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COMMUNITY RALLIES FOR WILDLIFE FUNDRAISER



The 'Out Of The Ashes' free family friendly fundraiser will be held this coming Sunday December 8 at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club from 2pm. The fundraiser has come about via local businesses – Kings Removals and the Coolum Advertiser joining forces in an effort to raise funds for the native animals that have been injured as a result of the recent bushfires. All money raised will be going to Wildlife Rescue Sunshine Coast. Pictured is Casey Fouchard from Kings Removals, Claire Smith from Wildlife Rescue, Coolum Advertiser Publisher Michelle Box and SantaRoo who will be available on the afternoon for Christmas pics. Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall

VANESSA BACON-HALL
EDITOR

OVER the past month, images of distressed and badly burnt native animals, primarily koalas have been inundating news sites and social media - bushfires do not discriminate and harrowing accounts of animals being rescued from fire ravaged regions have collectively broken the hearts of Australians far and wide and the world over. Not content to just simply watch and do nothing, the Coolum community, spearheaded by Kings Removals and the Coolum Advertiser have joined forces and will be holding one special fundraiser this coming Sunday – 'Out Of The Ashes' promises to be a fun, family event at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club with all money raised during the afternoon going to Wildlife Rescue Sunshine Coast.

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North Shore recognises stand out citizens



THE North Shore community unveiled their honour board recently with the first round of local citizens recognised for their contributions to the community.

Taking pride of place within the foyer at the North Shore Community Centre, the honour board was officially unveiled by councilor Jason O'Pray and

those behind the board are hoping it will inspire others to step up and take part in volunteer work in and around the North Shore region.

Lots of past experiences and achievements were discussed, including the ongoing success for the North Shore Community Centre, which was a cornerstone project lead by those peo-

ple recognised on the day.

Pictured from left to right are the community members who are listed on the board - Angelo Giovas, Faith Giovas, Kath Stirling, Julie Rayfield and Coolum Men's Shed Representative Greg Rayfield (the Men's shed built the board). Photo: Contributed

Paper planes benefit Life Flight



LAST Friday Maroochy North Shore Lions were pleased to donate the profits from their recent Paper Plane Challenge to RACQ Life Flight. These funds were raised from a day of fun by local schoolchildren and generous sponsorship by local businesses. Pictured are Lion Evan Flower, Mandy Hentschel from RACQ Life Flight and Lions Patricia Parkinson and Carol Goldsworthy. Photo: Contributed

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known as to the extent of how many koalas have been killed and how much of their habitat has been lost due to the bushfires, however koala populations have been greatly affected and veterinary hospitals inundated with animals affected by serious burns.

Claire Smith from Wildlife Rescue Sunshine Coast said that the group were currently helping nine small rescue organisations who are right on the front line of the NSW and Yeppoon fires or are caring for rescued wildlife affected by the fires.

"The money is used to purchase medical supplies, feed and specialist equipment to cope with the volume of casualties who need to be housed through their long road to recovery.

"Dedicated organisations who have limited resources, need all the help they can get - it can take 9-12 months for a Koala to recover from burns depending on the severity of the injuries," Claire said.

No strangers to helping out, the husband and wife team behind Kings Removals - Casey and Scott Fouchard organised a huge convoy of supplies to be taken out to drought ravaged regions of Queensland last year and Casey explained that the inspiration for the 'Out Of The Ashes' fundraiser was born out of a love of animals.

"Due to the recent bushfires there has been so many beautiful animals that have been injured - animals are innocent and don't know what is happening during fires. They have nowhere to run to or to hide and the injuries they have received have been horrendous."

Casey further went on to say that they just wanted people to come along and help out the animals whilst having a great time.

"The Sunshine Coast is amazing for coming together in these situations," Casey said.

Coolum Advertiser Publisher Michelle Box stated that it was only fitting to use the reach of the paper to help get the word out and to support such a great cause.

"Like all animal lovers, the most heartbreaking images for me during and after the bushfires were those of the devastation and suffering of the native wildlife.

"The recovery, treatment, and care of these creatures falls primarily to volunteers, and rehabilitation to the point of being able to return to their native habitat is a long and expensive exercise. I felt that the animals and the agencies that care for them needed all the help that we could give them by assisting to lighten the financial load," Michelle said.

In just a few weeks the team have put together a great line

up of prizes and entertainment - all for free on the day at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club.

"We have an afternoon of non-stop fun and prizes planned," Michelle said.

"The kids will love the native wildlife demonstration by Cool Companions, and they can also have their Christmas photo taken with SantaRoo for a small donation.

"There's great live music all afternoon with Eighties Recall to get the dance floor pumping, and of course lots and lots of great prizes on offer - it's worth calling in, grabbing a few raffle tickets and maybe going home with some early Christmas presents or a luxury weekend away."

At the time of going to print the prize haul was totaling close to \$8,000 with some of the donated prizes including two nights accommodation at the Oaks in Hervey Bay, a four hour BBQ pontoon for six people on Noosa River and lots of vouchers from businesses around the local region.

The 'Out Of The Ashes' fundraiser will run from 2pm this coming Sunday December 8 at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club. Entry is free, food and beverages will be available for purchase and the entire family is welcome. Donations are still greatly appreciated for raffles and can be made direct by calling Casey on 0411 886 566.

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BIRDS EYE VIEW OF COOLUM LOOKOUT DARREN MCNABB



THE BIRDS around the region are witness to some of the most impressive scenery in the country and this cocky crow knew the exact place to take in a good view of the Coolum coastline. Photographer Darren snapped this crow coming in

for landing from the vantage of his deck near Grandview Drive on November 23.

If you happen to take a stunning pic, or a pic of something you think the community should know about - on either your smart phone or DSLR

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

Letters to the editor

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

NORTH SHORE CHRISTMAS

Dear editor,
The North Shore annual community centre's Christmas Celebration, Saturday 30 November, at Mudjimba, was another successful free community event, supported and appreciated by attendees, volunteers and organisers. The event was well advertised by local radio 104.9 FM, the "Coolum Advertiser" and social media.

The presence of our local M.P Fiona Simpson, also a regular at all our major community events, gave her support, enjoying her Lions' Club burger and free entertainment. The highlights included special appearances and performances by Pacific Paradise school children, regular music group - the "Tempo Group" and "First Pointe" dance group. Free craft activities with Paradise Kid's Club and local church support, was a hit. Food and drink stalls were popular, as was the arrival of Santa in a helicopter, accompanied by lots of Christmas singing by a rather eager audience.

Active local community groups displayed their paraphernalia, showing how they are involved in contributing to enhancing and advertising the beauty and scope of our Sunshine Coast resources. After all the celebrations and entertainment, hungry visitors enjoyed a Lions' Club burger and drinks. All stalls contributed a share to the ongoing costs of the centre - a vital link to

our community.

The presence of the community centre on David Low Way Mudjimba, meets a local need. It is a hub for groups seeking to regularly hire rooms for activities and those wishing to celebrate special events.

E. Rowe,
Maroochydore

SURF RANCH

Dear editor,
The front page story of Kelly Slater's support of the Surf Ranch should read 1,500 houses including commercial, retail, hotel and school development which includes a surf ranch.

This is just the same strategy that Sekisui used when they were promoting the pub and restaurant covering 6% of the land - never mentioning the 94% of high-rise and high-density development.

I hope and trust the future candidate Maria Suarez will continue to support the existing zoning and block this development, unlike Steve Robinson who proudly stated he got in with 51% of the votes because he promised to support the existing town plan, only to change his vote once elected.

Simon Williams,
Coolum Beach

WAVE DEVELOPMENT

Dear editor,
A surf ranch at Coolum, on a renowned flood plain, regardless of risk-assessment and

consultation with environmental experts, is still a gamble, which locals do not need. Already many residents on low-lying ground are refused insurance by many insurance companies, with little or no recourse when such massive developments exacerbate the risks.

Historically, cane land is flood-prone. To consent to and develop a billion dollar industry profits only the council - well-known for its controversial decisions to ratify ambitious multi-storey projects in confined, already built-up areas. Community consultation and consent is often overridden by greed and self-promotion. The conservation of areas of natural flood plains should be protected for future generations of Sunshine Coast residents, and flora and fauna, especially when faced with shrinking areas of natural uninhabited landscape, as the population grows. Densely populated developments need to alternate with areas of untouched regions.

Governments and councils have a duty of care to leave natural areas which Mother Nature itself deems uninhabitable, due to environmental issues, for future sustainability. We do not want to make the same mistakes of other over-developed regions along the coastline. There is something attractive about having vast stretches of natural reserves between over-populated spaces.

E. Rowe,
Maroochydore

Lions say thanks and induct new members



Grace Maitland, Mark Hines, Lions District Governor Tim Hannay, and Diane and Chris Murphy who were inducted at the Coolum Beach Hotel by Mr Hannay.



A certificate of appreciation was presented to Coolum Beach Hotel Manager Tony Murray by Coolum Lions President Don Knopke. Photos: Contributed

COOLUM Lions and Lionesses were privileged to have Lions District Governor Tim Hannay in attendance for their November 19 dinner meeting at the Coolum Beach Hotel. During his visit Mr Hannay had the pleasure of inducting four new members into Coolum Lions who will add to the base of wonderful locals who

take great pride in serving the local community. The District Governor also presented a certificate of appreciation to the manager of the Coolum Beach Hotel - Tony Murray for their support of local community events, charities and sporting clubs.

Another milestone of the night was the presentation of

fourteen Lions Monarch Service Awards to long serving members. This represents a total of 330 years of service for the 14 members with an average of 23 years each - a truly amazing commitment to helping others. Coolum Lions are now very busy preparing for the Coolum NYE fireworks and Australia Day celebrations.

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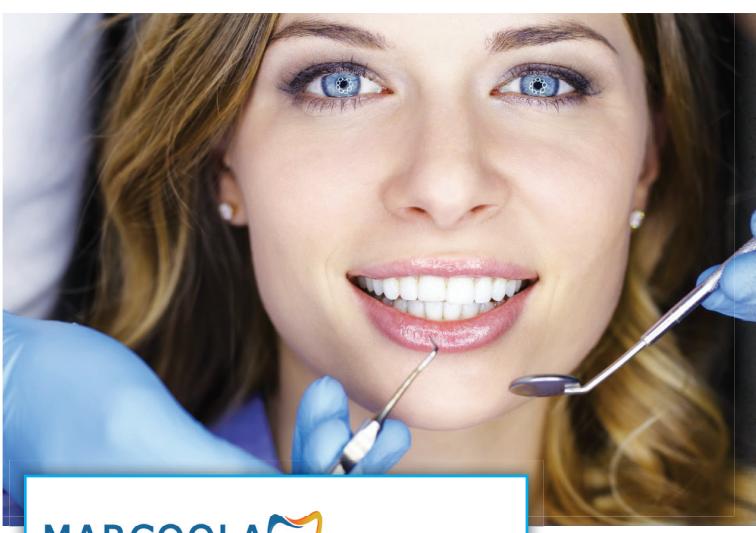
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Observations

TONY GIBSON

A MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY, BUSINESS, POLITICS AND THE ENVIRONMENT



How to live in harmony with nature?

IT WAS great to see lots of lovely people at the North Shore Community Centre Christmas Market on the weekend. There was an opportunity for children of all ages to interact with beautiful native animals and birds on the Coolum and North Shore Coast Care stall.

Thanks to Coast Care,

Geckoes and the sponsorship of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council the stall has been a regular inclusion at the market. Why I love the market each year is just seeing the faces full of wonder and joy as people pat native fauna like pythons, a turtle, a crocodile, an owl or a marsupial glider. Each year I come

across many more young people who have a greater appreciation of natural ecosystems and the importance of biodiversity.

Dr Kamaljit Sangha in her book 'Ways to live in harmony with nature' describes how the self-realisation of our dependence on natural systems, greater awareness amongst the public, and teaching environmental science are some of the ways we can overcome our alienation from nature.

Dr Kamaljit sees the planet earth as our house and asks us to develop the feeling for caring for our house as once this house is spoilt we do not have another house to live in. By calculating our ecological footprint we can increase our awareness of our impact on the planet and our dependence on Mother Nature.

Also she describes "nature as a fundamental part of our spiritual experience whether one believes in religion or not". Having lived in India and worked in northern Australia with indigenous peoples Kamaljit appreciates the importance of the spiritual nature of the land and the connection to country.

I really appreciate the connection to nature as a spiritual experience and it is something I believe we should all pass on - this sense of peace and joy to our community and our children and grandchildren.

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Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



JUST occasionally there are giants who walk among us. Anyone who has been on a Principal's Tour at Coolum State High School would know that African American educator, Geoffrey Canada, is one of my great heroes. Sadly, on the weekend we lost another great educational hero. Bevan Brennan, former Principal of Sunshine Beach High and Chancellor State College amongst others, and former Sunshine Coast Regional Director, passed away after a colossal career in Queensland education that touched the lives of countless thousands of people.

I had the privilege of working with Bevan. He was warm and kind, funny and gentle, and allowed everyone to be the person they were born to be. Bevan was a powerful advocate for the underdog and as Assistant Director General took great steps to ensure that Queensland's most vulnerable students received better opportunities. Bevan Brennan was a larger than life character who could connect with anyone and treat them with the warmth and dignity they deserved.

Not that long ago, Bevan led the celebrations at the farewell luncheon for Coolum High's previous Principal,

Lee Goossens. He did so with typical good humour turning the event into a fun-filled celebration of a great career. As Regional Director, Bevan was always looking out for Coolum High and making the quiet decisions, behind the scenes, that helped us improve and grow our school.

There is no doubt that being a teacher can be a challenging career. What Bevan Brennan showed, however, is the profound and far-reaching effect a great teacher and educator can have on the lives of thousands of people, and how kindness and wisdom, gentleness and humour can bring people together in a vast network of human connection. We are all so much poorer for the incredibly sad loss of Bevan Brennan.

Student Perspective

POLLY SALSURY
YEAR 8, COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



OG MANDINO, a famous American author, once said, "failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough." This is a philosophy that resonates strongly with me and one that I enact every day at school. Some would consider me an all-rounder – someone who loves sport, debating, choir, academia and the environment. Why do only one thing when you can be involved in so many wonderful activities that my school has to offer. The introduction of the Academy Programs at Coolum State High School has been wonderful for students like myself to excel and develop my skills with the help of the teachers and mentors.

As a keen member of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, I have been able to find a platform to

inform the community about the environmental issues we face. But my concern is well researched in order to provide others with the necessary information and facts they need to make better choices as global citizens. I have been constructing a blog to address these environmental issues, such as deforestation and climate change, to allow the community to be more educated about these issues. I have been provided with an amazing opportunity to pitch my blog to a panel of judges who will then select the worthiest candidate. The winner will receive money to fund their entrepreneurial idea and enable them to put their hard work and ideas into action - what an amazing opportunity.

The opportunities presented to me by my school community

do not stop there. I am privileged enough to also be a member of another program – the Basketball Academy. While this sounds like a lot of fun, and it is, the program has allowed me to enhance my fitness, teamwork and physical skills that will set you up for life. In training sessions, we are pushed to our limits

By engaging in a range of programs offered at Coolum State High School, it opens up many opportunities and doors for me to explore throughout the rest of my time in high school and allows me to grow as a person and active citizen. I wish to find the right door for me to go through in the future - a door that leads me to a successful future. A door that takes me to my passion - journalism, the environment, singing, sport and giving back to the community that has given me so much and still continues to give to all the grateful students at Coolum High. I know I am strong enough to succeed when provided with the nurture and support of my community.

is to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the veteran community by providing funding for projects that sustain or enhance health and wellbeing. The funding also aims to support any organisations which provide an ongoing benefit for members of the Australian veteran community, or which increase social opportunities for veterans. Applications close February 27, 2020. Further information can be found at <https://www.grants.gov.au>

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Ted O'Brien MP
MEMBER FOR FAIRFAX

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The bells are jingling and it's that time of year again where the Coolum Esplanade comes alive with the spirit of Christmas. There is no shortage of events to attend in our wonderful region, but if you haven't already had the chance to go along to one of the many carols nights, there is still Coolum's Christmas in the Park to look forward to on Saturday December 14 at Jack Morgan Park from 7pm. I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a safe and very merry Christmas and I

hope you have a wonderful celebration of the New Year as well. Thank you all for your support over the past year, and I look forward to being your voice in Canberra again in 2020.

AGED CARE

I'm really pleased with the recent announcement by the Morrison Government that it will be addressing the three main priorities arising out of the Aged Care Royal Commission Interim Report. A funding boost of \$537

million will deliver 10,000 new home care packages, improve medication management for aged care residents with dementia, and facilitate getting younger people with disabilities out of residential aged care. Families want to know their loved ones will be treated with dignity and respect when they need care and I am committed to delivering that for the people in my local area.

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COOLUM SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

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COOLUM-PEREGIAN RSL

The Coolum-Peregian RSL is open for dinner and live music every Friday night – this week Sounds of Them - 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.

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COASTAL AMIGOS OVER 50'S CLUB

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NORTH SHORE QUILTERS AND CRAFTS

Join our friendly, helpful group every Tuesday from 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm at Mudjimba Community Hall, 41 Cottonwood St, Mudjimba. We do various crafts as well as patchwork and quilting, including cross stitch, knitting, crochet, etc. Bring along something you would like to do. Cost \$5 per session covers hall hire and afternoon tea. Please contact Robyn on 5450 6659 or Denise on 5446 3872.

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL COOLUM BEACH

Members of Quota International Coolum Beach meet for a Business meeting at the Meals on Wheels rooms at 17 Santa Monica Ave Coolum Beach on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm for 3 pm start. For more information about joining this very friendly club please contact Sandra 0427 889 750 or secretary@quotacoolum.com or visit our website at www.quotacoolum.com.au

COOLUM BRIDGE CLUB

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Monday, December 9

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Run 1: T Moore and P Pashley
Run 2: F Junge and C Fernando
Run 3: C Heinicke and F Beutel
Run 4: L Jones and J Billing
Run 5: L Farrah and G Moore

Wednesday, December 11

Kitchen: G Cock, G Watt, L Holland and T Shorter
Run 1: D Stone and S Murray
Run 2: G and M Frazer
Run 3: F Westera and C Rock
Run 4: B Mendis and E Holbrook
Run 5: L Farrah and K Hodge

Thursday, December 12

Kitchen: J Williams, D Stokes, J Ivankovic and TBA
Run 2: L Farrah and V Samuelson

Run 3: D Pettifer and G Moore
Run 4: R Burnie and T Reid

Friday, December 13

Kitchen: R Reid, M Hannan, G Cocks, W Crook and T Shorter
Run 1: J Dinon and D Neale
Run 2: T and D Newton
Run 3: L Farrah and R Cobb
Run 4: J Bott and F Beutel
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Community asked to shape Noosa budget

NOOSA residents are set to have a voice in the preparation of the next Noosa Council Budget.

In what's tipped to be the first of its type in Queensland, council will adopt a two-pronged approach to allow the community to have input into developing the 2020-21 budget.

Mayor Tony Wellington tabled a Mayoral Minute at a recent Ordinary Meeting, which will see the establishment of a Community Budget Reference Group coupled with a broader consultation approach using council's Your Say Noosa engagement website.

"It's important that we continue to build community trust through greater transparency and better public engagement and understanding council's budget decision-making is part of that approach."

The proposed trial that I tabled will allow the community to fully scrutinise and make comment on the budget," Mayor Wellington said

"We really want diverse rep-

resentation on the Reference Group, to ensure a variety of informed voices are heard. The Reference Group members will be required to commit to two full day sessions that will be conducted by an independent facilitator and they will get complete immersion in the budget details."

Along with the Reference Group approach, all of council's budget workshops will be open to the public, and all of the budget documents will be available on the Noosa Council website.

Noosa are hoping that such transparency will allow residents, whether they are on the Reference group or not the ability to make a submission on the budget.

Cr Wellington said it's important to note that only the elected Councillors can formally approve and adopt a budget

"Under legislation we cannot delegate this responsibility, however, a community consultation process can certainly better inform our decision-making."



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School holiday fun

Council has your school holiday fun sorted - head to our website for all the details.

- Swap screen time for green time - check out our top trails for kids with Adventure Sunshine Coast.
- Get creative at the Caloundra Regional Gallery.
- Stories are everywhere, just waiting to be discovered. Join Sunshine Coast Libraries Summer Reading Club and explore as many stories as you can over the school holidays.
- Come along to school holiday fun at the Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Gardens.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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Come along to play between 7am - 6pm daily or book into an organised activity. Visit the What's on section of council's website for all the details and to book.

31 December – New Year's Eve

Welcome in the New Year at one of the fantastic community events happening at Mooloolaba, Coolum or Caloundra. With fireworks shows, free family-friendly entertainment and music, there will be something for all ages to enjoy. For more details, including traffic and transport information, visit council's website.

DID YOU KNOW?

During turtle nesting and hatching season, from November to May, you are encouraged to reduce light pollution on turtle nesting beaches by turning off any unnecessary internal and external lights, positioning lights so they face away from the beach, plant vegetation buffers, and replace incandescent, fluorescent and high intensity lighting with low-wattage, low-pressure sodium vapour lighting where possible. You can make a difference to our turtle population with just the flick of a switch.

Council hours

Council's customer contact counters and reception desks will be closed on Friday, December 27. You will still be able to contact council via phone, web chat, email and web call back on that day. The counters and reception desks will reopen on Monday, December 30. Development information counters will be closed from 2pm, December 24 and will reopen on January 2 in Maroochydore and January 6 in Caloundra.

Council meetings

Ordinary Meeting

9am December 12, Nambour

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The Advertiser Social Scene

THE North Shore Community Centre (NSCC) celebrated Christmas on Saturday November 30 with their huge free family day featuring market stalls, Santa and lots of local community groups.

The staff, volunteers, committee and everyone involved in the day were absolutely thrilled to see so many of the community come on down and have a fantastic time. It was the biggest turnout yet with over 1,000 people coming and going throughout the day.

Santa Claus arrived in a Blue Tongue helicopter to a huge crowd of excited kids and was a highlight of the day, and the event was held during Social Inclusion Week with NSCC aiming to reduce social isolation for all groups and individuals within the community.

Shannon Embrey from NSCC said it was heart-warming to see so many smiling faces.

"All ages, genders, nationalities and abilities were out and about socialising, performing, supporting our charity and community groups and celebrating together the amazing community that we have."

If you have an event, social function or sports event happening and would like the Advertiser to cover it, please email editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au and we will endeavour to send our photographer there.



Children enjoying the snow whilst waiting for Santa to arrive by helicopter.



Children being very good whilst waiting patiently for Santa to say hello. All Photos: Travis Macfarlane



Santa and his helpers after arriving by helicopter to greet the many people waiting at the Christmas party.



Mudjimba kindergarten getting into the festive spirit.



Members from the Maroochy North Shore Lions kept everyone fed and cool with their sausage sizzle and icy cold drinks for sale with funds that were raised going towards a new PA at the community centre.

Queenslanders urged to be water wise

SOUTH East Queenslanders are getting a timely reminder that "every drop counts" in an extensive advertising campaign.

The initiative is being rolled-out after the latest Seqwater survey showed 35 per cent of people reported they were unaware of just how much water they used. And even more said they didn't get enough information on how to save water.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said once again the community had a vital role to play in helping manage the region's drinking water supply.

"We are reaching out to everyone in the south east to ease

back on their water usage with the "every drop counts" campaign," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"Two thirds of our state is in drought and over the past few years we have seen below-average inflows into the 40 dams and reservoirs that make up the SEQ water grid.

"There are simple things we can all do now that don't impact on our lifestyle but can make a big difference in conserving water.

"For example, checking household plumbing for leaks, not watering in the heat of the day and remembering to put your pool cover on when the pool's not being used."

The need for a new push to get people to conserve water was highlighted by a Seqwater survey conducted in July.

It revealed, 35 per cent of 1400 respondents said they are unaware of just how much water is used in their household and 41 per cent said they don't receive enough information on how to save water.

However, 70 per cent said they are concerned about future water shortages in SEQ and 90 per cent would comply with water restrictions if they had to.

"South-east Queenslanders stepped up during the Millennium Drought and played their part. Natural Resources Minister Dr

Anthony Lynham said with SEQ dam levels below 60 per cent capacity it is time for everyone to do their bit to preserve our drinking water supply.

"After the Millennium Drought people said they wanted to be warned early about the potential for another big dry so that they could respond early.

"That is why we are talking with SEQ now rather than after the wet season."

Seqwater will continue to monitor the region's dams and operate the water grid to best manage the region's water supply.

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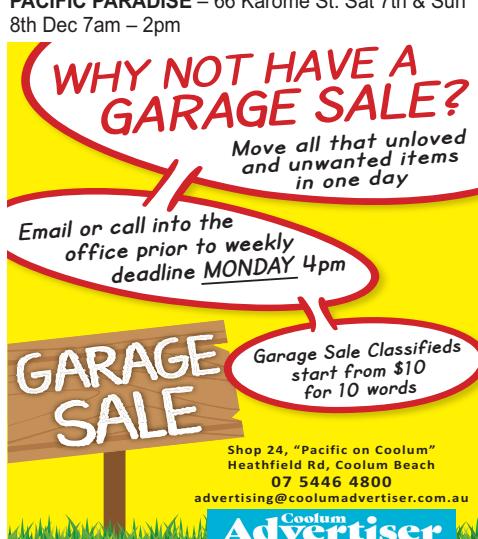
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Division 2	30 Nov 19	Coolum 0/187 J Middlebrook 105* k crofts 57*	def	Caboolture 8/185(cc) D Williamson 38 B Stuart 32 G Greenway 26 k crofts 3/30 O Matthews 2/21
Division 4	30 Nov 19	Coolum	v	Palmwoods
Division 5	30 Nov 19	Nambour 9/208(cc) T Perren 69 C Hayes 29	def	Coolum 167 J Wooden 3/32 T Perren 2/30 S Greenwood 2/35
Limited Overs	30 Nov 19	Coolum 218 D Carney 73 D Wood 44*	def by	Glasshouse 7/224 B Hutcheson 3/32 M Atkinson 3/32
Under 14	30 Nov 19 7 Dec 19	Caloundra Black	v	Coolum
Under 13	30 Nov 19	Coolum Renegades 7/200(cc) R Costanzo 33*	def	Caloundra High School (Caloundra High School Oval)
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Under 13	30 Nov 19	Coolum Heat 5/148(cc) B Gordon 37* AM Yaliffe 2/20	def	Nambour 17 B Gordon 4/0
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Under 12	30 Nov 19	Cooroy-Eumundi 3/123 H Anderson 26*	def	Elizabeth Daniels Park (MCC Synthetic)

Coolum Cricket - Week 9 Summary

IT WAS Josh Middlebrook (105*) and Kai Crofts (57*) week. An unbeaten opening stand of 187 in 25.4 overs saw the Coolum senior division 2 side crush Caboolture on Saturday, who could only muster 185 in 40 overs.

All three under 13's teams recorded convincing wins.

Coolum Heat captain Ben Gordon achieved remarkable statistics of 4 wickets for no runs off 8 balls to beat Nambour. Coolum Renegades batsman Rhys Costanzo (33*) helped his team see off Tewantin/Noosa Lightning and Charlie Fraser (37*) from the Coolum Hurricanes.

Ricanes ensured victory at Palmwoods.

Coolum Stars under 12's came close to beating top of the table Maroochydore with Ben Blackwell (40*) making not quite enough to get them home.

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ACTION HEATING UP WITH WARMER WATERS

DAVO'S NORTHSHERE BAIT & TACKLE

THE MAROOCHY River has seen an increase in water temperature over the last fortnight. This has awoken our summer species and is providing fisho's with lots of great captures. The lower stretches of the river have seen summer whiting and other species of fish being caught on both bait and lures. For some expert tips of how to catch these tasty fish be sure to come in and say G'day.

Flathead have also been the ticket this week with fish up to 75cm being caught after their annual spawn. These fish are hungry so now is a great time to chase these larger fish during run out tides. Lure fisho's have been having success on these fish using 4-5 inch grubs and paddle tails like the Molix RT shad and smaller divers such as the Atomic shiner 75 in herring colour. Bait fisho's haven't been missing out either with multiple large fish being boated on baits such as small pilchards and whole prawns allowed to drift lightly in the current.

The larger spring tides

washed lots of bait into the river which attracted multiple species of trevally. Areas to look around include the Cod Hole and river mouth with live baits and surface walkers the best methods. If intending to target these fish with surface lures, be sure to get to your chosen spot nice and early. As the first rays of sunlight appears, these fish will pack hunt and attack these bait fish.

Jacks have been fired up, with fish being captured around the upper reaches of Petrie Creek and Maroochy River. These fish have been taken on live mullet as well as strip baits such as salted bonito fillet and mullet fillet. Be sure to have a night session when chasing these guys as it is the time when they predominantly hunt. Anglers have also seen some success around the Cod Hole.

The offshore scene is firing up with anglers catching the occasional school and Spanish mackerel as well as some big mahi mahi. These mahi love a cube of unweighted pilchard or a larger stickbait like the Shimano rockslide, retrieved at speed and ready to handle these big fish.



Will Blahuta with a cracking 77cm flathead. Photo: Contributed

Reefies have been prevalent around the inner Gneerings and Coolum Reef patches with the most success an hour off the slack tide. Fishing baits such as pillies and squid will see the best result for these delicious reef dwellers. Grassy emperor as well as tusk fish and Moses perch have been on the table as well as smaller snapper. The bigger fish are already

seeking cooler waters and this month is still a great time to get a huge fish before they move further south.

Now for all the latest information check out our Face book 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!

COOLUM BEACH BOWLS CLUB - Results to December 1

Tuesday Open Pairs/

Triples: Winners: D Laverty, P Page Runners Up: M & R Kitcher Third: D McLennan, K Windross

Thursday Ladies' Open Pairs/Triples:

Winners: L Hall, K Windross, B Rutch Runners Up: A Vayro, F Spiller, C Belsham

Friday Men's Pairs/

Triples: Winners: C McDonald, G Anderson Runners Up: G Fletcher, L Harding Third: R Neal, R Sidney

Prestige Pairs produces perfect score



Winners John Finlayson and Jake Rynne with Coolum Holidays principles Gillian and Noel Mooney and Coolum President John Lennon. Photo: Contributed

TIM PHILLIPS
COOLUM BEACH BOWLS CLUB

THIS year's Coolum Hol-

days Prestige Pairs was contested with a full field of 40 teams. The competition

over the two days repeatedly produced bowls of the highest quality. Going into the final round two teams remained unbeaten and nine teams were still in the running to take out the event.

John Finlayson and Jake Rynne combined to produce the only unbeaten record - emerging worthy winners. Regular visitor Peter Leon and his partner Richard Gascone finished second, while Sunshine Coast Locals Geoff Allen and John Thain took third place on the podium.

Thank you to all the sponsors, players, volunteers and staff who contributed to making the event such a success.

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DAVO'S northshore BAIT & TACKLE		TIDE TIMES 2019 Coolum & Maroochy River Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach			
<i>For other areas visit www.msq.qld.gov.au</i>					
FRI 6th December		1.24m 0.70m 1.43m 0.44m			
Coolum		4:05am	9:40am	3:54pm	10:35pm
Maroochy River		12:17am	5:40am	12:07pm	5:29pm
SAT 7th December		1.36m 0.67m 1.42m 0.37m			
Coolum		4:56am	10:44am	4:42pm	11:13pm
Maroochy River		1:02am	6:31am	1:11pm	6:17pm
SUN 8th December		1.48m 0.62m 1.42m 0.30m			
Coolum		5:37am	11:37am	5:25pm	11:48pm
Maroochy River		1:40am	7:12am	2:04pm	7:00pm

Stories can range from match reports, stories about club developments, new player signings, open days, visiting sports heroes and more. The Advertiser aims to build the sport page to become a two-page inclusion every week.

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MON 9th December					
Coolum	1.61m	0.56m	1.41m		
Maroochy River	6:19am	12:23pm	6:05pm		
TUE 10th December					
Coolum	0.24m	1.72m	0.50m	1.40m	
Maroochy River	2:15am	7:49am	2:50pm	7:40pm	
WED 11th December					
Coolum	0.19m	1.82m	0.45m	1.39m	
Maroochy River	12:20am	7:28am	1:46pm	7:22pm	
THU 12th December					
Coolum	0.15m	1.89m	0.42m	1.36m	
Maroochy River	3:54am	9:41am	4:54pm	9:37pm	

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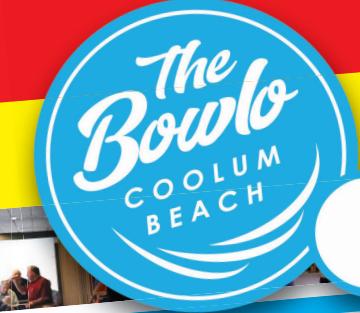
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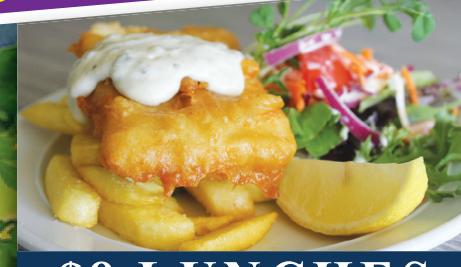
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