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# VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATED DURING NATIONAL WEEK

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This National Volunteer Week (May 18-24) has seen countless volunteers across the Sunshine Coast thanked for their tireless work and contribution to society. Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels would not function without their dedicated army of volunteers who include Tim Bishop (left) with Coolum President Rob Cobb. Mr Bishop stated that he was following on in the footsteps of his mother who delivered meals in the Gympie region into her early 80s. Continued page 2. Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall

# Walking trail opened at restored Yandina Creek Wetland

THE YANDINA Creek Wetland has transformed into a bird watcher's delight, with a new 1.7km (return) walking trail and native bird viewing hide open to the public.

With COVID-19 restrictions easing, the community can now enjoy the site and all it has to offer, while adhering to public health directions.

More than 100 bird species call the wetland home and other flora and fauna are thriving.

The wetland forms part of the Blue Heart Sunshine Coast, an Australian-first partnership announced last year between Unitywater, Sunshine Coast Council and the Department of Environment and Science to protect and manage more than 5,000 hectares of natural floodplain in the Maroochy River Catchment.

Unitywater Executive Manager of Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions, Amanda Creevey said plants in the

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Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels volunteers Tony Moore and Lorelee Jones ready to take out meals to the needy and elderly within the local community. Photo: Vanessa Bacon-Hall

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THIS NATIONAL Volunteer Week (May 18-24), Sunshine Coast Council has thanked the unsung heroes working away and providing a pillar of support during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

More than 1800 local residents registered with Volunteering Sunshine Coast to provide support and assistance during COVID-19, particularly through calls for support to Queensland's Care Army which across the state has received more than 25,000 calls for help

Council has regularly met with local community groups during the pandemic as a member of the Sunshine Coast Human Services and Social Recovery Sub-Group.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said the Sunshine Coast community spirit had certainly lived up to this year's National Volunteer Week theme - Changing Communities, Changing Lives.

"During these unprecedented times many people in our community are experiencing just how much our volunteers are contributing to making the lives of others better," Mayor Jamie-

"We have countless organisations on the Sunshine Coast who are always there to provide a helping hand to those who need it, and they are the essence of the social fabric of our community.

"To every single volunteer, we say thank you for your outstanding commitment."

Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels President Rob Cobb said it was a very different week this year, with the venue unable to put on their usual BBO to say thank you to their volunteers, but he wanted them to know that they are greatly appreciated.

'We thankfully have enough volunteers at the moment and they all do a great job - as it is today we only have two paid people here and we have twenty odd people ready to take out deliveries and help pack - the rest are all volunteers and we say thank you to them," Mr Cobb said.

# **INSPIRE COAST TRAVEL**



The beach entrance to Marcoola Beach, which is one of the many iconic Sunshine Coast images on offer by Visit Sunshine Coast to be used as a 'Zoom' conference call background. It is hoped that the images will inspire future travel to our region once local travel restrictions are eased. Photo: Visit **Sunshine Coast** 

THOSE dreaming about a future Sunshine Coast escape can now find inspiration in a seemingly unlikely place: their next Zoom conference call.

As boardrooms are swapped for the home office and online catchups, Visit Sunshine Coast (VSC) has launched a series of Zoom backgrounds to inspire future travel to the region.

The backgrounds feature some of the Sunshine Coast's most iconic destinations, from the boathouses on Maroochy River to the Glass House Mountains.

Visit Sunshine Coast CEO Simon Latchford said the backgrounds were a way to make sure the region remained front of mind for visitors when it is safe to travel again.

"While now is not the time to travel anywhere, we are encouraging people to continue to dream about their future Sunshine Coast holiday," Mr Latchford said.

"With more people working from home we thought this was a great opportunity to share what we love about the Sunshine Coast with colleagues, friends and family.

"We encourage locals to get behind the campaign and hold their next Zoom video call virtually from the Sunshine Coast.

The Zoom initiative follows in the footsteps of Tourism Australia who launched their own Zoom backgrounds earlier this month.

It also works hand-in-hand with VSC's current social media marketing campaign that encourages visitors to '#Visit Sunshine Coast Later'.

The campaign includes sharing inspirational destination imagery from across the Sunshine Coast to VSC's social media pages to help plant the seed for future holiday plans, so when it is safe to travel again, the Sunshine Coast will be front of mind for visitors.

Visit Sunshine Coast Later has been well received, with visitors backing the initiative and pledging to visit or return to the region again when it is safe to do so.

Mr Latchford said VSC would continue to work behind the scenes on a future marketing campaign to be rolled out when travel restrictions ease.

"While there is no timeline as yet for when this will happen, we are fully prepared to react immediately to the market when the federal and state governments say it is safe to travel again," he said.

"It is likely that the Sunshine Coast's primary target markets post-COVID-19 will be the intrastate drive market, as that is not restricted by state boundaries.'

To download your free Sunshine Coast Zoom background, visit https://utm.io/uvMO.

Follow the #Visit Sunshine Coast Later campaign on VSC's Instagram, Facebook and Twitter accounts.

To set your Sunshine Coast Zoom background, download your preferred image from the provided link, log in to or create your own Zoom account, open 'Account Settings' or click the up arrow next to 'Start Video' in the lower left-hand corner, select 'choose a virtual background' and press the '+' sign to upload your chosen



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# Purdie calls for motorway investment to be extended

A WELCOME investment in road infrastructure is now underway, with a multimil lion project to resurface the Sunshine Motorway between Maroochydore and Peregian Springs.

Ninderry MP Dan Purdie said nearly 60 jobs would be supported for the duration of works, which are expected to take 12 weeks and started Sunday May 17.

"This is a much-needed investment in local jobs and our economy as we begin the long process of recovery," Mr Pur-

Mr Purdie said the road-

works, estimated to cost close to \$8million, will see three removed and replaced, with works due to commence at Peregian Springs.

The works will be done at night, between 7pm and 5am, to minimise any inconvenience for motorists.

"As we look to help the local economy recover, there has never been a more important time for the State Government to invest in significant infrastructure projects that support local jobs," Mr Purdie said.

Mr Purdie said there was a number of critical infrastructure projects that he would like to see the State Government invest in across the region.

"While this is a step in the right direction, it should be a catalyst for investing in other significant job-creating road infrastructure projects on the Sunshine Coast.

"I urge the Palaszczuk Labor Government to fast-track major projects like the upgrades to the Coolum road network, which will not only help bust congestion, but also boost employment at a time when we are staring down the barrel of an economic crisis.'

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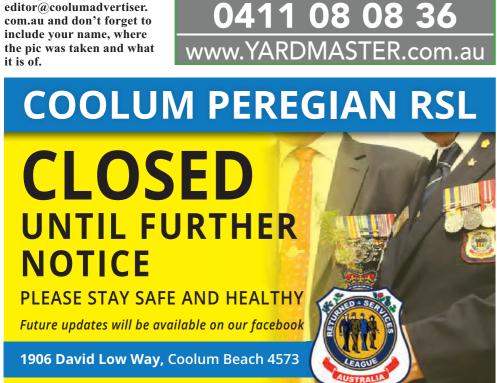
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# DOGGO DELIGHT AT STUMERS FIRST LIGHT **COLIN LINDSAY**

ONE OF the best off leash dog beaches on the **Sunshine Coast, Stumers** Creek has been very busy of late, and local resident Colin Lindsay snapped this pic on daybreak at the end of April. Here's to all of the doggies enjoying the extra walks due to their owners being at home more often.

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.





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# Walking trail opened at restored Yandina Creek Wetland site



Birdlife Australia Sunshine Coast Convenor Ken Cross enjoys the new trail walk and bird-viewing hide at Unitywater's Yandina Creek Wetland. Photo: Contributed

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Yandina Creek Wetland took up nutrients and sediments from the water to improve water quality and overall river health.

"An added bonus of the wetland is the boost in biodiversity we're seeing, including increased marine life, mangroves and wetland plants, and birds, with some migratory birds even returning to the site," Ms Creevey said.

"The addition of the trail walk and bird viewing hide means we get to bring the community along for the ride, take a walk with nature and maybe spot some of the incredible creatures here.

"With COVID-19 restrictions easing we're proud to provide this environmental facility to our community we see it as the beginning of an environmental hub in this

Ms Creevey encouraged anyone visiting the wetland to wear long-sleeved clothing and carry mosquito repellent, as well as following social distancing and hygiene measures.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson said the Blue Heart beats strongly within the Sunshine Coast and the addition of the walking trail added to the opportunities that it would provide for the region and its landscape for decades to come.

"Through the Blue Heart we're continuing to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability and enhancing our natural assets," Mayor Jamieson said.

"Importantly, the Blue Heart is another tangible demonstration of how our Council is working with its partners to strengthen our region's climate resilience and

taking real action to assist our communities to adapt to a changing climate."

### **About Yandina Creek** Wetland

Unitywater purchased the 191-hectare parcel of former cane farming land in 2016 and restored it to a natural wetland to offset nutrients and sediments going into the Maroochy River following treatment of the local community's sewage. It's a green engineering solution and more cost-effective than upgrading local treatment plants. The Yandina Creek Wetland removes about 5.3 tonnes of total nitrogen and 0.5 tonnes of phosphorous each year.

The wetland trail walk is located at 362-328 River Road, Yandina.

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# Innovative runway grooving shape a first for Queensland



Division 8 Councillor Jason O'Pray inspects the latest 'grooves' to the new Sunshine Coast Airport runway. Photo: Contributed

IN A Queensland first, Sunshine Coast Council's Airport Expansion Project has implemented a new method of runway grooving - called trapezoidal grooving, which refers to the four-sided shape of the

Since early April, a team of groovers, yes that's right groovers, has been cutting exactly 49,214 trapezoidal-shaped grooves into the 2.45 kilometre stretch of runway using a specialised piece of machinery - adding grooves to the runway is one of the final steps of construction.

As the name suggests, grooving is the process used to cut small grooves into the asphalt surface of the runway, with the grooves allowing water to drain during wet weather and improving friction as aircraft come in to land at approximately 200km/h.

A laser guided system cuts grooves in 1.43 metre-wide sections and it takes four people

to operate the machine and its supporting equipment.

Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project Director Ross Ullman said the Sunshine Coast's new runway was the third runway in Australia, and the first in Queensland, to use the trapezoidal grooving

"Trapezoidal-shaped grooves provide a better outcome than the historically used squareshaped grooving, because they minimise the problem of groove closure and are largely self-cleaning," Mr Ullman said.
"There is only one trape-

zoidal grooving machine in Australia and we are extremely excited to have it operating on our runway.'

Mr Ullman said the machine came to the Sunshine Coast from Uluru Airport just before Queensland's borders were

Division 8 Councillor Jason O'Pray said construction of the new runway remained on track.

"Council will hand the runway to Sunshine Coast Airport on June 13, 2020," Cr O'Pray

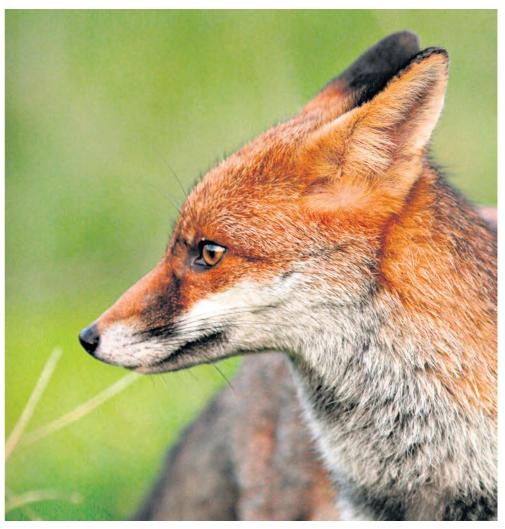
"The remainder of the airport expansion project will be completed by the end of 2020.

"The runway is longer, wider and better aligned with prevailing winds and able to accommodate larger, more fuel efficient aircraft," he said.

### Benefits to our region:

- The new runway will provide direct access for our region to the world
- 2230 new full-time jobs by 2040 (direct and indirect)
- · Potential to attract over
- 2,000,000 passengers annually
- Helps boost tourism and export opportunities
- Potential to reach new destinations
- \$4.1 billion contribution to Gross Regional Product (2020-2040)

# FOXING OUT A THREAT TO NATIVE WILDLIFE **ALONG THE COAST**



### The European Red Fox. Photo: Contributed

IN AN effort to protect our native wildlife from the predatory fox, four local organisations are again joining forces to control foxes in coastal bushland areas from Mudjimba to Peregian Springs.

Sunshine Coast Council, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS), Coolum and North Shore Coast Care and Noosa Council will be working together to carry out the Coastal Fox Control Program between April 21 and June 19, 2020.

The European red fox is a declared pest in Queensland under the Biosecurity Act 2014.

The program is designed to control fox breeding activity and reduce fox predation on vulnerable populations of native species such as vulnerable water mice, Eastern ground parrots, and endangered green and loggerhead turtles at the egg and hatchling stage.

Sunshine Coast Council's Team Leader Feral Animal Education and Control, Anthony Cathcart said the program was planned to protect native wildlife and impact fox populations at a time when they were particularly active.

council has been running this program for six years now, with extremely positive results, and it's imperative that we continue to monitor the fox activity," Mr Cathcart said.

"Under the Biosecurity Act 2014, managing biosecurity, which includes invasive animals and plants, is a key responsibility of council and every Sunshine Coast resident.

"Managing biosecurity means we're protecting our rich biodiversity here on the Sunshine Coast and it's important that we ensure the coastal fox population doesn't recover to pre-control levels.
"We have received great

community support for this program in the past and we're looking forward to continued support to ensure the longevity and security of native species in our region into the future.

To provide guidance and information for residents and visitors, nearby residents will be notified and areas affected by the control program will be clearly identified by warning signs at all entrances.

"While the program is underway, it's important for all to be mindful of the signage that will be in place and to ensure their pets are not allowed to roam," Mr Cathcart said.

As a result of the control program, 129 foxes have been removed and more than 281 fox dens have been inspected for signs of activity.

The fox control program uses best practice control methods, which have been developed and demonstrated in highly successful wildlife conservation programs including the Northern Sydney regional fox control program and Western Australia's black flanked wallaby recovery program.

More information about the program is available on council's website - www. sunshinecoast.qld.gov. au/Environment/Invasive-plants-and-animals/ Invasive-animals/Managing-Invasive-Animals/ What-council-is-doing/ Coastal-fox-control-program

Residents can assist with the management of foxes by reporting suspected fox dens in the program area to council on 5475 7272. View the fox den identification fact sheet

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# Letters to the editor

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### **NORTH SHORE COM-MUNITY CENTRE**

Dear editor, The North Shore Community Centre, David Low Way, Mudjimba, serves the local community with rooms to hire for special occasions, office space and regular weekly activities meeting local demands and

providing specialist activi-

ties as needed.

The office is run by a proactive committee. volunteers and officer workers, dedicated to providing programmes for social groups, free senior computer lessons and health and wellbeing. It is assisted by the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, also applying for various grants, allowing greater access and assistance to locals needing social and educational interaction and support.

Presently, the successful grant from: "The Good Things Foundation", is a \$5,000 "Device Grant for Seniors" with free six months' pre-paid simcard for "WIFI", for personal home internet use. with a centre support person. The grant enables the centre to provide loans of five tablets and two laptops to seniors with limited prior knowledge, wishing to become more device and technologically competent, to keep in touch with friends and family during these unprecedented times.

The North Shore Community Centre requires those interested, to respond with an "Expression of Interest" for the limited number of devices and assisted lessons available, for seniors only. Please ring the office between 9am and 2.30pm Monday to Friday on [07] 54509700.

E. Rowe, Marcoola.

# **CHANGING TIMES**

Dear editor.

With thousands of people losing their jobs, falling into the dole queues, trying to live a life less fortunate than ever before, then maybe a more compassionate society may emerge?

Thoughts and praise? Margaret Wilkie, Peregian Beach.

### **STROKE FOUNDATION**

Dear editor, Stroke Foundation is delighted to celebrate National Volunteer Week (18 - 24 May), and what a fitting theme it has this year; 'Changing communities. Changing Lives'. The theme has never been more relevant than today when we are all facing great change due to the impact of COVID-19.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the incredible Stroke Foundation volunteers who are steadfast in making change for good. They support us every step of the way on our mission to prevent stroke, save lives and enhance recovery.

In 2019, more than 270 volunteers dedicated a total of 15,300 hours to Stroke Foundation across 34 different programs. This is an incredible feat and we could not do our important work without them.

Every single volunteer has an impact on improving the state of stroke in Australia. Whether it be distributing stroke resourcestohospitals, assisting with research and fundraising projects, educating the community about stroke or sharing their stroke experience with the media and members of parliament to increase awareness of the disease.

The current environment has meant changes to the way many people volunteer. Innovation and technology has paved the way for some roles to be home-based, opening our eyes to future possibilities. While the style of volunteering may have changed, the need for volunteering has not. Volunteers are vital.

Whether you are a volunteer for Stroke Foundation or another organisation in the community, you are doing an extraordinary job.

Thank you for your gen-

erosity, time and dedication, which truly changes communities and changes lives for the better. Sharon McGowan Chief Executive Officer, Stroke Foundation.

### **COVID APP**

Dear editor,

Five million Australians have now applied the COVIDsafe APP to their smart phones. That leaves 20 million Australians left out, for reasons unknown.

Those most at risk, some without technical skills, many elderly and in aged care homes, some too young to know, some without phones or computer savvy, are now left out of the demographic which has applied. We are told that unless the magic number was reached for its application, lock down and shutdown procedures and regulations will persist for an unspecified duration.

How are the 20 million Australians not involved, some too young, some unable, some not interested in repercussions or consequences, to contribute to this method of tracking COVID-19 from one known infected case to their contacts? It is physically impossible to maintain the unrealistic demand to include all 25 million Australians.

What then is the next move by the Federal Government, cautiously taking one step at a time, moving the goal posts daily? Consequently, it certainly appears to be an era of "Big Brother" and George Orwell's: "1984", to control the masses, for a time at least.

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# Dan Purdie MP

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### **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

IF THERE is one thing we have learnt from COVID-19, it is just how much we depend on our networks of community volunteers. Whether you are a volunteer or know one, or benefit from their help and support, you will appreciate the enormity of the role they play in our daily lives. And it is during times of crisis, like COVID-19, when their role is really highlighted, not only from an emotional and physical perspective, but also from a social perspective.

Because of COVID, we've all had to change the way we do things, and although this year we can't celebrate National Volunteers Week with all the usual events and activities, we can still say thanks.

So on behalf of all the volunteers across the Coolum and Peregian, every one of whom plays a valuable role in our community, a huge THANK YOU. Thanks to you, we really are all in this together, and that is how we will get through it.

Speaking of volunteers, community groups can now apply for small grants of up to \$500 to host volunteer recognition and social events, or for professional development. Applications for these grants close on June 30. For more information, visit volunteeringqld.org.au

### **NEW ROLE**

Late last month, I was honoured and humbled to be appointed the Shadow Minister for Police, Counter Terrorism and Corrective Services. I've made no secret of my passion for law and order, safer communities and protecting the vulnerable, so this new role will give me a stronger voice to continue to advocate for harsher penalties that ensure the rights of victims are put ahead of offenders, and rebalance the scales of justice.

### **PARLIAMENT**

This week, we returned to Parliament, but instead of focusing on job creation and economic recovery, much of the week was dominated by the Government's untenable debt, and ongoing integrity crisis. Right now, our efforts need to be solely based on how we can get Queenslanders back into work, and how we can help our small businesses keep their doors open.

Every day I am hearing from locals who've either lost their job or just surviving. Despite all the heavy lifting being done by the Federal Government, the sad reality is that we face a very long road to recovery. Much more needs to be done at a state level to support our small businesses, which are the backbone of Queensland's economy.

# Principal's Post

**TROY ASCOTT COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL** 

THE PREMIER has announced that all students will be returning to school from this Monday, May 25.

The parents of Coolum who have taken up the challenge of supporting students learning from home have become the champions of our community, and it sure has been a unique



back with open arms. Our school has done as well as any throughout this difficult period, but a school without all its students isn't quite the same.

We have missed the pure energy of youth, the buzz of chatter and play, and the noisy dynamic of our students.

It's a bit like it is out there in the community. We are all out and about but our cafes and pubs are closed or reemerging on vastly reduced numbers, the churches are silent, and our sportsgrounds lack the sound of the contest and the noise of people engaged in the activities they love.

Hopefully, the students return to school signals bigger changes as people resume their everyday lives. Let's hope that junior sports start up soon and our young people

have the outlets that they were born to enjoy.

Our year 11 and 12 students have been back for almost two weeks now and it has been wonderful to have them back in their classrooms with their teachers, preparing for all-important exams and assignments.

When all our students return it will signal that we're back to normal, which is a giant step on our community's road to recovery. It will be fantastic to have our schools operating as per normal once

# **Observations**

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

# **World Class**

I HAVE loved seeing day trip driving tourists return as we know on the Sunshine Coast we have a world-class natural environment sustaining jobs. The local economy is suffering, so it was good to see people from around South East Queensland in the cafes, shops and on the beaches for the day as a result of virus restrictions relaxation.

I have always believed the retention of the drive market tourists and family holidays should be the focus with a smattering of international tourists who want a special natural place. Unfortunately, local tourism bodies still want to go for the overseas mass market

and do not adequately service the domestic market as they search for large developments.

We can share our special place with tourists who are willing to pay for the privilege of intact natural features like beaches, rivers, Point Arkwright, Mount Coolum, The Glasshouse Mountains and the Conondale Ranges. Experiencing a wonderful natural environment - seeing natural forests, wild animals, birds, mountains and a different culture is the tourism future. It will need to be a virtual tour for many to protect our natural

We have national parks and the Kabi Kabi traditional



owners with a rich indigenous culture to talk about. What an opportunity as local and international tourists are hungry for these experiences. We can turn some built environment venues adjoining our green spaces into indigenous culture hubs and provide a virtual experience with advanced technology to protect our heritage.

Commercialisation with private beaches, restaurants, shops and bars on the dunes is being suggested. For me this is just a short jump to the right in a time warp that does little for

the future generations and our world-class environment and liveability.

The recent isolation of people on the Sunshine Coast has seen some appreciation by locals for the natural environment. However, we can see the commercialisation of the beachfront agenda of the Gold Coast Council could be a future threat to the environment and liveability of the Coast.

Let us ensure that community and nature remain connected and sustained



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# A look back in time

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

# **Mountain of Hope**



A View of Mt Coolum and surrounds in 1952 from 'wintzloff farm' when the mountain was thought to maybe have deposits of uranium. Photo: Windolf collection

THE FIRST recorded person of European descent who climbed Mt Coolum, was Captain Henry Walker, on the morning of April 25, 1852. Captain Walker [of the barque Thomas King] and six others had travelled south in a small boat after being wrecked on Cato Island, some 275 km north-east of Fraser Island, to Double Island Point, seeking

rescue for remaining crew and passengers. They then walked to today's Noosa area, but inadvertently upset a group of indigenous people, who chased them south from Sunshine Beach. They hid in a gully near Point Perry but were attacked, and two of the party were killed. Captain Walker, waking next morning, found himself



alone, and [in an account he gave some years later] climbed Mt Coolum next morning, in hope of finding his way towards Brisbane Town.

These days, Mt Coolum has become a 'mountain of hope' for large numbers of people climbing the mountain in search of health and fitness. The view from the summit of the mountain inspires hope for many modern climbers.

Few people, however, have heard of George Groth, who saw Mt Coolum as a 'mountain of hope', and inspired many local people with that hope as well. George Groth, the station master at Nambour in the early 1950s, was fascinated by uranium, a 'wonder element' then considered so valuable for military and scientific purposes that the Australian Government offered large rewards for finding uranium deposits. He bought himself a 'geiger counter' and started prospecting in his spare time. In 1952 he travelled to Mt Coolum, where, to his delight, the geiger counter started to tick madly, especially near

an outcrop of oxidised stone about 200 metres long, which looked like other uraniumbearing outcrops elsewhere.

The Nambour Chronicle informed Sunshine Coast residents that 'Uranium deposits at Coolum are favourable' and when Mr Groth took a journalist to Mt Coolum, 'The geiger counter ticked from 80 a minute to 500, where the 'goods' are ...' Mr Groth reported that the David Jones store in Sydney was displaying Coolum uranium in their show windows and had issued a pamphlet on the subject. He declared that he was 'Looking for the day when he [could] get American capital into Coolum's Coolum's 200 residents started to dream big ideas ... maybe they might get a bitumen road to Yandina ... or electricity ... or more than one shop!

However, it was soon declared that it was not uranium setting off the Geiger counters, but potassium in the form of the rhyolite [comendite] rock, which broke down on contact with air when the covering sandstone eroded. The Mountain of Hope was not radioactive, but now gives hope in other ways.

# Cr Jason O'Pray DIVISION 8 SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL



# It is good to be back!

THANK YOU for again entrusting me to represent our beautiful Division 8 and congratulations to my council colleagues. I look forward to working together so we can best support our community.

Division 8 is such a naturally beautiful area. The boundary realignment means we have some great new friends joining us in the north of the division so I am excited for us all to work together.

COVID-19 has truly hurt our region and what a tumultuous start to 2020! Tourism has always been our backbone and small businesses, events and the tourism industry have their backs to the wall and we will work so hard to get mum and dad businesses back on their feet.

I am glad to be here standing by your side as we all try to get through this global pandemic and to help our local economy and community recover as soon as possible, while ensuring our health and safety.

I love my sport as well, and so I am really heartened to see that the Aussies will be back, bigger and better than ever next year and we will be playing host to amazing events. These events will bring thousands of people and hundreds of competitors to our shores and I can't wait! What is also really exciting is that those visitors will be able to fly into our special region and land at our world-class expanded airport.

In a Queensland first, Sunshine Coast Council's Airport Expansion Project has implemented a new method of runway grooving—called trapezoidal grooving, which refers to the four-sided shape of the grooves. The grooves allow water to drain during wet weather improving friction as aircraft come in to land at approximately 200km/h.

It is one of the final milestones before we hand the runway over to Sunshine Coast Airport on June 13. The remainder of the airport expansion project will be completed by the end of this year. As COVID-19 restrictions start to lift we all can start to benefit from the longer, wider and better aligned runway that can take larger and more fuel-efficient aircraft.

See you 'round Div 8!

# Fiona Simpson MP MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

# JOIN BUY LOCAL 5 CHALLENGE

RECENT times has seen us all looking at what we purchase and where we purchase our household items. More than ever it's highlighted the need to support our local businesses to support local jobs. That's why I've launched a campaign with local businesses to challenge us all to swap at least five household items (or services) we would normally buy that are sourced elsewhere with locally produced or grown items. Recently I was at Mount Coolum IGA and the locally sourced products they stock are amazing. So join me in the challenge - swap out five household items or services

with locally produced/grown items. Let me know how you go by showing your support with the #BuyLocal5 campaign.

# RESTRICTIONS ARE EASING

When we see the scenes in Italy, the UK and parts of the USA with overwhelmed hospitals and widespread heartbreak, you realise that our story could have been very different here in Australia. The fact that it isn't is due to Aussies putting their lives on hold so others could live and most importantly, buying time to get our health systems in place to cope and respond in a timely way.

Thank you all for your ef-

forts which have resulted in the easing of COVID-19 restrictions and moves to restart businesses and so much more of new 'normal' life.

There's still a way to go and I know it's still particularly difficult for a lot of small businesses, workers, and self funded retirees, as well as families who have had to be separated. A big shoutout also to the parents who have juggled home-schooling with their kids and also the dedicated teachers who have also worked hard to get tailored lessons on-line in new formats.

I will keep updated links to the health directives as well as support services on my website.

### GOOD NEWS FOR RESIDENTS IN MARCOOLA

The Main Roads Department has confirmed

construction will commence shortly on a pedestrian refuge just south of the David Low Way / Mudjimba Esplanade turn off and there will also be an extension of some footpaths. This is welcome news and will make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The nearby intersection is not part of this work so I will continue to fight for funding for this.

## **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Our office is located at 1B, 148 Horton Parade, Maroochydore but we're encouraging people to ring or email rather than drop in and we will get back to you. In the current COVID-19 environment I am certainly still there to support you. Please don't hesitate to continue to contact me on 07 54067100 or maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au.

# Click and Collect kicks off at Libraries

IF YOU'RE running a bit low on reading material Sunshine Coast Council Libraries are here to help with the launch of their new Click and Collect service for library card holders.

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said the team had been planning this service for some time, and thanks to the recent easement of restrictions surrounding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, council was pleased to provide a click and collect option to their members.

So, how does it work? "It's really easy to access the service," Cr Law said.

"Library card holders just need to visit the website library.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au and fill out the Click and Collect form."

"If you don't have internet access at home, call our libraries directly on 5475 8989 for assistance."

"Due to availability and the anticipated demand, you won't be able to select specific titles, instead you can tell our librarians the genre you're most interested in, and they'll pick a selection of up to 10 books for you to take home and enjoy - It's a lucky dip, for books!

"And, if you've got any existing reservations, these will also be included in

your book pack.

"When your order is ready for collection the library team will contact you directly via phone or email to arrange a suitable collection time at your local library – and it's totally free," Cr Law said.

Library members can rest assured that Sunshine Coast Libraries are following health recommendations regarding quarantining library items upon their return.

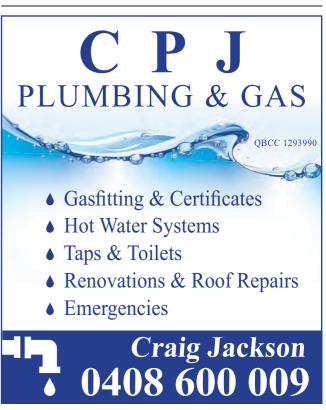
"Once an item is received it will go into quarantine for four days before becoming available on the library shelf once again - this process reduces the risk for both our library

staff and customers, whilst providing a great service to help our library users access this much loved service.

"Customers are also advised that return chutes are open at all libraries - however, please make sure to bring your library card along to open the chute.

"All existing loans have been extended until August 3, so members don't need to worry about any overdue notices during this time."

For all the details visit library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Services/ Click-and-Collect





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Community news

**MEALS ON WHEELS** 

Kitchen: S Foote, B Shannon,

Run 2: F Junge and C Fernando

Kitchen: D Ayshford, G Watt, L

C Senaratne and G Cocks

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L Jones

Monday, May 25

Run 1: R and T Gatt

Run 2A: T Moore

Run 4A: R Cobb

Run 1: D Stone

Run 5: L Farrah

Wednesday, May 27

Delany and T Shorter

Run 2: G and M Frazer

Kitchen: J Parker, D Stokes, J

Run 4: M Cuthbert and K Brady

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Run 2: T and D Newton

Run 2A: N Hemmings

Run 3: L Farrah

Friday, May 29

Run 1: L Farrah

Run 2: K and J Cross

Run 3: T Bayne

Run 4: J Bott

Run 3: F Westera

Run 4: B Mendis

Run 5: C Mack

Thursday, May 28

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### **COOLUM QUOTA CLUB**

Hello from Quota Coolum Beach. Our members are keen to get back into the community with fundraising and socialising, something that we have really missed. This depends on when government restrictions will be lifted, and it is safe to be out in the community which we hope won't be too far away.

Members are looking forward to our first meeting post Covid-19 (date unknown) so we can plan future projects. Everything is on hold including the induction of our new committee. Our March fashion parade was postponed to a tentative date later in the year but will totally rely on what restrictions are still in place. Looking forward to seeing you out and about soon.

Email community notices to michelle@coolumadvertiser. com.au

# **Sunshine Coast** Libraries to re-open

SUNSHINE Coast Council Libraries will re-open doors to a limited number of customers at any one time from Monday May 25, 2020 following the further easing of COVID-19 restrictions.

Sunshine Coast Council Mayor and Local Disaster Management Group Chair Mark Jamieson said the safety of our community and staff continued to be at the forefront of decisions made by council.

"Libraries are a valuable and much-loved community service and council has been working through the implications of re-opening them to the public as soon as practical, in line with the national public health directions and the progressive easing of restrictions," Mayor Jamieson said.

"When our libraries re-open on May 25, a total of 10 customers will be permitted inside our library branches at any one time. They'll be able to pick up reservations, choose and borrow library items.

"Visitor numbers in the library will be monitored and customers will be required to

comply with social distancing requirements and other measures.

"The library Click & Collect service remains available for Sunshine Coast library card holders, and the community is reminded to make use of the library's extensive online programs and eLibrary service."

"We look forward to welcoming customers back to our libraries, but remind everyone to please be vigilant as we keep moving towards a COVIDsafe society - this includes adhering to social distancing requirements, good hygiene and not attending if you are feeling unwell."

Returns chutes are available at all libraries and Wi-Fi remains available.

Follow Sunshine Coast Libraries on social media for updates and exciting content you can enjoy from home.

For the latest information about council facilities and services and business assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.sunshinecoast. qld.gov.au/coronavirus.

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# **NOOSA AQUATIC CENTRE TO REMAIN CLOSED**

THE NOOSA Aquatic Centre will remain closed for at least the next four weeks, as re-opening the facility in line with Queensland Health's restrictions of a maximum of 10 people per pool isn't practical and would place a substantial financial burden on

Council said re-opening the facility during the winter months would trigger significant costs relating to heating and staffing the pools. These costs are hard to justify in light of the limited use permitted under Stage 1 of the Queensland Government's roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions.

The roadmap provides a general framework and although public pools were allowed to open from Saturday May 16, Council considers it financially responsible and appropriate to wait until further restrictions are lifted.

Council is committed to opening its public facilities when the right balance can be struck between safety, access and financial responsibility.

# Airport runway nears completion



An aerial view of the new Sunshine Coast Airport runway, which was scheduled to be completed by May 21. Heavy rain over late summer and the fallout from the pandemic will now see the runway officially completed on June 14. Photo: Contributed

SUNSHINE Coast Airport's new runway is nearing completion with lighting installed and line marking about to start.

Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project Director Ross Ullman said more than a metre of rain had fallen on the construction site between January and mid-March this year, including a significant weather event in February that delayed asphalt placement at a critical time in the project.

The asphalt placement is now complete.

"While the runway construction work will be completed by

**FRI** 

22nd May

May 21, 2020, the wet weather delay has put back the ability to undertake technical assessments and complete quality documentation required to open the runway on that date," Mr Ullman said.

"Mandatory contractual documentation and certification required to ensure its safe operation will now occur post that date and prior to handover to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

"As a result, the new runway will now be operational on June 14, 2020, subject to weather and COVID-19 not disrupting the program.

"Any such disruptions to the program may mean the June 14 date will not be able to be met and programming will have to be reviewed

"The existing runway will remain active and in use until the new runway is operational," Mr Ullman said.

Current charter flight and general aviation activities will continue on the existing runway until the new runway is officially operational.

"Airservices Australia will continue to use the current flight paths to the existing runway, and these will remain in

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operation until the new runway is open," Mr Ullman said.

Mr Úllman said council recognised that what was occurring in Australia and across the world as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic had significantly impacted Airport operations in recent weeks.

"The Sunshine Coast Airport will play a critical role in the recovery of our region post the COVID-19 pandemic and Council is committed to handing over the new runway as soon as possible to support the Airport's return to normal operations," he said.

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Maroochy River	5:36am	10:21am	5:11pm	11:02pm

## TIDE TIMES 2020 - FRIDAY 29th May - 4th June Coolum & Maroochy River

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Maroochy River	2:13am	7:11am	2:27pm	8:05pm
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4th June	0.62m	1.21m	0.55m	
Coolum	6:29am	11:57am	5:43pm	
Maroochy River	3:10am	8:02am	3:10pm	8:53pm
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