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## COOLUM HIGH IS GROWING



Coolum High is growing and with stellar academic achievements along with continued growth and programs featuring STEM and musical competencies, the high school is something the wider Coolum community can be proud of. This year over 300 Year 7 (pictured) students commenced their secondary education at Coolum State High School - by far the largest cohort ever enrolled. With many other students across all other year levels also enrolling at Coolum High, the record number of enrolments of 1354 has seen the total student population almost double in size from 2014. Story continued page 2 Photo: Contributed.

Quota club's fundraising efforts support local fires

WHEN the Quota Club aren't busy fundraising, they are actively supporting other worthy causes, like donating much needed funds to our volunteer fires, according to Ninderry MP Dan Purdie.

Mr Purdie said the Club had a very long and proud history of sharing funds with other deserving not-for-profit organisations and community groups.

"I was pleased to join them recently when they handed over \$1,500 to the Valdora-Yandina Creek Rural Fire Brigade, who have earmarked the funding to help with the cost of fitting out their new support vehicle," Mr Purdie said.

Quota Club of Coolum President Rae Blackney said the group was keen to see their fundraising efforts being put to such good use in the local community.

Valdora Yandina Creek RFB First Officer Scott Brook said the Brigade ap-

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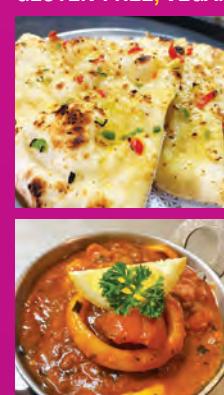
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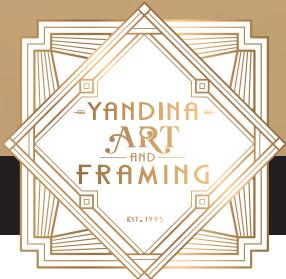
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## COOLUM PRIMARY SCORES WITH FEDERAL FUNDING GRANT



Ted O'Brien MP with Principal Pat Cavanagh and Coolum State School student leaders Sean O'Neill, Edward Ennis-Bell, Amelia Rahui and Lara Dietrich. Photo: Contributed

COOLUM State School is gearing up for the approaching footy season and with new equipment on the way students are sure to kick off the season in style.

Federal Member for Fairfax Ted O'Brien announced this week an \$8,752 grant from the Local School's Community Fund in support of the school's football program.

"Whatever code 'footy' is to you this grant has it covered," Mr O'Brien said.

"The funding will be used to purchase mobile competition soccer goals and upgrade the school's rugby posts to

game standard," the MP said.

Coolum State School Principal Pat Cavanagh said sport was a very important part of the school's curriculum.

"Sport is a great way to encourage fitness, participation and team work amongst our students," Mr Cavanagh said.

"There are many sporting opportunities within the Coolum community and the school plays a vital role in introducing the students to various sports."

The project will not only assist Coolum's primary students but the school also has training partnerships with

both the Coolum Dolphins Football Club and Coolum Colts Rugby League Club.

"We are a very focussed school around being active and participating in as many sports as possible - having quality goal posts ensures that we can play the various sports in the true spirit and within the rules of each sport," Mr Cavanagh said.

In all, 11 local schools across Mr O'Brien's Fairfax electorate are sharing in \$200,000 worth of Local School's Community Fund grants. All projects will be completed this calendar year.



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## Quota club's fundraising efforts support local fires



Quota Club of Coolum Beach is only too happy to help others out and recently donated a cheque for \$1,500 to the Valdora-Yandina Creek Rural Fire Brigade. Pictured at the presentation were members of Quota, local fires from Valdora-Yandina and Ninderry MP Dan Purdie. Photo: Contributed

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preciated the support of the community.

"I would like to thank the ladies of the Quota group for

their generous donation and for taking the time to visit our station and learn a little about our brigade," Mr Brook said.

"Our brigade has had a very busy fire season,

fighting fires locally and interstate, and are happy to be able to help out.

"We appreciate the ongoing support of the community and community groups."

## COOLUM HIGH IS GROWING

FROM PAGE 1

UN-PRECEDENTED growth, academic success and programs to suit every student – Coolum State High School is growing fast and record enrolments reflect this growth with a doubling in the student population since 2014.

Although a little nervous by the experience of commencing high school, the maturity of the amazing Year 7s in navigating their way through this process has been inspirational. With the guidance of Deputy Principal Anthony Swan, Head of Junior Secondary Alex Van Dorselaer and Head of Year 7 Carla Edgar, it is proving to be a very smooth transition from primary school for the students, and they are excited by the opportunities they now have.

From the classroom to the playground, to extra-curricular activities, the Clubs, Academies, Sport and Tutorial (CAST) Program offers something extra for every student at Coolum High to help them broaden their horizons, and achieve to their highest po-

tential. The CAST Program incorporates a wide variety of activities including six Academies, three Development Programs, as well as sports, tutorials and a diverse range of other activities.

2020 is already proving to be an amazing year with the Cheerleading Academy coming second in the Jamz National Titles in Las Vegas with only 0.1 of a point between them and first place.

The team also hit zero three times out of four, meaning no deductions were made. This is an incredible result and an indication of the level of talent at Coolum High.

Whilst numbers have increased at Coolum High, classroom sizes and teaching capabilities have not been compromised with Principal Troy Ascott stating that infrastructure investments in both buildings and school programs are allowing for the growth.

Earmarked for completion in late 2020 is the \$6.27 million two-storey learning centre and science building, and 2019 saw the opening of the \$5.1 million 'Smart Futures

Centre' by Education Minister Grace Grace – all part of a \$12 million investment at the school.

"We believe this growth is a vote in confidence in the school and its ability to provide a pathway for every student... we know that Coolum High can cater for everyone."

"We've had community members such as Ted O'Brien work with the young entrepreneurs Academy and provide great mentoring for them and then there's our Surfing Academy which has paved the way for surfers such as Isabella Nichols," Mr Ascott said.

Academic results are reflecting the success of the school with 96 per cent of students from the 2019 cohort receiving an OP result of between 1 and 15 – a result enviable of many other schools.

"This is also a great reflection on the wider community... the way that they are getting behind the kids and the school... we are feeling that support."

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## SURF ART EXHIBITION SHAPING UP

OWEN CAVANAGH



THIS weekend the Noosa Festival of Surfing will showcase surfing in all of its many forms as well as surf culture around the beaches and various locations within the Noosa region, and one of the highlights will be the SurfArt Expo

2020 – curated by local artist Owen Cavanagh who is famous (amongst other things) for his wave mural which flanks a shed along the motorway.

The expo this year will come to life with live art demonstrations, chainsaw sculpting and

interactive art workshops for the community to enjoy.

Organised by celebrated surf artist Owen Cavanagh, the event features the longest list of activities it's ever seen – with more than 40 local artists and a series of live art demon-

strations. Held at Heads of Noosa Brewing Co (85 Rene St, Noosaville) from February 22 – March 1, the festival and exhibition is sure to have something for everyone. Pictured is artist and exhibition coordinator Owen Cavanagh with renowned

Yaroomba artist Chris Postle. More information can be found at [https://www.solearte.com.au/surf\\_art\\_expo/](https://www.solearte.com.au/surf_art_expo/)

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](mailto:editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au) and don't forget to include your name, where the pic was taken and what it is of.

## SUAREZ QUESTIONS 'GREEN' SOLAR FARM



Division 9 candidate Maria Suarez at the Sunshine Coast Solar Farm in Valdora which has council on the record stating that a 10 metre buffer of some 36,000 trees would be planted within two years of conception of the farm which was opened in 2017. Ms Suarez is asking, "Where are the trees and the promised buffer?" with no evidence of the buffer present. Photo: Contributed

DIVISION 9 Candidate Maria Suarez says that Council's \$50.4M Solar Farm, located at Valdora in the heart of Division 9, has not been completed as was promised to the community and that an environmental buffer of some 36,000 trees is yet to be completed.

"When council launched the new facility in 2017, they said that its boundaries would be framed by a 10m buffer of 36,000 tree and shrub seedlings."

"It was supposed to be the largest revegetation project on the Sunshine Coast and

I could find little evidence of this and instead saw only a few trees planted across a sparse 5m buffer" Ms Suarez said.

"The solar farm reportedly has 57,000 panels supported on piles above the flood plain and that's a big engineering intrusion into the otherwise very rural Valdora landscape."

"The 10m buffer of 36,000 plants was part of 'the sell' to the community and stakeholders to improve visual amenity."

Ms Suarez is stating that council has failed to deliver on their promised buffer

within two years of completion with the project officially launched and operational in 2017.

"The additional carbon collection such a large re-vegetation project like that could have provided, would have been a step in the right direction of environmental responsibility."

"Council should hold itself to account as it would require of any private developer in this situation and if I am elected, I will be pressing council to urgently address this failure and complete the project."

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# Letters to the editor

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## MOZZIES

Dear editor,  
When is the council going to fulfill its duty of care and start some insect eradication processes that can be seen and observed? We are being bled to death along Cinnamon Avenue, and anywhere close to the swamp land we have chosen to live on.

There are large concentrations of stagnant water throughout the ti-tree forests - you can't even walk the dog along School, Park, Cinnamon, or any of the walking paths as they are dangerous to both human and animal, the school children - the breakfast feast as the council fails to perform it's core duties

N McConnell,  
Coolum Beach.

## RUBBISH PROFITS

Dear editor,  
Surely rubbish collection is a fundamental job of the council and not a profit making activity?

Division 8 council candidate Kathryn Hyman is absolutely right in highlighting the \$74 million of obscene profits collected for rubbish collection (Advertiser article page 3 last week).

Under National Competition Policy provisions, a council's commercial business is entitled to charge ratepayers an extra 30% of "notional tax" if declared a commercial business in the annual budget.

Every sitting councilor voting for annual budgets bears responsibility, but the Mayor's Office and Internal Audit Committee are primarily culpable.

Not only should kerbside rubbish collection be returned, but most unethical bin collection profits should be refunded to the long suffering ratepayers.

Richard Koerner,  
Treasurer - Coolum  
Residents Association.

## POLITICAL AGENDAS

Dear editor,  
Active politicians cannot help themselves, when it comes to self-promotion in their electorates, to ensure re-election. This includes local councils and councillors.

The tactic of "distribution bias", we have been currently exposed to, always existed, but is more common than we believed in our democracy. It is a self-interest strategy, which politicians at the three levels of government are fully aware of and use by stealth, to gain popularity; especially in marginal seats when their futures are under threat.

Constituents in seats in opposition know how this affects the status and quality of their lives. Their suburbs don't get their rightful fair share of funding they need. Their parks and gardens are left to compete with more popular regions, where the real estate values dictate how much care and attention

is given by authorities. Council tends to favour certain popular areas over others, when it comes to maintenance regimes.

The Sunshine Coast and other regional Queensland areas, do not attract the funding of the Gold Coast and Brisbane. The Sunshine Coast Council tends to favour south of the Maroochy River over the northern regions. Then, within the North Shore, some suburbs of greater prominence such as Coolum, Twin Waters and Mudjimba are the regular focus of maintenance crews, especially with mowing and quality and care of amenities.

Maroochydore and Pacific Paradise seem to be forgotten when it comes to mowing and modernisation. Keith Royal Park, a popular local park for cricket teams on weekends, as well as a dog run, has overgrown with the heavy rain, left to locals to play on regardless in the high grass, while Power Park is pristine, mowed neatly and renovated regularly. If this isn't "distribution bias", what is?

E. Rowe,  
Maroochydore.

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# Observations

TONY GIBSON

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



## Have you been washed away yet?

I HAVE never seen rain like it, as it kept coming and coming with our house guttering working like a waterfall. Yes, that was last week and the showers kept coming with 231 mm an incredible rain fall total at Maroooola.

Unfortunately, a local aged care facility, a resort and homes suffered water damage with people having to be evacuated in the middle of the night. The roads in the area became streams and it was fortunate that many people were not venturing at night with the deluge making conditions dangerous.

"Have you been washed

away yet?" was a question I was greeted with by a friendly dog walker. I think even after a drought we all start to get sick of the rain pretty quickly, but in late February 1992 many areas had over half a metre in 24 Hours.

We see reports that the amount of water and the time in which it was received would make this recent event one of those 20 to 50 year events. We have to ask the question and respond in the affirmative that such weather events must be human induced climate change related.

The density of housing, hard surfaces and flood run



Pincushion Island at the Maroochy River – will it be in danger in the future due to huge rain events that could be the result of climate change? Photo: Tony Gibson

## Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT  
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



RECENTLY, the popular media have taken to publishing all types of data about schools. On Sunday, the Courier Mail's online edition published detailed information on every school in Queensland's OP scores from 2019.

I was extremely proud of the information that was published on Coolum State High School. Not only was our OP 1-5 percentage of 27.66% a great result that placed Coolum High up there with many of Queensland's leading schools, it was done with a relatively

high percentage (45.6%) of students being OP-eligible. In other words, students have been working hard and showing the determination necessary for success, while being supported by excellent teachers.

What wasn't published in the Courier Mail was the 96% of Coolum High students who achieved an OP between 1 and 15, or that all of Coolum High's OP-eligible students achieved an OP between 1 and 17. It also didn't print that all of Coolum High's students received their Queensland Certificate of

Education, awarded for having met strict guidelines around passing their chosen course of study.

It's also impossible to publish the number of CAST activities currently undertaken by Coolum High students – the Clubs, Academies, Sports and Tutorials that provide students with a well-rounded and connected experience of high school. Whether it's the award-winning Wind Symphony, the Cheerleading squad who recently left for Las Vegas, or the ALPHA class who will be heading to NASA later in the year, students are taking up the opportunities that enhance their experience of school.

At Coolum High, we have set ourselves the challenging task of finding "success for

every student." Our goal is to see every student on a pathway to a fulfilling and meaningful future. While the popular media can provide snippets of information, there is a broader play at work in which our whole community is continuing to get behind, support and champion our students until every single one is in a position to access a post-school pathway of their choosing. Building on the success of our 2019 graduates, let's focus our attention on the 'Class of 2020,' who will be the first to navigate the new ATAR system. I'm sure that in working as a community we can create an avenue of success for every student in the Coolum-Peregian area.

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# RUNWAY ON TRACK FOR MAY 21 TAKE OFF



An aerial view of the new Sunshine Coast Airport runway which is scheduled for its first landing and departure on May 21. Photo: Contributed

## Dan Purdie MP

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY



### COOLUM TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE AT QLD SURF FESTIVAL

EXCITING news for our region, with the inaugural Queensland Surf Festival to be hosted on the Sunshine Coast from March 6-14. Coolum's Tickle Park will be one of the main locations for the event which will include state qualifying disciplines including shortboard, longboard/logger, SUP surfing and bodyboarding. Our state teams will be selected from this event, so there's sure to be plenty of great surfing action, right in our backyard. Stay tuned for more details, or check out Surfing Queensland's website or Facebook page for all the latest information.

Speaking of surfing, Tickle Park is set to be a hive of activi-

ty on Saturday when the annual Julian Wilson Serious Fun Weekend gets underway. All the action kicks off from 8am. It promises to be yet another great opportunity for our youngest surfers to learn from the master himself.

### ACTIVE GRANTS GET LOCALS MOVING

CONGRATULATIONS to the 13 local clubs who received funding in the first round of Active Clubs - a new government initiative to get people moving more often.

Successful clubs include:  
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For more information about Active Clubs, including how your club can get involved, visit [www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/active-clubs](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/active-clubs).

Don't forget Round 104 of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund is now also open, with applications closing on March 29. The Fund now has a Facebook page as well, so there's no excuse to miss out on these popular grants.

### STAY UP TO DATE

WANT to keep up to date with all the latest information and details about grants and funding? Sign up to my seasonal e-newsletter, either through my website, or calling the office. The Summer edition is out now.

THERE are less than 100 days until the official opening of the Sunshine Coast Airport's new runway - a historic milestone for our region which is set to change the face of local tourism, business and export, and connect our Sunshine Coast with the world.

The first plane is scheduled to land on the new north-west/south-east runway on May 21, 2020, marking a huge achievement for our community and the realisation of a plan that has been in the works since the 1970s.

In the coming months, more than 220 workers, many of whom are local, will be on-site each day to put the final touches on the runway, taxiway and aprons.

Works will include the installation of 25 kilometres of lighting conduits, placing the final layers of asphalt and the construction of a conservation corridor to ensure safe

passage for wildlife once the runway opens.

Sunshine Coast Council Deputy Mayor and Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project (SCAEP) Project Control Group Chairman and Finance Portfolio Councillor Tim Dwyer said the momentum and excitement is building for what will be a great celebration for the Sunshine Coast community.

"We should all feel proud of this achievement and excited about the opportunities it will bring," Cr Dwyer said.

"The new runway will provide the Sunshine Coast community with a new gateway domestically and globally.

"It should lead to greater choice in airlines, destinations and flight times and the potential to attract over 2,000,000 passengers annually.

"Think about what that will mean to our local economy.

"Our local businesses will have renewed pathways to export and will stand to benefit greatly from the increase in tourism."

Cr Dwyer said the runway was a key piece of infrastructure that would meet the demands of our region, now and for future generations.

"By 2040, the new runway will have contributed \$4.1 billion to Gross Regional Product and created 2230 new full-time jobs for our local workforce."

The new runway will be bigger, wider and better aligned with prevailing winds and able to accommodate larger, more fuel efficient aircraft.

Council wishes to thank the community for their overwhelming support for this project over the years - their passion and commitment has delivered this project and we are so appreciative of them.

## Business Showcase

### TANDOORI FLAMES

#### A fusion of Indian flavours at Tandoori Flames



Local band OKA enjoying the Indian dinner flavours at Tandoori Flames. Photo: Contributed

COOLUM is home to a smorgasbord of flavours from around the world and located on Birtwill St is the best Indian restaurant on the Sunshine Coast, which has been serving

the local Coolum community since 2011.

Whether dining in or choosing to take away, Tandoori Flames will offer a unique dining experience and food that is traditionally representative of India and subsequent visits will be high on ones list of priorities.

Described as, "the real taste of Indian cuisine", Tandoori Flames offer authentically prepared quality Indian cooking with just a modicum of a twist and full flavoured, full-bodied dishes from the northern region of India.

The restaurant has captured the flavours of the north, with a menu that reflects its cosmopolitan character and is drawn from the very finest of India's exotic spices.

The menu is extensive and provides a wide range of seasonal and traditional favourites, and their chefs are trained to produce the precise taste and quality of meals. Additionally, the chefs can cater to every taste, from mild Indian curries infused with subtle spices to roaring hot action curries for the truly adventurous - the chefs cook to order so diners can be assured that their curry will be exactly as they

like it.

All of the traditional favourites are available including the popular butter chicken, chicken tikka masala, khorma, madras and the hot vindaloo. All of the Indian accompaniments are also available such as pickles, breads and raita, and both vegetarian and vegan options are also on offer.

One of the best introductions to Tandoori Flames is their take away special which for just \$41.50 features 2 x curries of your choice, 2 x rice, 1 serve pappadum, 1 x small raita and 1 plain naan - we challenge anyone to find a better value deal in the area which features such quality food!

Tandoori Flames are located on Birtwill Street in Coolum Beach near the Coles shopping complex and across from the Coolum Beach Hotel, they are open every day of the week from 4.30-9.30pm, with take away delivery services available to Coolum and nearby suburbs. The restaurant is fully licensed with beers, wines and spirits. Phone 5446 2722 to make a dinner reservation or to order take away.

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Coastal Combat 7 have a stacked, 15 fight card showcasing local talent as well as

fighters from across the country making their way to the coast for the popular event.

The event will showcase an international main event featuring Justin Van Heerden (South Africa) and Rodolfo Marques (Brazil). The co main event is a highly anticipated match featuring local favourite

Brad 'The Viper' Cowie (Combat Lab Coolum) vs Michael Tepou.

Coastal Combat 7 is this Saturday night, doors open at 5pm, fights start at 6pm. MachJet Hangar is located at 14 Friendship Avenue. Tickets are available on the Coastal Combat MMA face book page.

## Coolum Cricket Club Summary

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the inaugural Coolum Women's Cricket team on making the grand final. In trying conditions, with boundaries a rarity, Coolum managed 64 largely due to Maree Chown holding the innings together with a solid 26. Holly Houston was the other main contributor with 16. The Sharlettes produced their best bowling and fielding display for the year, including three runouts. Coolum managed to restrict Caboolture to 60 off their 20 overs to win in a nail biting finish. Special mention to the five bowlers Alex, Maree, Holly, Ebony and Jackie who were extremely accurate only conceding two wides for the

entire innnings. Well done ladies – a great effort. The grand final will be Sunday March 1 against Yandina

Yet again, heavy rainfall was responsible for many of the senior games being abandoned. Especially at venues with turf wickets. Only the Senior men's 3rd grade were able to play. A comfortable win against Tewantin was well supported by an enthusiastic crowd.

Coolum Heat will have to wait another week in the under 13's competition to see if they make the finals. Despite a comprehensive victory over SC Grammar there is still a possibility of not making the top two. Fletcher McKenzie justified yet again

why he often gets handed the new ball. His two early wickets put Grammar on the back foot and were never able to recover to post a challenging score.

Once again Ben Gordon (31) and Jack Lahood (28\*) provided the foundation with a solid opening partnership. Coolum Hurricanes produced another excellent display at Tewantin. Lucas Evans (43\*) and Finn Wilson (39) were the main run getters. Despite the most outstanding all-round performance of the season by Bryce McAlister (39\* and 5/3). The Renegades were unable to take the points against TN Storm.

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In Great 8s, both Men's Divisions 1 won 2-1, the Blues versus Club Maroochy and the Whites against Woombey. Division 3 White lost to Kandanga 1-2 while the Blues won 2-1 at Tewantin. Division 5 Black defeated Bongaree 2-1 and Green lost 0-3 at Club Maroochy. The Ladies' Division 3 won against Kandanga 2-1 and their Division 5 team went down to Glasshouse 1-2.

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# GEARING UP FOR TUNA SEASON

## MIKES FISHING & TACKLE

HAVING now copped a touch over 500mm of rain in February alone it's no wonder the river and beaches along the coast are not as clear as they were through the Christmas period. However, all hope is not lost on the fishing front as the influx of fresh will help to bring the bait much closer to the coast and in turn the schools of surface feeding tuna. These tuna are often not difficult to locate but there are a few small changes you can make to approaching the schools and the lures you use can help to dramatically increase your catch rate.

### Where:

Tuna can be found busting up all along the beaches on the Sunshine Coast often within 100 metres of the shore. The best way to locate the schools from a distance is to look for birds circling and diving in to the water, as you approach the birds you will be able to see the fish jumping and splashing as they carve through the balls of bait that they have pushed to the surface.

### When:

The beauty of this type of fishing is it is very much a 'gentleman's hours' sport as the tuna require daylight to find the bait and push it to the top. This means that you don't need to be at the ramp at crazy times in the morning trying to beat the sunrise. Some of our best tuna sessions have been had between 9am and 3pm. Once you have located the fish it is crucial to be stealthy on your approach and take your time, it can be very tempting to race up to the school and start casting, but if you slow down from at least 50 metres out and idle in, then the fish will stay up and feed for much longer and you will be in with a greater chance of hooking up.

### What:

Now this can play a big part in coming back with a full esky or standing on the bow of the boat cursing at schools of fish as they bust up in front of you. When the tuna are in these feeding modes they can become fixated on a particular size of baitfish, so matching the hatch is a must. Small metal



**Tuna season is fast approaching with decent catches a real possibility with the right know how. Photo: Contributed**

slugs in the 10-30g range are very effective as are small soft plastics like the Zman 3.75inch streakZ. With this being said if you do stumble across fish that are feeding a little more, spread out (bursting up in one's and two's instead of a full feeding frenzy) then a 5inch Zman streakZ in either bubble gum or pearl white or a 100mm Nashys Custom Lures stick-

bait can be very hard for them to go past.

Hopefully this article has inspired a few of you to start prepping your gear for what is shaping up to be a cracking tuna season here on the coast! If you are heading out then don't forget to drop by Mike's Fishing and Tackle at 99-101 Aerodrome Road Maroochydore, opposite Aldi for all your fishing needs.

## Weekly Weather Forecast

### ZANE JESBERG

THE SUNSHINE Coast has seen mostly fine weather over the past seven days with just the odd shower or two around and a few thunderstorms up on the hinterland last weekend. Humidity levels have remained very high across the region this week and unfortunately this trend looks unlikely to change anytime soon. As expected Tropical Cyclone Uesi moved southward into the Tasman Sea late last week with no impact on SE Queensland, or the mainland of Australia in general.

A southeast wind change



Territory.

It is likely that significant and potentially flooding rain will be generated by the cyclone and the monsoon trough through northern Australia over the weekend and into next week. In particular, most of northern Queensland is set for a drenching in coming days.

Back on the Sunshine Coast, easterly onshore winds are likely to continue over the weekend and into next week, with high humidity levels continuing. Upper level conditions are likely to become

more favourable for showers as we move into the weekend and the potential development of an upper level low over SE Australia could complicate things further. Either way we are likely to see at least a few showers over the weekend and into next week with the onshore easterly winds, however if the upper level low develops as some computer models suggest, we could see more significant rain over the weekend and into the first part of next week.

We are likely to see 20-40mm of rain fall generally over the next seven days however these could be significantly higher dependent upon the location and strength of the upper level low.

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Coolum			1:07am	7:41am	2:04pm
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SUN	23rd February			0.32m	1.89m
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