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MUDJIMBA BOARD RIDERS KICK OFF 2019 COMP



The Mudjimba Board Riders club kicked off their first round of 2019 competition with quality three to four foot waves on a recent Sunday. Competition was fierce with quality surfing in the glassy conditions and Mark Kennedy (pictured) taking out second place in the Over 20's Men's competition for February. See full results on page 11. Photo: Peter Legge

The new buzz on bee education

A LOCAL beekeeping group will soon be able to cater to the surge in popularity of backyard honey production thanks to a Federal grant.

Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien announced \$20,000 to help the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers build an education facility for amateur beekeepers.

Mr O'Brien said more and more people were interested in having bees but didn't know where to start.

He said the new headquarters, to be built at Yandina, would act as an education hub where anyone with an interest could get information and hands-on experience.

"Bees are important to our very survival on this planet and more people are realising this and taking up beekeeping," Mr O'Brien said.

"The Sunshine Coast Beekeepers have been providing education and courses but such is the popularity of home honey making they cannot keep up with demand.

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The men from the Coolum Men's Shed have been busy over the past six months putting their handy work skills to good use with the renovation of the historic Coolum community centre hall, and the beautifully renovated building is now ready to be hired out. The Coolum Men's Shed took over ownership of the hall mid last year and have managed to salvage the hall for future use for the entire community with the 'Coolum Men's Shed Community Centre' open to the public from the start of March. For more information on hiring the Coolum Men's Shed Community Centre, please email coolummenshed@gmail.com Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall

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Christmas win for Maroochy North Shore Lions



ON MONDAY, February 11, the Maroochy North Shore Lions Club were delighted to receive a donation of \$2,000 from the Twin Waters Residents Association (TWRA). The generous donation was the result of TWRA monster raffle, which was conducted over the Christmas period and drawn on the night of the TWRA

Christmas Carols. Each year TWRA nominate a local community organisation to donate these funds to and Maroochy North Shore Lions were the lucky recipients for 2018 as they have helped TWRA over the last few years organising the parking arrangements for their Christmas Carols event, and work tirelessly in the local

community.

The Lions Club plan to donate these funds to a local project and one of their worthy QLD projects which at this time there are many to choose from.

If you would like to join Maroochy North Shore Lions in their community endeavours, please phone Lion Gary on 5448 9587

Sunshine Coast plans to pick up for Clean Up Australia Day

WITH Clean Up Australia Day fast approaching, there are already 83 sites registered on the Sunshine Coast for the nation-wide event on Sunday March 3.

Local residents, community groups, schools and businesses are preparing to roll up their sleeves for the annual clean-up event, and they're keen for more volunteers to lend a hand.

Environment Portfolio Councillor Jenny McKay encouraged all residents to take part on the day, which has been supported by local schools and community groups since 1990, reinforcing Sunshine Coast Council's vision to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, and creative.

"Last year we recorded our biggest year for Clean

Up Australia Day activities since 2010, with almost 1500 volunteers taking part in clean-up activities across 98 sites in the region," Cr McKay said.

"I encourage everyone to get together friends and family to register with Clean Up Australia Day. Plan to pick up litter in your favourite areas, from the hinterland to the beaches, along our creeks or walking tracks.

"For those community members already registered and for those who actively pick up rubbish as part of their regular walking routine, I sincerely thank them for helping keep our Sunshine Coast clean and healthy."

Division 3 Councillor Peter Cox has participated in the annual clean-up over the past seven years and said he's

familiar with the commonly collected items.

"Each year, plastic is the number one type of rubbish collected across our region and state," Cr Cox said.

"We also regularly see cigarette butts, confectionary sticks, coffee cups, bottles and cans.

"It is a strong reminder to all residents and visitors to be responsible when disposing of rubbish, including recyclables.

"Council has taken a great step in reducing single-use plastics at council-run events and facilities, and we encourage other businesses and organisations to take similar actions."

To register or join a 2019 clean-up site, please visit the Clean Up Australia Day website.

Major upgrade secured for busy Bli Bli Road

A BUSY arterial road connecting the rapidly growing Bli Bli community is set to receive a multi-million dollar facelift.

Ninderry MP Dan Purdie said he was happy to announce TMR had allocated \$2.3million for the upgrade, which will see the section of Bli Bli Road east of the Bruce Highway rebuilt

and realigned to improve safety.

"This is fantastic news for the Bli Bli community and surrounding areas," Mr Purdie said.

"Over the past 12 months local residents have raised concerns about the condition of the busy road, which is a key access route for communities in this area, so I am delighted

to see the funds allocated to this important project under way."

Mr Purdie said the project will involve widening in key locations, as well as the repair and replacement of culverts.

TMR have advised that works will be undertaken between 7pm and 6am to minimise disruptions.

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INCOMING SWELL FROM TC OMA SET TO PUMP

BY MIKE DRINKWATER

LOCAL photographer Mike Drinkwater took this great pic during another time of seasonal ocean instability, which made for great surfing conditions, and with TC Oma off the Qld

coast, surfers are hoping similar conditions may be whipped up along our coastline soon. As Oma moves closer to the Australian mainland, the very large ocean

swells it has generated are expected to lead to hazardous surf and abnormally high tides about the central and southern Queensland and far northern New South

Wales coasts this week and through into the weekend. For the surfers however, that means great waves and photographer Mike Drinkwater is hoping Oma delivers.

"I can't wait for this swell! We're all watching the oceanographic weather reports like night bugs drawn to light," Mike said. If you happen to take a 'pic of the week' please

send it in to editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au with your name, where you live and where the pic was taken or what it is of and we will endeavour to publish it in the paper.

The new buzz on bee education



A local beekeeping group in Yandina are the proud recipients of a \$20,000 grant from Federal MP for Fairfax Ted O'Brien (centre). Pictured with Chris Johnson and Bill Spencer, the group will use the funds to further their education programs and help amateur beekeepers with their endeavours to keep the vital honeybee buzzing around in our region. Photo: Contributed

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"This new fully enclosed facility will become the go-to place to learn about hives and honey and it will showcase different types of hives so people can gain first-hand knowledge and experience.

"The centre will also host courses and workshops ranging from basic overviews to intensive beekeeping sessions."

Sunshine Coast Beekeepers president Alby Taylor said the education facility would help fill a knowledge gap in the

community.

"It's great to read books and read articles on the internet but it's not the same as being able to see it, touch it and experience it. It makes a big difference," Mr Taylor said.

"Part of our education will focus on the importance of bees for food security and pollination.

"If we don't have bees we could lose a lot of crops that rely on pollination, such as almonds which are completely dependent on European bees."

Mr Taylor said the large

shed was under construction and expected to be completed by June, including a second stage, which would feature a honey room.

The club was one of 12 groups in Fairfax ranging from scouts to sports clubs, community centres and halls to share in \$150,000 in project funding under the Stronger Communities Program.

The Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club received \$4,600 for a new air conditioner in the clubhouse administration room.



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'Nature-based' solutions favoured in response to sea level rise

A COMMUNITY forum on tackling the effects of sea-level rise has favoured nature-based solutions such as dune restoration and sand-recycling, with built structures such as rock walls deemed a 'last resort' at a recently run Noosa council run workshop.

More than 60 people attended a Noosa council-run workshop to discuss the threat of sea level rise on Noosa's coastline and to gather residents' feedback on a range of potential responses.

"There was strong support for "nature-based" measures such as beach nourishment and dune revegetation to bolster coastal areas against erosion,"

council's climate change project coordinator Grant Hinner said.

"The feedback is largely consistent with that from our earlier consultation, with the community placing significant value on the natural state of Noosa Shire's coastal areas."

Feedback will inform development of Noosa's Coastal Hazards Adaption Plan (CHAP), which council hopes to release in draft form for community feedback in a few months.

The CHAP is part of a larger Climate Change Adaption Plan (CCAP), which will set out how Council manages climate-related risks into the future.

Based on scientific data, the

workshop considered sections of the coastline most at risk, and possible solutions to help mitigate those risks.

"Options for managing risks associated with sea-level rise are varied.

"For instance, we can take relatively simple steps to accommodate some impacts, such as flooding in low-lying areas, by raising floor heights for new construction," Mr Hinner said.

For more information about Noosa council's climate change adaptation planning, including a look at the latest hazard maps, visit yoursay.noosa.qld.gov.au/projects/climate-change-adaptation-plan.



Noosa residents recently attended a Noosa council run workshop to discuss the threat of sea level rise on Noosa's coastline and how to best plan for such environmental concerns. Photo: Contributed

Little red flying-foxes seeking Sunshine Coast blossoms



Little red flying-foxes have been spotted in Coolool of late and feed off our native eucalypts, bloodwoods and myrtles and are expected to be in the region until the late March. Photo: Contributed

SEVERAL groups of nomadic little red flying-foxes – a species that is vital to the pollination of local eucalypts – have been spotted visiting the Sunshine Coast particularly the northern roost sites that Sunshine Coast Council regularly monitors.

Environment Portfolio Councillor Jenny McKay said council expected to see an influx of these critters over the rest of summer for their regular holiday visit.

"Little red flying-foxes travel from the northern and western areas of Queensland to feed on our beautiful local flowering plants, such as eucalypts, bloodwoods and myrtles," Cr McKay said.

Division 9 Councillor Stephen Robinson said council officers monitored these visitors as part of the Environment Levy Program, and focused on protecting and enhancing the region's valuable natural assets and wildlife.

"Due to the drought conditions in Western Queensland and therefore a scarcity of food resources, more little reds are likely heading to our coast's food rich areas," Cr Robinson said.

"These small reddish-brown mammals have

been spotted in the Coolool area over the past three weeks.

"The little reds tend to be more vocal than our resident black and grey-headed flying-foxes, so the roosts may be a bit noisier as they argue over territory in the trees.

"Our nomadic visitors are generally only on the Sunshine Coast for a short time of 8-12 weeks and should return to their maternity camps in north and western Queensland by late March."

If you find an injured flying-fox, please do not touch the animal, and call RSPCA on 1300 ANIMAL (264 625).

If you're interested in learning more about flying-foxes, join Martin Finland from Geckoes Wildlife at his upcoming presentation series Backyard Buddies held at Sunshine Coast Libraries throughout the region in March and April.

Visit council's library website for further information and to make a booking. For further information about flying-foxes on the Sunshine Coast, you can also visit council's website.

Student perspective

TAYLAH SAUNDERS
YEAR 9 COOLool STATE HIGH SCHOOL



Overcoming Fear

FEAR is something everyone deals with throughout their life. Whether it be a fear of heights, public speaking or failure, everyone can relate. Still, when you think about it, what are these irrational fears for? Do they protect us from danger? Or do they just hold us back?

Throughout my life, I've worked through a surplus of arbitrary fears. In fact, as I look around me, everyone I know has too. As babies, we

were scared of loud noises, and as kids, most of our troubles included the dark and that terrifying monster under the bed. Though, as we got older, most of us grew out of it. Seriously, was the wind howling or someone turning the light off ever going to put you in immediate danger? We might have felt it then, but looking back, were they serious fears?

Every moment we spend dwelling on our irrational fears is a moment we aren't

happy. The more we dwell on them the more we cultivate a seed that subsequently grows, feeding something non-constructive, that can eventually drive our thoughts, feelings and decisions.

The point I'm trying to make here is that often times our irrational fears are just that – irrational. We've overcome them time and time before. Eventually, we look back and realise that there was no reason to be scared. We realise that all the panic and distress does is limit our potential. If we put our fears behind us we can conquer the world. Whether you beat something small or conquer something you've been afraid of for a long time, overcoming your fears is the key to success and excellence.

Principal's post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLool STATE HIGH SCHOOL



THE Minister for Education, Minister Grace Grace, will be visiting Coolool High School on March 6. Minister Grace had been due to visit Coolool High earlier but had to travel instead to Townsville to assist with North Queensland's devastating floods.

The Minister will be at Coolool High to officially open our Smart Futures Centre, the new building at the back of the school that has already been working for

a year to give our students a great experience in state-of-the-art classrooms. The Smart Futures Centre brilliantly catches the sea breeze through high ceilings, louvres and smart architecture. We are very lucky to have it!

We are honoured to have Minister Grace visiting our school. We believe that the Minister is visiting to see the great things that are happening in Coolool, as well as opening the building.

There are so many things we can be proud of, including our OP and NAPLAN results, our Academy programs and, most importantly, the respectful way our students conduct themselves. I know the Minister can't help but be impressed by Coolool's respectful, grounded and cheerful students.

We will ensure that our Wind Symphony plays for the Minister. Coolool High's Wind Symphony have been on the fastest improvement trajectory I have ever seen. I have no doubt that Minister Grace will be highly impressed by our Wind Symphony, as will everyone else who hears them. Music is booming at Coolool High!

Simpson calls for crackdown on fare evasion on Coast buses

MEMBER for Maroochydore Fiona Simpson called for stronger action to tackle fare evasion and safety issues on Sunshine Coast bus services whilst speaking at Maroochydore bus station recently.

Ms Simpson said that the Coast's public transport system was failing, with fewer people using the bus than five years ago and complaints about bad behaviour and fare evasion escalating.

"The majority are being held to ransom by the minority," Ms Simpson said.

"Bus users are telling me that they're sick of putting up with the intimidating behaviour of some passengers who don't pay their way and travel on our buses for free.

"These law-abiding citizens want peace of mind that they can travel safely on our buses, knowing that deliberate fare evasion and thuggish behaviour won't be tolerated.

"I believe the two issues go hand in hand as fare evasion gives permission to a culture of abuse.

"I want to see more Transport Officers (Senior Network Officers or SNOs) travelling on our buses and monitoring our bus stations to tackle this problem more effectively," Ms Simpson said.

Ms Simpson has sponsored an e-petition calling on the State Government to deliver a better public transport system in consultation with the public, which takes people where and when they need to go, with more services and more seamless connections as well as transparent benchmarked performance targets.

She is asking people to have their say by March 7 2019.

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3049>

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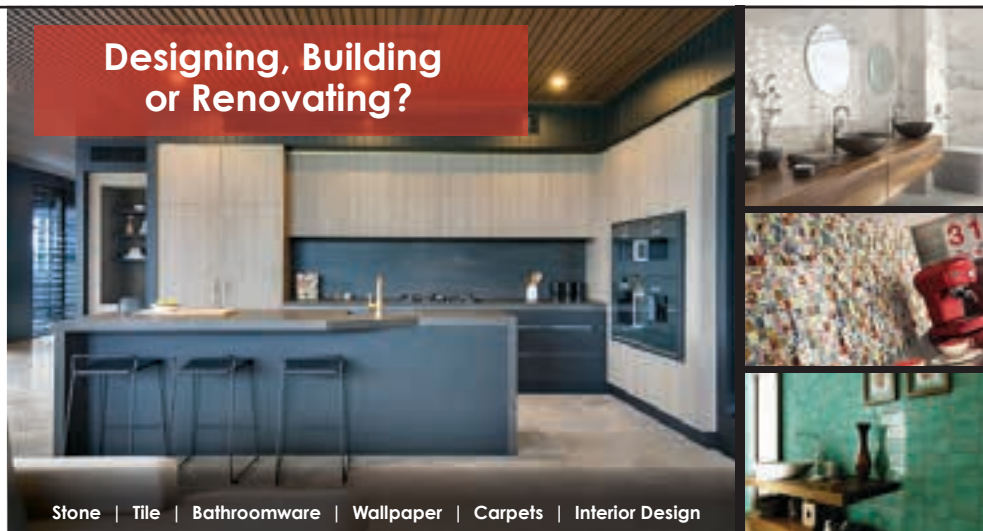
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Flappers and gangsters at murder mystery

THE Coolum Beach Bowls Club played host to a classic 'who done it' on a recent Saturday night with invited members and guests asked to frock up in their best flapper and gangster attire and assume their allotted characters for the murder mystery evening.

The crowd were in good spirits, dressed to the nines and local musician Janice Smithers was on hand to entertain.

The club are looking at holding more nights like these on Saturday evenings and encourage people to follow their facebook page for future events that may be running and to sign up as a social member for a host of good fun and events that are on each week such as the Wednesday night member's draw.



Mary Lange and Roscoe Baldwin in their fabulous flapper and gangster wear for the murder mystery night. Photo: Contributed



Bert Peperkamp and Louise Japundza at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club murder mystery evening. Photo: Contributed

Fiona Simpson MP
MEMBER FOR
MAROOCHYDORE



Have your say on Mt Coolum Draft Management Plan

THE voices of more than 1,000 people who signed my petition calling on the State Government to put toilets at Mt Coolum National Park have been sidelined by the State Government which rejected their responsibility for providing toilet facilities when releasing the much anticipated new draft management plan.

Despite this I am urging Coast residents to have their say before March 13 and I am

calling on the State Environment Minister to open her ears to public concerns about the impact of the lack of facilities on the environment and local amenity.

New figures show that 240,000 people a year now visit the Mt Coolum National Park and it is at risk of being loved to death without suitable facilities. I welcome the upgrades to the summit trail which are currently underway,

but much more needs to be done to protect the vulnerable flora and fauna and to recognise its cultural values.

Shadow Minister David Crisafulli visited the site with me recently and he is backing my call for the Government to take responsibility and install appropriate eco-friendly toilets to manage visitor impact on this precious environment.

Please let the Minister know your feedback and your suggestions on what should be done to protect our iconic National Park by having your say on the Draft Management Strategy and Visitors Strategy and let me know your views.

To read the plan go to: <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/managing/notices/>.

Please email submissions to ParkManagementPlans@des.qld.gov by March 13.

A look back in time

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

Preserving Mt Coolum

EVERY time we pass Mount Coolum, our eyes focus on the steep track ... subconsciously trying to count people heading up and down. The Draft Management Plan and Visitor Strategy for the National Park, issued by the Department of Environmental Services for public comment until March 13, tells us that over 240,000 people climb Mount Coolum annually. That's not only a lot of people looking for a nearby toilet, but also a lot of feet trampling the once-pristine 208 metre-high volcanic plug, loved by so many.

Between 1982 and 1985 an intensive study of Mount Coolum's flora and vegetation was carried out by a Queensland Herbarium team, along with studies of the geology, weather, birds, spiders and other aspects. Two local residents, John Windolf and Philip Sharpe were on this team, and Philip Sharpe (who died just before his 101st birthday in 2016) is commemorated in the rare *Bertya sharpeana*, which he discovered on the mountain. The survey found that Mount

Coolum supported an amazing total of nearly 700 varied plant species in an area of less than a square kilometre.

In 1986, however, the 'Maroochy Corporation' proposed a chairlift and restaurant on Mount Coolum, with more than 450 horrified local people expressing their anger at a public meeting at the Coolum Civic Centre. This meeting led to the formation of the 'Save Mt Coolum Committee' - a concerned group representing the feelings of the wider community. Through the efforts of the committee during nearly four years of intensive negotiation with Maroochy Shire and Queensland Government officers, Mount Coolum was formally declared a National Park in November 1990. The Maroochy section of Mount Coolum National Park was added in 2001.

At that time, no-one considered that Mount Coolum would morph into such a popular area, visited by those climbing the mountain as a fitness exercise as well



Philip Sharpe on Mount Coolum in 1989. Photo: John Windolf

as those wanting to reach an area of iconic views and to appreciate an important range of plant life. Can Mount Coolum survive its current popularity? This is a question for all of us to ponder - and to make our views known before March 13.

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Observations

TONY GIBSON
MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE
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Spoilt for Choice

I AM one of those people who gets up early to greet the day with a walk, swim or cycle - acknowledging the other early risers with a "good morning". This is great part of many people's daily routine and with so many beautiful natural places we are spoilt for choice.

On Saturday morning the choices were a bit more restricted as I walked to the Maroochy River mouth with the high tide and rough seas. The tracks along the Maroochy estuary foreshore were flooded in places requiring deep water wading through the mangroves.

There was a cloud with hundreds of terns going to and fro above the river. On the low tide the terns can

often be found on the exposed sandbanks near the river mouth.

The natural values of the Maroochy River estuary are being threatened by continued development of high rise units along the southern flood plains and increased residential, retail and industrial development on the northern flood plains. The decision to allow further development by Stockland at Twin Waters West and the Sekisui House at Yaroomba are examples of councils and governments sponsoring inappropriate development and poor planning.

The question is how much longer will the people of the Sunshine Coast be spoilt

for choice to experience the natural places? It was good to see the Noosa Planning Scheme out for consultation getting the tick under the South East Queensland Regional Plan for a modest increase in population. This example by Noosa Council is far different from the pro-development Sunshine Coast Council approach.

The impacts of climate change and inappropriate development get little attention by governments until we are threatened by severe weather events like the potential of a Cyclone Oma landfall.

An event everyone can get behind to make a difference is Save Yaroomba's Endangered Waves on Saturday, March 2 being organised by Surfrider Foundation, Friends of Yaroomba, Sunshine Coast Environment Council and Coolum and North Shore Coast Care.

I hope we continue to get spoilt for choice for natural places and continue to enjoy an enviable lifestyle.

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Day bus trips and guest speakers are occasionally organised. BYO lunch and \$5 entry fee includes door prize ticket and afternoon tea. Your first visit is complimentary.

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Venue: Pacific Paradise Bowls Club, 13 Menzies

Drive, Pacific Paradise.

Cost: \$50 for 10 lessons

COOLUM BEACH UNITING CHURCH

Coolum Beach Uniting Church Car Boot and Hall Table Top sale, Saturday 16th March, 7:00 am - 11:00 am. Sites \$15. Bookings 0415624039.

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL COOLUM BEACH

We meet at the Meals on Wheels rooms 17 Santa Monica Ave, Coolum Beach on the second Tuesday of the month. On even months the meeting will be held in the afternoon at 2.30 pm for 3 pm start and on odd months it will be at night at 6.30 pm for 7 pm start. If you are interested in joining a service club and making new friends please come along to one of our meetings or coffee mornings to meet us. This month we will be meeting at Ma Boulange Cafe Patisserie Coolum Beach at 10 am on Friday 22 February. For more information please call Sandra 0427 889 750 or Cindy on 5448 8373.

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Monday, February 25: Kitchen: K Talanoa, L Walden, D Boneham, D Gunderson and M Hannan.

Run 1: M and R Fraser; Run 2: B Spencer and C Heinicke; Run 3: K and J Pontin; Run 4: L Jones and T Moore; Run 5:

G Moore and L Farrah.

Wednesday, February 27: Kitchen: J Jago, F Howell, R McNeill and K Talanoa.

Run 1: B Drylie and R Dawson; Run 2: E Hammet and B Stevens; Run 3: L Horsey and S Taylor; Run 4: F Westera and B Jelfs; Run 5: P Pashley and K Hodge.

Thursday, February 28: Kitchen: Y Hurley, R McNeill and J Ivankovic.

Run 2: L Wilkinson and A Little; Run 3: T Burns and G Moore; Run 4: T Moore and A Gillard.

Friday, March 1: Kitchen: B White, G Cocks, W Crook, J Ivankovic and M Hannan.

Run 1: P Brown and D Boneham; Run 2: L Farrah and R Burnie; Run 3: D Stone and D Pettifer; Run 4: J Bott and K Van Eerde; Run 5: M and M Robinson.

If you are unavailable on your rostered day, please notify MOW kitchen on 5446 1000 or Anne on 0408 183 517.

YANDINA QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOC

Yandina Branch of the QCWA invites you to attend their High Tea to celebrate International Women's Day to be held from 12.00 to 3.00 pm. on Friday 8th March at the QCWA Hall, 11 Stevens Street, Yandina.

Guest presenters are Kathleen Kingsbury, a Youth Mentor for Beautiful Minds

Australia and Leisa Sams of Hum Honey.

Cost is \$15 per person, which can be paid on the day, but please RSVP by 1st March to our president Lynda on 04 0990 9057.

COOLUM HEARTS.

Coolum HeARTs is a local charity providing access to the arts - painting, drumming, singing, tai-chi, meditation, mosaics, claywork and Italian classes, to people who live with significant challenges in their daily lives, e.g mental health issues, chronic physical and intellectual impairment and social issues such as domestic violence, effects of drug and alcohol abuse (family members included), poverty, feelings of exclusion and isolation.

Members of our community are welcome to join our groups to support our members. Cost for classes \$5 for members, \$10 non-members. Call 0478646330 for the phone numbers of the various groups. Our philosophy is one of welcome and inclusion. No experience needed in any of the activities. You will enjoy a warm and friendly welcome.

Facebook: Coolum HeARTs Inc. Website: www.coolum-hearts.com.au

COOLUM-PEREGIAN RSL

The Coolum-Peregian RSL is open for dinner and live music every Friday night, bar from 4pm and meals from 6pm. We have a courtesy vehicle to pick people up. Please call the club on 07 5446 2588.

Raffles - meat tray one week and seafood tray the following. Door prizes.

The club is a non for prof-

it and all money raised goes back into helping veterans, war widows and current serving members and local cadets. Pensions are on 0423 439 811, Jason Ryan at Mudjimba RSL.

COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBOS CLUB

Retired and semi-retired people looking for friendship and fun are welcome. Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 5th of March @ 9.15am @ the Uniting Church, Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach. Guest Speaker entertains us each month. Organised lunches, bus or car trips each month for more information phone 0429 516 788.

After the meeting is closed, we meet at the Coolum Beach Hotel for Lunch at own expense.

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Presents SWINGING IN THE SUNSHINE on SUNDAY 24th FEBRUARY at 2.00pm in the Kawana Community Hall Nanyima St BUDDINA (behind the library). Music Director KEN CHADWICK OAM and vocalists TANYA MCFADYEN and ALEX CHAMBERS. Tickets \$15 available at the door includes afternoon tea or book on 0417 649 686.

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SUNSHINE COAST EMBROIDERERS' GUILD

Join our very friendly and happy group of ladies.

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CWA Hall, Memorial Avenue, Maroochydore on the first four Tuesdays of the month from 1PM to 4PM. Phone Ruth 0421 540 347.

COASTAL AMIGOS OVER 50'S CLUB

Coastal Amigos is a club for the over 50's for outings, dinners and other activities. We meet every Tuesday morning at 10am for coffee at the Coolum Beach Surf Club, so come and join us. Contact Janet 5446 5554.

COOLUM BEACH LIONESSE'S CLUB

Our Coolum Beach Lioness Club would like to sincerely thank the Coolum Beach Real Estate for their valued support during the market season. It was very much appreciated.

YAROOMBA FAMILY FUN BEACH EVENT

8-12 Sat 2nd March. Free events and Gold Coin donations.

Surf Teams Challenge, Morning Yoga, Beach Volley Ball, Frisbee Throwing, Beach Surfboard Lessons, Surfboard Swap & Sell, (a chance to sell your unwanted surfboards), lots of fun things for the kids, food & drink. Join the Paddle out to highlight Yaroomba's Endangered Wave declaration. Bring your umbrellas, surfboards and family to make this a fun, colourful day. Sponsored by Surfriider Foundation Australia, Sunshine Coast Environment Council, Coolum and North Shore Coast Care, Mudjimba, Coolum & Yaroomba Board-rider Clubs & Friends of Yaroomba. Info: [facebook.com/EndangeredWaves](https://www.facebook.com/EndangeredWaves)

Letters to the editor

Email your letters to Vanessa at editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au

CLIMATE CHANGE

Dear editor,

These extreme weather conditions globally are unprecedented. What our politicians are ignoring, to delay the inevitable, due to vast economic investment it requires, is becoming a reality for those in its path.

We are a land of extremes and those furthest removed from the coast and large cities, are mostly affected by anomalies in the weather. Townsville's one in a hundred flood is a reminder that, despite the denial, no-one is exempt. The negligence by its minders to ignore the wet weather forecast in December, without reducing the dam levels in preparation, has resulted in disaster with this further rain. The Bligh Government, too, had ignored the rising dam levels, resulting in the Brisbane floods.

In an age where men are traveling in space, exploring the universe, technology cannot determine and prevent natural disasters due to climate change. In developing nations in particular, governments are ignoring the plight and the risks, which mostly affect their poorest. Landslides, decade-long droughts, extremes in weather, such as the 'Arctic Vortex' which descended upon the USA, our hottest year on record in 2018,

have no rhyme or reason, apart from climate change. Previous predictable weather patterns, for the last 50 years, are all at sea. Our resilience is built under hardship and struggle, so as a global community, we witness a weakening and a denial of such challenges, especially in westernised nations.

Air-conditioning puts a strain on our electricity network. In previous ages, homes, cars, businesses and classrooms had no fans or aircon - simply opening windows for fresh air. People were conditioned to the elements. The world's poorest are paying the price for negligence in climate policies at the expense of economic factors. There is nowhere to go as to the changes, but to take action or reap what economic policies have sown.

E. Rowe, Marcoola.

CARING POLITICS

Dear editor,

I agree that there is a deterioration in the tone of Australian society these days (Aussie Sayings', Glenys Miller, Coolum Advertiser, February 7-13, 2019), despite progress in some ways. I believe that one root cause is the present dominant dog-eat-dog neo-liberal capitalist system, which has come to prominence worldwide since the

Reagan and Thatcher eras.

The sooner we revert back to a more caring economic and political system, the better, and the more healthy our society will be for it.

Les Irving, Yaroomba.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

Dear editor,

The following extract is from the Planning Act Qld 2016 passed by parliament and proclaimed as law by the Governor - not from some wishful thinking, whinging radical advocacy group. This legislation is objective in its purpose and principles and should not be scoffed at and passed off as interpretative and unable to be rationally argued. Advocates for the achievement of the purpose and principles should not be routinely denigrated and dismissed as somehow anti-social, against the community interest and immoral.

You should find provisions for firstly good governance then ecological sustainability, the protection of ecological processes and natural systems and economic development.

"(1) The purpose of this Act is to establish an efficient, effective, transparent, integrated, coordinated and accountable system of land use planning, development assessment and related matters that

facilitates the achievement of ecological sustainability.

(2) Ecological sustainability is a balance that integrates - The protection of ecological processes and natural systems at local, regional, state and wider levels; and economic development; and the maintenance of cultural, economic, physical and social wellbeing of people and communities."

There is absolutely no suggestion that development should be opposed per say but there are strong objective provisions for the equitable integration of ecological processes and natural systems, economic and social wellbeing considerations.

You should make objective and factual representations

to your elected members and development and population expansion proponents insisting that good governance includes upholding the rule of law whereby all should know the law, obey the law, be ruled by the law and be able and willing to be guided by it.

Colin Verrall, Coolum Beach.

VINNIES FLOOD APPEAL

Dear editor,

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NOTICE OF AGM

Coolum Peregian RSL Sub Branch wish to advise that the AGM will be held 24th February 2019 at 10.00am at the RSL, 1906 David Low Way, Coolum Beach.

Email: advertising@coolumadvertiser.com.au
PAID AD DEADLINE: 4pm Monday

New Noosa Plan protects our lifestyle and environment

PRESERVING our way of life and the natural environment remain the cornerstone of the draft Noosa Planning scheme, known as the New Noosa Plan.

At a special meeting on Thursday February 14, Noosa council endorsed the public release of the draft planning scheme for community feedback.

The scheme is the blueprint for the future, helping shape the shire's growth, as well as business and housing options for the next 20 years.

Mayor Tony Wellington said the New Noosa Plan had a strong focus on protecting the uniqueness of where we live.

"The message we received loud and clear during the extensive consultation in 2016 was that Noosa residents highly value their lifestyle as well as the local environment, and they don't want the fundamental attributes of Noosa Shire to change,"

Mayor Wellington said.

"This draft scheme protects the look-and-feel of Noosa, whilst also seeking to meet the requirements of the future.

"We need to make allowances for shifts in the way people wish to live and work."

"So the New Noosa Plan will facilitate more housing and business choices and also continue the place-based approach of the existing planning scheme, ensuring the individual character of our towns and localities are preserved," Mayor Wellington said.

The New Noosa Plan is the culmination of several years' work and addresses housing options as well as the emergence of new industries, and it also considers the biodiversity values of the region, future transport needs, and opportunities for rural enterprises.

"Now we want every interested resident, business

owner and rural landowner to talk with our staff and make themselves aware of any changes in their areas," Mayor Wellington said.

"Whilst the state government requires a minimum of 30 business days, we have decided to extend the consultation period to three months. That way, there is ample time for residents to acquaint themselves with aspects of the scheme and lodge their submissions."

"There will be numerous pop-up information sessions, briefings to stakeholder groups and a dedicated display space at 3 Pelican Street in Tewantin, just down the road from the Noosa council building."

The community is also being encouraged to review the plan and provide their thoughts via the Your Say Noosa website.

The consultation period runs until May 20.

Letters to the Editor

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rebuild and recover their lives from this catastrophic natural disaster.

Vinnies Queensland has been assisting people in need across the state since forming 125 years ago as a response to the great flood that hit Brisbane in 1893.

We were there for the victims of Cyclone Debbie in 2017 and most recently supported drought affected communities and victims of the bushfires in Central Queensland.

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And if you need our help please don't hesitate to call our Vinnies Helpline on 1800 846 643.

Dennis Innes,
State President St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland.

COUNCIL DESIGN STRATEGY SURVEY

Dear editor
As a professional who spent a decade battling through some of Australia's most complex community consultations it is my firm opinion that the SCC survey is not of a professional standard. It is not even close. Its flaws are too numerous to list here.

As a resident, I know how Cr Robinson and the council banished our only heritage building to an industrial estate, eight km from central Coolum. Yet today, out of the blue, they say they are interested in the connection between buildings, community values and human interaction. Why would anyone believe that?

The answers the survey purports to be looking for are already embodied in our town plan. Cr Robinson, despite his

promises at election time, does not support the plan, the values it holds or the people who live them.

It is astonishing to think that councillors of seven years standing need to use (good grief!) survey monkey "to understand how the community views and values the Sunshine Coast character". Shouldn't knowledge of such be the first prerequisite just to run for council?

The hard reality here is that this community knows the price of being heard, of defending our values - a \$350,000 trip to the planning court.

Cr Robinson and the SCC undertaking a survey on design and community values is akin to the wolf designing homes for the three little pigs.

Please do not feed the monkey.

K E Fisher, Coolum Beach.

COOLUM HILL

Dear editor,
I was disappointed with a number of statements in your editorial of 14 February 2019 regarding Coolum Hill (technically correct name as it is only approximately 206 metres, not 300 metres that is now required to be a Mountain) particularly:

*You favoured charging people for going up Coolum Hill and was against the idea of a chairlift.

Perhaps Forest Rangers could be employed to conduct regular spot checks and those people that you mention that litter the hill and go off the track could be warned and or fined. Another suggestion would be to erect a sign at the foot of the Hill advising people not to walk the Hill when temperatures exceed 25 degrees unless potential climbers are fit and can undertake the climb up and back in under half an hour, (to eliminate frivolous rescues).

I am middle aged and traverse the Hill during cooler times, like late afternoon or early morning; thereby not burdening the hard working taxpayer and emergency services personnel with unnecessary rescues. Many years ago I participated in the

Walsh's Pyramid Race near Cairns and the King of Castle Hill Race. Unfortunately I was never able to participate in the local Pomona race.

By being against a chairlift you will stop those citizens who have sore backs and knees who normally could not enjoy the mountain from participating in the adventure. In later years many senior citizens may wish to use a Chairlift (if built) to have a more leisurely approach to viewing the Hill and enjoying the surrounding views from the top.

I hope you are not a member of the small but very vocal minority group: CAVE - Citizens against virtually everything.

Coolum Hill is a majestic part of the Sunshine Coast and needs to be managed in a way that all citizens can enjoy the climb utilising a sensible, realistic approach/balance to ensure future generations follow in our footsteps.

John Lisha, Coolum.

SOFT PENALTY FOR DRIVER

Dear editor,
Two people in potentially dangerous situations, distracted from awareness, responsibility and self-preservation by not only modern technology but also an inexplicable sense of invulnerability.

One dead and the other facing not only the lifelong memory of the tragedy his carelessness had caused but also the ire of a community. Then there was the judge who added to the ire of the community with a ridiculously inadequate sentence.

I have long pleaded for increased penalties, not for maximum penalty increases but for minimum penalty increases. Let the legislators set minimum penalties that the 'soft and cuddly' magistrates and judges cannot over ride.

The big vehicle driver got three and a half years but he is only doing twelve months?

He'll be home in eight months or less but a young wife and Mum is never coming home.

Bob Stonehouse,
Coolum Beach.

Cr Steve Robinson

COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION 9



SUNSHINE COAST NAMES IN TOP 7 INTELLIGENT COMMUNITIES

THE SUNSHINE Coast has been recognised as one of the Top 7 Intelligent Communities of 2019, sharing the global spotlight with communities from Canada, Taiwan and the United States including Chicago. This award acknowledges the significant advances the region has undertaken to create a more sustainable future through technology based solutions for a connected and engaged community. It is an amazing achievement for the Sunshine Coast to receive international acclaim in what was a very competitive and rigorous assessment process.

The premise of this achievement is not just the introduction of new technology, but the integration of that technology into the everyday life of the community. This will help create improved lifestyles while enabling this region to continue to grow sustainably with an amazing range of careers for our kids and other residents in the fields of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) - think robotics and autonomous vehicles.

The achievement of being one of the Top 7 intelligent communities is something to be celebrated and will undoubtedly give us global recognition. There is no doubt in my mind that when people

move to the Coast, whether it is to bring up their family, start a business, advance their careers or invest in the region, the fact that we are deemed one of the top intelligent communities in the world will be extremely well regarded. Congratulations to everyone involved.

BUSINESS IN COOLUM

Recently I attended the Coolum Business and Tourism business breakfast, which had two excellent presentations on recent legislative changes for employees, as well as the benefits of implementing a marketing plan. I think all attendees really enjoyed the presentations, which gave them plenty of food for thought. A big thank you to president Mark and the committee for this initiative.

MEET AND GREET

My next meet and greet session at the Coolum Library is on March 20 at 1-3pm. I hope to see you there.

Plenty of options for the river!

THE Maroochy River has seen some nice whiting taken over the past week with plenty of quality fish caught. Wading the sand flats around Chambers Island, Black Banks or casting over the banks near the Jet Ski run has been the spots to be. Flathead numbers are still strong with plenty of legal fish on offer. The upper reaches of the river worth a look, with good size school jew, flathead and even jacks on the bite. Getting out early in the morning is the key, with fish tending to feed more aggressively as the sun starts to rise. Crabs have been a bit hit and miss but for those that know the river there has still been some good hauls of bucks.

On the beaches dart are in great numbers - mid tide seems to see the smaller ones with the bigger fish on the incoming tide. The beachfront has also been good for quality whiting and bream. Fishing the top of the tide has seen the odd tailor along with bigger bream, trevally and the odd smaller jew from around the coffee rocks at Mudjimba and down towards Pincushion Island.



Dan Hazell with a perfect jack - the fish was released after the photo was taken.

Offshore, the wind has still been pretty full on, with a few windows earlier last week to make a run outside. For those that Pelagic numbers are still good with plenty of spotted mackerel mack tuna and the

odd spanish, fishing the bait schools with small to medium micro jigs around 20gm or slugs around the 40gm size have been claiming their fair share of fish.

Now for all the latest

information check out our Facebook page or call into Davo's Northshore Bait & Tackle at Marcoola to find out where the fish are biting, and remember Tight Lines and Bent Spines!

MUDJIMBA BOARD RIDERS KICK OFF 2019 COMP

MUDJIMBA Board Riders kicked off their first round of 2019 competition in some quality three to four foot waves on a recent Sunday in February and the competition was fierce with quality surfing seen in the glassy conditions.

The groms were out in force on the Sunday and were having a ball in the solid conditions with the training provided by the club for the younger members definitely paying dividends.

In the end Lauren Poor took out the open womens with some powerful surfing and Veta Wulf held off the other surfers to take out the open mens.

If you are interested in joining the club please visit the website at <https://www.mudjimbaboardriders.com.au>

Full results below -

Novice Boys
1st - Harper Morris; 2nd - Ariu Roki; 3rd - Vuk Roki; 4th - Jack Kennedy.

Novice Girls
1st - Grace Kennedy; 2nd

- Leila Paris; 3rd - Jordan Edwards; 4th - Summah Edwards.

Under 12's Boys
1st - Mavrik Morris; 2nd - Arlo Luther; 3rd - Harper Morris; 4th - Vans Paris.

Under 12's Girls
1st - Grace Kennedy; 2nd - Summah Edwards; 3rd - Isabella Sternberg; 4th - SKye Ziebell; 5th - Leila Paris.

Under 14's Boys
1st - Zane Luther; 2nd - Rayl George; 3rd - Mavrik Morris.

Under 16's Boys
1st - Anthony Williams; 2nd - Rayl George; 3rd - Kahrem Head; 4th - Noah Brown.

Under 20's MIXED
1st - Reef Ellis; 2nd - Vetea Wulf; 3rd - Anthony Williams; 4th - Noah Brown.

Over 20's
1st - Dan Morris; 2nd - Mark

Kennedy; 3rd - Tony Paris; 4th - Julian Taylor.

Over 35's
1st - Marty Dillon
2nd - Andrew Poor
3rd - Conrad Knott
4th - Adam Holman

Over 45's
1st - Ross Day; 2nd - Shane Ziebell; 3rd - Neville Williams; 4th - Trevor Medcalf.

Open Mens
1st - Vetea Wulf; 2nd - Tony Paris; 3rd - Jack Davis; 4th - Jake Roberts.

Open Womens
1st - Lauren Poor; 2nd - Phoebe King; 3rd - Siena Hanna.

COOLUM BEACH BOWLS CLUB

RESULTS to 17 February:
Tuesday Open Pairs/Triples:
Winners: R Hubble, J Burkitt, T Paynter; Runners Up: F Milard, J Shipstone, M Bartley.
Friday Men's Pairs/Triples:

Winners: A Hill, P Carmody; Runners Up: T Rosenbrook, G Fletcher Third: P Bain, W Brown.

In the Great 8s Challenge, Men's Division 1 Red had a good win on three rinks at Club Maroochy, and both Division 3 sides won. White won 2 rinks to 1 at Pacific Paradise and Green, 2 rinks with one drawn at home against Woombye. Both Divisions 5 sides and Division 1 Blue failed to win a rink.

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Email your contributions, and story ideas to: editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au or phone/text Vanessa on 0422 059 769

TIDE TIMES 2019 Coolum & Maroochy River David Low Bridge				
FRI 22nd Feb.	0.28m	2.13m	0.33m	1.81m
Coolum	3:51am	10:11am	4:32pm	10:35pm
Maroochy River	6:13am	11:44am	6:57pm	12:07am-Sa
SAT 23rd Feb.	0.41m	1.96m	0.41m	1.77m
Coolum	4:38am	10:51am	5:14pm	11:21pm
Maroochy River	7:02am	12:26pm	7:38pm	12:57am-Su
SUN 24th Feb.	0.57m	1.78m	0.5m	-
Coolum	5:28am	11:31am	5:54pm	-
Maroochy River	7:54am	1:09pm	8:20pm	-

MON 25th Feb.	1.71m	0.73m	1.61m	0.59m
Coolum	12:11am	6:25am	12:14pm	6:38pm
Maroochy River	1:53am	8:53am	1:55pm	9:05pm
TUE 26th Feb.	1.66m	0.86m	1.46m	0.68m
Coolum	1:18am	7:38am	1:08pm	7:33pm
Maroochy River	3:00am	10:13am	2:49pm	9:59pm
WED 27th Feb.	1.65m	0.92m	1.36m	0.75m
Coolum	2:43am	9:08am	2:31pm	8:44pm
Maroochy River	4:23am	11:46am	4:06pm	11:08pm
THU 28th Feb.	1.69m	0.91m	1.34m	0.76m
Coolum	4:01am	10:34am	3:58pm	10:05pm
Maroochy River	5:39am	1:08pm	5:32pm	12:28am-Fr

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