5:30PM - 6PM

MAX'S HOOPS

Register by 5pm.

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FRIDAY

5PM

TGIF RAFFLE

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