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## PURPLE BIRDS HAVE THE TOWN TALKING



For the past couple of months bright purple and yellow cockatoos have been popping up all over Division 9 – on fences and in residential gardens, with many people asking, "What do the purple cockatoos mean?" All has been laid clear with the bright birds being attributed to the supporters and campaign behind independent candidate for Division 9 Maria Suarez. The colourful birds have been one creative way supporters have been able to proudly show their support for Ms Suarez and her campaign to become the Division 9 Councillor at the upcoming March 28 Local Government election. Pictured is Ms Suarez (centre) with supporters and examples of the purple and yellow cockatoos. Photo: Contributed

## Ninderry Labor hosts Federal Shadow Minister for Health at bowlo

VANESSA BACON-HALL  
EDITOR

THE NINDERRY Labor Branch was honoured to host an evening for the Federal Shadow Minister for Health, Chris Bowen and Senator for Queensland, Anthony Chisholm at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club on Monday night with the Labor representatives making it a priority to visit during their busy schedule.

Branch President, Bill Gisane welcomed the pair at the recently opened covered outdoor area at the club - Mr Bowen had spent the day in Maryborough meeting members of the medical fraternity to discuss the latest developments in the health portfolio.

With the latest developments in public health, it was an extremely well timed event and with the COVID - 19 topic of high importance, Mr Bowen was happy to praise

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## BEAUTIFUL BIRD LIFE FROM BOARDWALK

LOUISE DALY

WITH THE chaos that is going on in the world at the moment a walk along one of our beautiful beaches or along the Coolum Boardwalk is a perfect remedy for a tired and stressed out brain. We are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful places in the world, and as local Lou-

ise Daly from Yaroomba said – “The Coolum Boardwalk is a great spot year round to see Kookaburras such as the one pictured, Ospreys, tiny Finches, and ocean creatures too.”

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.

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## Community to rally against virus



The closure and cancellation of events and performances due to COVID-19 is having a huge effect on many people – especially arts workers, of whom many live in our region. Pictured are local musicians at the ‘SoundWave’ concert which was held in Tickle Park. Division 9 candidate Angela Dunbavan who comes from an arts background wants to ensure that these workers are not overlooked during the economic fall out of the virus. Photo: Contributed

ANGELA Dunbavan knows firsthand the impact COVID-19 is having on members of the community who work in the “gig-economy” – people such as musicians. The independent candidate for Division 9 is the Director of ‘Red Chair’, one of Queensland’s most successful performing arts companies, which employs arts workers at major and independent venues and festivals across the state.

“In a matter of days, I have watched the cancellation of every festival, concert and event across the country as fear of the COVID-19 spread forces event organisers to protect their patrons and workers,” Ms Dunbavan said.

“This is having a major impact on our independent artists and performing arts industry with all income for the foreseeable future literally disappearing before their eyes.”

Division 9 is home to a significant population who work in the “gig- economy” – individual contractors and freelancers who do not get paid if their event is cancelled

and who don’t have sick or holiday leave entitlements to fall back on.

“Our musicians, dancers, actors and many of those in the tourism trade have legitimate fears about their immediate future, and these professionals contribute so much to our community and we have to look at ways to support them.”

Ms Dunbavan has been actively participating in industry forums and discussions to tackle the impact on the industry.

“We’re putting our creative minds to the task of reducing the impact on our community - everything from live streaming performances into people’s living rooms, seeking short term alternative employment opportunities and lobbying government to ensure our gig economy workers are not overlooked when government stimulus packages are introduced.”

Ms Dunbavan is also urging the community to look out for each other as the COVID-19 crisis unfolds.

“Please check-in on your neighbours especially the

elderly, listen to health advice about social distancing, remember that many people can’t afford to stockpile groceries, so share yours with those who need them, be kind to each other and take responsibility for your health.”

The Division 9 Candidate is also encouraging everyone to vote now at the Early Voting Centre at Coolum RSL.

“The Electoral Commission have advised that the local elections will go ahead and the early voting centre at Coolum RSL is open Monday to Friday until the day before the election.

“We can all help with the social distancing strategy to stop the spread of COVID-19 by voting now and avoiding the crowds on election day,” Ms Dunbavan said.

Extended voting hours are also now being offered at some of the larger regional centres.

“I will be posting details on my website and social media as they come to light.”

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**Divisional 2 Councillor SHANE SCRIGGINS**

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**Divisional 8 Councillor JASON O'PRAY**

**Divisional 9 Councillor DAREN EDWARDS**

**Divisional 10 Councillor HILARY WALLACE**



# NINDERRY LABOR HOSTS FEDERAL SHADOW MINISTER FOR HEALTH AT BOWLO



The Ninderry branch of Labor chaired by Branch President Bill Gissane (front right) were honoured to host the Federal Shadow Minister for Health Chris Bowen (front left) and Senator for Queensland Anthony Chisholm (centre) on Monday night at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club. The two Labor representatives made it a priority to visit the branch despite their busy schedules. Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall

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the Federal Government's action, however stated that more could be done.

"I think they have done good work but not enough of it."

"We would have had more tele health where people can ring their doctor and get advice and have that bulk billed – its very hard to do that at the moment and we need more people being tested for the virus and we need much better advertising and public information as there is so much confusion," Mr Bowen stated.

When asked about the economic ramifications as a result of COVID – 19 Mr Bowen was very blunt, stating that saving lives was the utmost concern.

"The economy is going to be damaged either way but I'd rather do more now and save lives and we can worry about

the economy later."

The QLD State Election, which will be held later in the year, was another question posed to Mr Bowen.

"Queensland has been a tough state for Labor for a long time... Anastasia has got in as the underdog the past two times and she will probably go in this time as the underdog, but she has done a great job and everywhere I go I see the good work that QLD Labor have done and I wish them all the best for later in the year."

The other special guest, Senator Chisholm addressed Labor Party members from the wider region and discussed the recently completed internal inquiry into the last federal election (of which he was an essential part), stressing that the inquiry was, "deep, dispassionate and did not pull any punches".

Mr Gissane thanked the visitors for coming to the

district and said local Labor activists were always grateful for the opportunity to communicate the needs of the Sunshine Coast region.

Other topics discussed were domestic violence, the future of fossil fuels and the impact on employment and how casual workers will be protected in the emerging economic downturn.

In closing, Mr Gissane stated that The Ninderry Branch of Queensland Labor has established a reputation as a, "Fearless voice for what really matters in our region."

"To have Mr Bowen and Senator Chisholm meet this wide cross section of members speaks volumes for their willingness to encounter how life really exists in the district and I thank them on behalf of all Sunshine Coast residents who struggle to find a way through the challenges that present themselves every day."

## Early polls open for local government elections

QUEENSLAND voters are hitting the polls early in a move that has been welcomed by Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe.

Mr Hinchliffe said the turnout at early polling stations was as expected, almost two weeks ahead of the 28 March election date.

"Community safety is paramount," he said.

"Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young has emphasised the importance of having mayors and councillors in place to lead their communities at this time.

"The latest advice from Dr Young is that there is no need to delay the elections at this time.

"Several measures have been put in place to make it easy and address the concerns of all voters, and these measures have been informed by public health advice.

"The ECQ will continue to work with health experts such as the CHO to ensure we are acting in line with the best and

most up-to-date advice."

Mr Hinchliffe said one of the key measures was extending the hours for pre-polling if and where possible.

"This includes being open into the evening where possible and also open this Saturday and I urge people to take advantage of this opportunity," he said.

"Also, people in declared institutions, such as nursing homes, will be given alternative voting options, including telephone voting.

"The figures around postal vote applications are also unprecedented, with an estimated 540,000 Queenslanders applying.

"I'd like to thank all the Electoral Commission of Queensland staff and volunteers working with Commissioner Pat Vidgen – these are truly historic times for the ECQ."

To ensure election day and early voting runs smoothly, the Electoral Commission of Queensland has put in place

a range of measures, which include;

\*Recommendation to take your own pen or pencil.

\*Extra cleaning of polling booth areas.

\*Extra staff to help with queue control and monitoring.

\*Maximising the distance between vote-issuing tables and screens.

\*Using the hand sanitiser that's provided at voting centres.

For more information about Queensland's local government elections, visit <https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au>

Pre Polling in our region is available at the Coolum Peregrine RSL Sub Branch – 1906 David Low Way, Coolum Beach, from 9.00am – 5.00pm up until this Saturday March 21 and 9.00am – 6.00pm until this Friday March 27. Please note on Wednesday March 25 the booth will be open from 9.00am until 9.00pm



# ANGELA DUNBAVAN

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Authorised by A. Dunbavan, 16 Goolwa Street, Coolum Beach 4573 for A. Dunbavan (Candidate)



## Dan Purdie MP

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

### FUNDING FOR COOLUM HIGH SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

FANTASTIC news earlier this week, with Coolum State High School receiving close to \$1million in funding to upgrade their parking and drop off facilities. Congratulations to the school and the P&C for their lobbying efforts, which will see the current parking facilities transformed to improve the access and safety for students. I have been working with the school, Council and TMR to address these concerns, which have resulted from the increase in student numbers in recent years. The school population has doubled in the past six years, however the facilities have not been upgraded during that time, and the current situation is not satisfactory. I look forward to

seeing works get underway in the near future.

### UPDATE ON COOLUM CONGESTION CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to either sign the petition or provide feedback about the campaign to bust congestion in Coolum. I have received an overwhelming response from locals keen to share their views. One of the key issues that has been raised is the need to provide the parking and drop off facilities at Coolum State School in the short term. There's no doubt that the congestion at the roundabout, is worse at school drop off and pick up times, so I will be working closely with the school and the P&C to look at

options to improve the traffic flow, and help take pressure off the roundabout.

I also hope to continue discussions with the incoming divisional councillors in relation to extending the local road network to the Motorway at Suncoast Beach Road, which has been on Council's agenda for many years. I encourage you to keep the conversation going by commenting on my Facebook page, or contacting me directly.

### PREPOLL AVAILABLE IN COOLUM

A number of residents have contacted me about the Local Government elections at the end of this month. The Electoral Commission of Queensland has confirmed that these elections will go ahead as planned. Pre-polling is now available at the Coolum Peregian RSL on David Low Way, and is open Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm this week, and 9am-6pm next week.

## Observations

TONY GIBSON

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

## Let the sunshine in!

WHAT a beautiful Sunday morning last weekend - with the birds chirping and the sun shining with a clear, blue windswept sky. We know we have this connection to the sun, the moon and the stars and as we enjoy the sunshine we are healing.

What a difference a day makes as the previous day there were showers as people went about their business stocking up with groceries to be ready to stay at home. There were many concerns expressed by businesses and all sectors of the community trying to protect lives and livelihoods.

With the measures to address COVID - 19 impacting the economy and community

negatively, we really need to open up our hearts and minds. This is a challenging balancing act for leaders needing to work hard to win the hearts and minds, while being fair, patient and calm. And there is much that we can do to in order to remain calm and healthy.

Written by Stuart Hamblen and published in 1954, "Open up Your Heart (and Let the Sunshine in)" is a popular song. The 1969 hit song "Aquarius/Let the Sunshine In" by The 5th Dimension contains the aforementioned 1954 words - "Let the Sunshine In" and includes "Open Up Your Heart". These words seem perfect for the current virus

challenges.


I recently went out and bought some seedlings and planted up a small veggie patch, which had previously been used as a compost heap. I spoke to another person who had just the same idea, as it is easy to nurture some veggies, and alleviate stress no matter where you live - in a pot on the balcony of a unit or in a small garden. This practice will also grow your patience, tolerance and respect.

Also, at this time it is important for you to exercise. Try not to give your existing exercise program away and maybe try something new like meditation as you work on the body, mind and spirit.

Your health and wellbeing will be enhanced by your social contacts as well as exercise, therefore keeping regular contact with family, friends, neighbours and community members who maybe elderly or sick is critical.

Let's open up our hearts and let the sunshine in - healing ourselves and our community.

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THE MINISTER for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management, David Littleproud has urged those businesses and Australians who will receive the Federal Government's stimulus to buy Australian made products and buy from Australian businesses.

The government has targeted its stimulus package to support

economic confidence, encourage investment and protect jobs, but those receiving the stimulus have an opportunity to make it go further by spending locally, Minister Littleproud said.

"If businesses invest in a product made or supplied by another Australian company, it'll magnify the economic effect."

"I'm asking not only those

receiving the direct payment, but all Australians, to take a few extra seconds at the shops to look for the green and gold kangaroo and support Australian made," Minister Littleproud said.

"In times of crisis Australians always come together to support one and another and this is simple way we can all do our bit."

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## Letters to the editor

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### ELECTION ACCURACY

Dear editor,  
At the March 10 candidate's forum in Bli Bli, and previously in writing, Daren Edwards, standing for division 9, claimed he lived in that division, and that the recent ECQ boundary realignment has relocated him to division 8.

This is incorrect. He lives in division 8 and apparently always has. The boundary change made no difference to his existing division category. I believe he has never lived in division 9.

Can we please have confirmation of which division he lives in now, and if he has ever lived in division 9?

Why did Daren choose to stand in division 9 rather than his own division 8?

I call for "accuracy" not "misinformation" from our candidates so they are accurate in their position as our representatives, if they are elected.

Mark Jones,  
Doonan.

### VIRUS SHUTDOWN

Dear editor,  
Shutting down many of our normal routine activities isn't going to help those who need to work, have to care for children or the elderly, or are in dangerous relationships. Shops need to be open, schools need to function and businesses need to make money to survive. There is no antidote for all that!

We just can't take off into

the Twilight Zone and expect everyone to survive. Who will be sacrificed to run basic services? Who will pay the bills for those casuals who depend on hourly rates and no sick leave? Parents who work to pay mortgages, electricity accounts and rents won't be available to stay home to mind children, while elderly relatives, if at all, are at risk to stand in a substitutes.

This is uncharted territory and even our leaders have no prior experience as to what is the best action to take, without shutting down lives and livelihoods. Life as we knew it, is under threat. Hand sanitiser, face masks, social distancing and isolation won't cure all the ills. No-one has the answers. It is creating panic, confusion and uncertainty.

The economic and social consequences of all this, are yet to be revealed, globally. We are living in unstable times and our security is under threat. Our most vulnerable will eventually pay dearly for inaction, indecision and lack of leadership. It appears to be: "Every man for himself".

E. Rowe,  
Marcoola.

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## Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT  
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



IT'S NOT possible to write a column this week without mentioning the effects of the coronavirus (COVID -19) on our country and our education system.

It is unprecedented in my time that the closure of all schools is being considered by the relevant authorities. We are going into uncharted waters, and the rush

on toilet paper and other supplies has certainly been a sight to behold!

There are a lot of ways that we can face a crisis, but there really is only one way that will be successful and that is - as a community. The coronavirus crisis will pass. I think we all know that someone amongst the incredible brains in our research

facilities and universities will find a vaccine or solution to defeat this disease – eventually.

In the meantime, we will succeed by remaining calm and working together. Unity, strength and emotional maturity will allow our community to thrive, while selfishness and panic will ensure we have a rocky road.

As parents, adults and leaders, let's role model emotional calm and stability at this time. The virus will pass eventually and life will get back to normal. We are lucky to live in a first

world country with a brilliant health system and we are as well prepared as anyone in the world - we will get through this!

Now might be a great time to celebrate the doctors and nurses who keep us safe and healthy in our hospital system. As they become the front line of this crisis, let's salute their contribution to our country. Let's all take the time to stay safe and take care, ensure we are all calm and mature, and work through this situation together. It will all make us stronger in the long run!



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# MARIA SUAREZ

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# Community news

## COOLUM THEATRE PLAYERS NOTICE OF CANCELLATION

The CTP committee has decided, in the best interests of audiences and the wider community, to postpone performances of its current production of Diplomatic Relations, due to begin on March 27.

We still intend to bring this very funny play to the stage when the Covid-19 crisis is over - we remain hopeful that this will be in the not-too-distant future. For now, we will be taking steps to refund tickets. If you are a ticket holder and wish to request a refund, please call North Shore Realty on 5446 2500.

## COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

For retired and semi-retired people looking for friendship and fun. Our next meeting is @ 9.15am Tuesday 7th April at the Uniting Church, Elizabeth Street, Coolum Beach. Visitors are welcome. There is a guest speaker each month, plus organised lunches, bus or car trips. For more information phone 0429 516 788 or 0401976062. On completion of our meeting we visit Coolum Beach Hotel for Lunch at your own expense.

## COOLUM BEACH LIONESS' CLUB

Our Lioness Club is still

saving used stamps and spectacles which are then sent on to the respective recipients.

We have a box in the Coolum Post Office and both these items may be left there for your convenience. As the saying goes 'one man's trash is another man's treasure'. Both these organisations have been able to do good things with the donations. Thanks for the continuing support.

## SUNSHINE COAST CONCERT BAND

The SUNSHINE COAST CONCERT BAND wishes to advise their patrons that due to the current health crisis, the concert on 4th April for Guide Dogs Queensland has been cancelled. Please refer to our website at [www.sccb.org.au](http://www.sccb.org.au) for dates of future concerts.

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## SUNSHINE 60 & BETTER GROUP INC.

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According to the calendar, summer is officially over, but living on the coast, it's pretty much summer for most of the year. Now is the time to be getting ready for next summer and the importance of learn to swim classes is at a high. Little swimmers lose their skills quite quickly if consistency isn't kept up, so my first tip for our swimming community is to keep swimming throughout the coming months. Keep kids going through now so strengthen their skills and

confidence around water. Don't wait till summer arrives. Start and plan now.

The benefits are huge for everyone, kids and adults alike. Swimming helps keep your immune system strong, a healthy heart through working the cardiovascular system, and has added benefits if doing other sports. It's also good for your muscles and recovery if you are carrying any injuries. When you can't work out on land or need to incorporate low impact into your routine or program, find some water. There are plenty of choices on our beautiful Sunshine Coast.

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## Hyman seeking to rectify drain issues at Mt Coolum



**Division 8 candidate Kathryn Hyman (left) meeting with residents of a Tanah St West unit complex recently. All 35 residents are still unable to live in their homes as a result of severe flooding which occurred on February 12. Poor management of the drainage network in the region is being attributed as a leading cause of the flooding. Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall**

DIVISION 8 candidate Kathryn Hyman is taking to task Sunshine Coast Council in relation to the recent flooding which occurred in Mt Coolum on February 12 which resulted in 35 residents in a Tanah Street West complex forced out of their homes and the golf course losing money in closures as a result of the poorly managed drainage network in the region.

Ms Hyman stated that over the last five years the Mt Coolum golf course management has been lobbying to have the neglected drainage provisions addressed in the area.

"The golf course management have been proactive in lobbying council for many years to address this ongoing ponding of stagnating floodwaters - this is also creating a health hazard with mosquito infestations making conditions almost unbearable for golfers and residents alike - the risks associated with Ross River Fever and Dengue Fever are fully appreciated by residents."

A drain was built in 1985 and was 30 metres wide to attenuate excess flood waters within the low lying drainage deficient area - it has been neglected to the point where it is now only three metres wide.

"Management of the golf course were successful in having council bring out an excavator some years ago but were told council was not allowed to go any further owing to constraints imposed by the State Government regarding protected mangroves present in the easement," Ms Hyman stated.

Ms Hyman further went on to say that there had been repeated statements by council stating that they were "hamstrung" and would simply not allow the maintenance works.

"I noted that developers push papers around and acquire permits to remove mangroves as recently as late last year at the proposed Twin Waters West site, and I also noted that residents of the sand canals in our region are instructed by council in

their publication of April 2019 to systematically remove mangroves and any other marine plants as weeds without a permit."

Ms Hyman says she has made inquiries to the relevant State Government departments and their responses paint a different picture than that stated by council.

"Advice I have received from the office of the Minister of Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries states that The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) has not prevented the Sunshine Coast Regional Council from undertaking works on the subject site and Fisheries Qld within DAF has undertaken searches to identify any recent inquiries or applications that may be relevant, and no relevant development applications currently or recently were identified," Ms Hyman said.

Ms Hyman further went on to say that the first record of council being proactive was on February 19 of this year - a week after the substantial flooding.

"Further, in certain circumstances, Local Governments can take urgent action without approvals under the Planning Act.

"For example, section 166 provided exemptions if an emergency is causing a safety concern."

"Passing this buck is not the fault of council officers - they are constrained by their budgets," Ms Hyman said.

If elected as the Division 8 Councillor Ms Hyman is seeking a review of budget cuts to these types of on the ground services in an effort to ensure such inconveniences to residents and businesses do not happen again.



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## We're all in this together!

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THERE'S absolutely no denying that we are ALL living through a very turbulent time at the moment as a result of the COVID -19 virus. During these times it's not uncommon for mental health to be greatly affected as a result of heightened anxiety and stress, and we can all do something to alleviate this and help others. I have been amazed at witnessing empty shelves and panic buying and I feel for the people in our community who are elderly and

those who are on their own. I like to think that as Australians we are pretty good at helping each other out and this is the time to help one another and not go stark raving mad!

The little note attached to this – cut it out and drop it in someone's letterbox – an elderly neighbour, someone who lives on his or her own or someone without transport. Kindness in times like this is critical, crucial and in most cases costs nothing.

There is also going to be

many, many people affected economically by the virus and where you can, please keep on supporting the businesses in our region. More than ever we need to be buying local in every capacity.

Finally, our own mental and physical health is important. I recommend taking time out from mainstream and social media at times. A lot of misinformation can proliferate on social media and the 24hour news cycle dedicated to this virus is overwhelming to say the least. There is comprehensive and up to date information available via the Australian Government at – www.health.gov.au

Unless you are in quarantine, remember that you can still go for a walk. We are lucky to live in a beautiful region and you can safely walk around and keep your distance. A walk along the beach is good for both mental and physical health.

As we go into a self-imposed lock down of sorts, it's important to maintain social connections and thankfully technology can make this easier – phone friends or face time them. If you have a pet – pat them hourly, hug your loved ones near you, learn a new hobby, read, binge on TV and most importantly, look after each other, be kind and think of others during this crazy and unprecedented time.

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**TIDE TIMES 2020**  
**Coolum & Maroochy River**  
Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach

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|--------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| <b>FRI</b><br>20th March | 1.74m   | 0.55m   | 1.37m  |        |
| Coolum                   | 5:59am  | 12:29pm | 6:14pm |        |
| Maroochy River           | 1:51am  | 7:34am  | 2:56pm | 7:49pm |
| <b>SAT</b><br>21st March | 0.50m   | 1.78m   | 0.49m  | 1.46m  |
| Coolum                   | 12:12am | 6:38am  | 1:02pm | 6:52pm |
| Maroochy River           | 2:39am  | 8:13am  | 3:29pm | 8:27pm |
| <b>SUN</b><br>22nd March | 0.45m   | 1.80m   | 0.44m  | 1.254m |
| Coolum                   | 12:50am | 7:13am  | 1:32pm | 7:26pm |
| Maroochy River           | 3:17am  | 8:48am  | 3:59pm | 9:01pm |

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|--------------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| <b>MON</b><br>23rd March | 0.41m  | 1.80m   | 0.41m  | 1.60m   |
| Coolum                   | 1:25am | 7:44am  | 2:01pm | 7:58pm  |
| Maroochy River           | 3:52am | 9:19am  | 4:28pm | 9:33pm  |
| <b>TUE</b><br>24th March | 0.39m  | 1.79m   | 0.38m  | 1.65m   |
| Coolum                   | 1:58am | 8:14am  | 2:28pm | 8:29pm  |
| Maroochy River           | 4:25am | 9:49am  | 4:55pm | 10:04pm |
| <b>WED</b><br>25th March | 0.40m  | 1.75m   | 0.37m  | 1.69m   |
| Coolum                   | 2:29am | 8:43am  | 2:56pm | 9:02pm  |
| Maroochy River           | 4:56am | 10:18am | 5:22pm | 10:37pm |
| <b>THU</b><br>26th March | 0.43m  | 1.69m   | 0.38m  | 1.70m   |
| Coolum                   | 3:02am | 9:12am  | 3:22pm | 9:34pm  |
| Maroochy River           | 5:29am | 10:47am | 5:49pm | 11:09pm |

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# NORTH SHORE REGION BOASTS CHAMPIONS AT QLD SURF TITLES



Bruce Dunne who took out the over 60 men's individual masters shortboard competition.

THE SURFING Australia 2020 QLD Surf Festival has wrapped up for another year and thankfully all events were run before competitions and mass gatherings cancelled due to COVID - 19.

The North Shore region played host to a series of events at Coolum Main Beach before conditions turned sloppy and took the championships to other locations on the Sunshine Coast.

Locals featured in most events with the individual masters shortboard competition crowning Coolum's Bruce Dunne the over 60 men's winner. Dunne defeated Chris Matters (Moore Park Beach, QLD), David Cover (Parrearra, QLD) and Ross Beanland (Sunrise Beach, QLD) respectively in large waves at Alexandra Headland.

In the over 45 men's division Craig Masters from Peregrine Beach came in second and Michele Haddow from Peregrine Beach took out second place in the over 50 women's division. In the over 40 men's division, Tony Paris from Mudjimba also came in second.

The stand up paddle board (SUP) competition also produced another local champion with Wesley Fry from Mount Coolum taking out the open men's division, defeating Jonathan Hagan (Broadbeach Waters, QLD), Tim Cyprien



Wesley Fry from Mount Coolum who was victorious in both the open men's and the 10ft open men's stand up paddle board competitions. All Photos: Ben Stagg/Surfing Queensland

(Helensvale, QLD), Steve Elliot (Coolum Beach, QLD) and Craig Liddicoat (Mooloolaba, QLD) respectively. Fry tore apart the windy conditions to score a 6.5 and a 6.57, for a heat total of 13.07.

Fry was also victorious in the 10ft open men's division, defeating Tim Cyprien (Helensvale, QLD), Jonathan Hagan (Broadbeach, QLD) and Peter Turner (Buddina, QLD) respectively.

"It was difficult out there, almost as hard as it gets with the howling winds and testing conditions," Fry said.

"It was good to see everyone get together and score some good waves and the surf felt pretty powerful, especially riding with the 10ft boards - it felt like we were far out to sea."

In the over 40 men's division Steve Elliot from Coolum Beach took home the title defeating Craig Liddicoat (Mooloolaba, QLD), David Pacheco (Hope Island, QLD) and Chris Carter (Broadbeach, QLD) respectively.

Graham Moustaka (Yaroomba, QLD) was victorious in the over 50 men's division, defeating Steve Elliot

(Coolum Beach, QLD), Chris Carter (Broadbeach, QLD) and Peter Turner (Buddina, QLD) respectively.

The open shortboard competition produced a tough and hard title to win with the Gold Coast's Jade Wheatley managing to just secure the win against Coolum's Ellia Smith. Wheatley fought tooth and nail in the tough conditions to defeat local favourite Smith, Tayla Green (Buddina, QLD) and Coco Cairns (Tewantin, QLD) respectively in the final.

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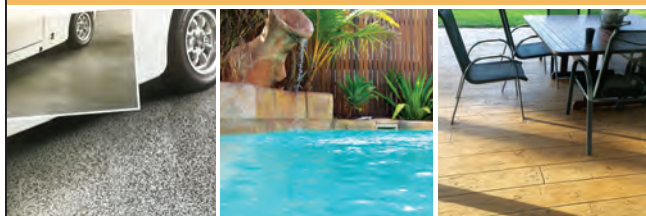
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