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THE RISE AND RISE OF COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



ON THE RISE: Coolum State High School has a vision that is clear and one that is striving for excellence in all facets of the school's educational offerings. Principal Troy Ascott (centre) has set the bar high with the school and top scoring 2020 graduates such as Mika Joyce-Mangschou and Nikita Sklenars are reaping the benefits from the school's educational programs and commitment from dedicated teachers as well as the support from the wider Coolum community. Photo: Travis Macfarlane

VANESSA BACON-HALL
EDITOR

NELSON Mandela famously said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world" and with those sentiments, the students attending Coolum State High School are set to be game changers and equipped with the necessary tools to navigate a world which is theirs for the taking.

Over recent years the school has recorded impressive milestones – changing attitudes and perceptions along the way with academic, sporting and musical capabilities backing up the scorecard. Principal Troy Ascott is steering the school towards a future, which arguably will see the school become one of, if not the best on the Sunshine Coast, and Mr Ascott explained that the school has a very clear plan which will not be compromised.

"We intend on being the 'pioneer benchmark' in education

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on the Sunshine Coast and have made big strides towards this goal and this has been evident in our senior school outcomes, NAPLAN results, improvements in student behaviour and the growth in enrolments, and the use of the 'Reading-to-Learn' program gives us a strong foundation in the literacy skills that are the backbone of students' success."

Statistics are backing up the school's vision to be one of the best with 63.1 per cent of its 2019 graduates passing onto further education and training – the best of any public school in the region and 44 per cent of its 2019 graduates in bachelor degrees – bettered only by

Kawana Waters State College (by 0.8%) in state education. The school has also been listed in 'top ten' or 'best performing' lists for NAPLAN results.

"Coolum High has set its sights very high and we haven't been prepared to settle for average. We want an outcome of worth, a fulfilling outcome, for every student and that takes a lot of work and a lot of commitment and we have that."

COOLUM HIGH GROWTH

Recent infrastructure spending in the growth STEM (science, technology, engineering & mathematics) education area and along with academic and sporting streams, Coolum High has the capability to sus-

tain as many students as want to come along.

"The fact of the matter is that we have a large campus and great staff and facilities ... Brisbane State High School is Queensland's largest high school with more than 3000 students and it routinely achieves very high results. Marsden State High School was recently named Australia's best school and its numbers are nearly double those of Coolum. We do need our transport planners to continue to be innovative, but the school can continue growing into the foreseeable future and in many ways, in a high school, size can give added opportunities and this has been the case as Coolum High has continued to

grow."

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Passionate about Coolum High and the wider Coolum community, Mr Ascott explained that his end goal is to see Coolum High regarded for excellence and he can see how this can benefit the wider community.

"When I worked in some very small rural towns I worked out that, in those places, the school IS the community.

"Disciplined and well-educated students are in a position to give back to their community - both in the workplace and in community organisations and better students make better employees for local businesses, and globally aware students find ways to care for the environment like many Coolum High students currently do."

Mr Ascott further explained that all areas of the community benefit from well educated students.

"We also need our students to become educated in the professions and trades that sustain our community and come back and give back to the

community."

Past education appointments prove that Mr Ascott has the credentials to lead with his past achievements speaking volumes.

"A highlight for me was becoming Principal of Shailer Park State High School and achieving some really good results in Logan - turning the declining enrolments of approximately 600 students around to where they have well over 1000 students now, and a range of new facilities."

Mr Ascott was also previously Deputy Principal of Narangba Valley State High School when it was considered a premier school within Education Queensland, where for three years straight more than 90 per cent of its students achieved an OP between 1 and 15.

Along with the challenges of 2020 due to COVID the year 12 cohort in Queensland adopted the ATAR system and moved on from the OP system on leaving their 13 years of education and despite these challenges the Coolum High student cohort performed well.

"Not only were students' ATAR scores wonderful, it is the clear and deliberate pathways that every single student could explain that was most exciting. The students are a credit to themselves and their parents, and also to the dedicated staff who helped them on their journey. I am proud of all our students both in terms of the character and the excellent choices they are making."

Mr Ascott is also keenly aware that as the saying goes, "It takes a whole village to raise a child".

"Coolum High really is the community's school.

"While we celebrate our achievements we revel in being part of this amazing community and we are hoping, more than anything, that our whole community gets behind the school and feels a sense of pride in the achievements of the students."

"I think we have developed something we can all be proud of; and I think our next challenge is to make our school sustainably one of Queensland's best."

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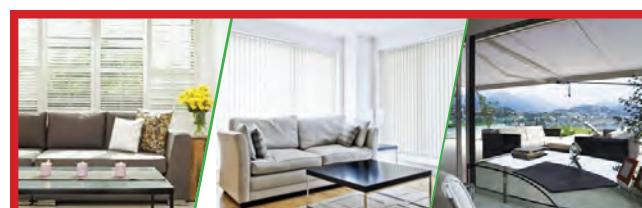
Quota celebrate Christmas



THE Quota club of Coolum beach celebrated their Christmas party on December 8 with lots of fun and frivolity.

The balloon game was played which had participants blow up balloons and stuff as many as possible into stockings and the

ladies at the club said it was a fun day which celebrated the end to such an uncertain year. Pictured are the balloon game winners - Ursula Tuxford, Sandra Robinson, Bev Haines and Robyn Brydon. Photo: Contributed



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Money for cans now operational in Coolum



Local Coolum residents are cashing in their used containers at the newly opened Container Refund Point which is located at 53-55 Lysaght St. Photo: Contributed

WE ALL know how important recycling is and that QLD now participates in a container refund scheme and fortunately for local residents a Container Refund Point (CRP) opened in Coolum Beach this month - individuals, community groups and businesses will be able to claim a 10 cent refund for every eligible container returned.

Change Exchange Coolum Beach is located at 53-55 Lysaght Street and follows recent CRP openings at Tewantin, Nambour, Beerwah, Maleny and Kenilworth.

Sunshine Coast residents have now returned more than 150 million eligible containers and claimed over \$15 million since the scheme began two years ago and redemption volumes in the region have increased 30 per cent between January and November this year when compared with the same timeframe in 2019.

Ken Noye who is the chief executive of Container Exchange, the not for profit organisation that operates the Containers for Change scheme said collection volumes needed to continue to grow as the

scheme chases an ambitious target.

"The Containers for Change scheme is committed to collecting 85 per cent of all beverage containers sold in Queensland by July 2022," Mr Noye said.

"It is an ambitious target that all Queenslanders need to get behind for the benefit of their local environment."

"The collection of containers on the Sunshine Coast has increased but we must continue to improve that by ensuring containers go to one of two places - either returned for refund at a local CRP or placed in the council provided yellow top bin."

Change Exchange Coolum Beach operator Sven Vanieris said locals were becoming more aware of how their beverage containers should be disposed of for the benefit of the local environment.

"We are really pleased with the way the Containers for Change scheme is growing on the Sunshine Coast," Sven said.

"People are becoming more responsible about where their beverage containers should go when they are finished with them. The Sunshine Coast is a beautiful area and we need to ensure it stays that way by recycling our containers."

For more information on Containers for Change, please visit <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/>

Letters to the editor

DOING IT TOUGH

Dear editor,
While the nation is in shock over the Sydney COVID breakout, tourists are left to wonder what next.

Just when it was safe to go into the water and the economy was picking up, here we are at March 2020 levels of quarantine and border closures.

International imported virus strains are now spreading fear and Covid into our communities. Christmas is now where you are in isolation

with whomever, not by choice. Doing it tough are tourists, families and businesses. The outrage is palpable!

The oil industry, is again exploiting with impunity, profiteering not only from the resurgence of interstate movement, but the season where travel and spending are more generous.

E. Rowe,
Maroochydore.

POLITICS

Dear editor,
With recent Good Guv'mint Ministerial reshuffles, can

Quiet Hard Working Australians look forward to policy advice from Wailia Clash, blessed as Minister for Hairdos, Elocution and Curries for the Country? Praise be.

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

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KERRY MULGREW



THE bays in Coolum are some of the best little pockets of beaches in the region – especially the secluded 'Third Bay' with its heart pumping staircase that leads to what is definitely beach heaven! Why not go for a look by taking the coastal track there – starting at Point Arkwright and

following the coast all the way into Coolum. Photographer Kerry Mulgrew has more stunning coastal pics available to view via www.kezign.com.au

If you happen to take a stunning pic, or a pic of something you think the community should know

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

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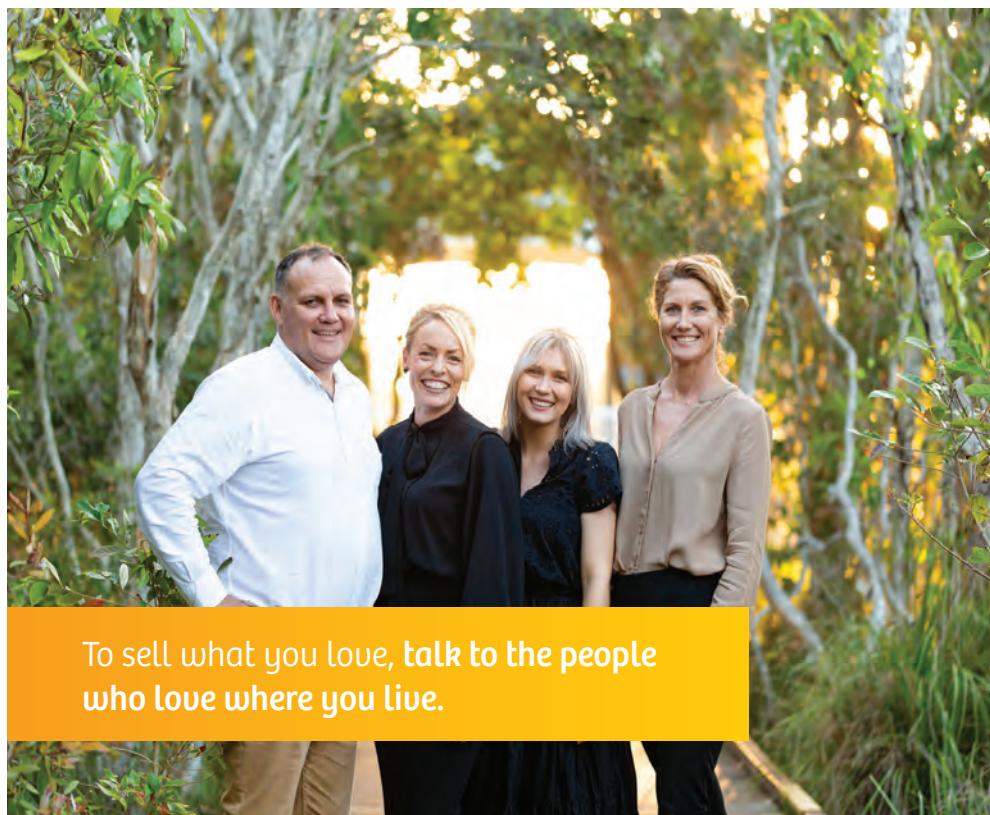
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HeARTs mosaics add colour to boardwalk



THE NEXT TIME you venture along the beautiful Coolum boardwalk make sure to look out for the colourful new mosaics adorning parts of the stunning coastal walk. The beautiful artworks have been proudly and lovingly made by the participants in the Coolum HeARTs weekly mosaic class – held under the direction of Les. Coolum HeARTs provides low cost art and lifestyle classes to those in need of art therapy or who are facing challenges in life and the Advertiser will be featuring each mosaic and artist at the big official unveiling to be held in February. Sadly though, one of the volunteer carpenters who helped install the mosaics left his valuable tools behind and is yet to have them returned. If you picked them up or know anything please call – 0478 646 330 Photos: Contributed



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How to have a safe summer on the Sunshine Coast



Sunshine Coast Council recently launched their 'Safe Summer' webpage with all the information needed to ensure a safe holiday on the coast. Photo: Contributed

SUNSHINE Coast Council, emergency services and Sunshine Coast Surf Lifesaving have joined forces to launch a Sharing our Sunshine Coast campaign designed to encourage locals and visitors to be prepared and take care over the summer holiday period.

Sunshine Coast Mayor Mark Jamieson said indications pointed to the busiest holiday period the Sunshine Coast has experienced for some time and that people needed to continue to follow public health measures and plan for a happy and safe

Christmas.

"Council is continuing to do all it can to support our community, just as we have throughout this turbulent year," Mayor Jamieson said.

"Our council is ramping up services to keep our outdoor spaces like parks and barbecues looking terrific to cater for our residents and the anticipated increased number of visitors.

"And it will be business as usual for essential services such as waste collection which will run to schedule even on public holidays.

"We're calling on everyone across our region to be kind, considerate and focus on keeping the community safe, because this is everyone's responsibility," he said.

Sunshine Coast Council has provided a one-stop shop webpage providing all the information you need to be prepared and to take care for a safe summer on our Sunshine Coast.

Visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/summer for council's beaches and parks directory, patrolled beach locations, pet

friendly areas and dog off leash areas, parking and transport tips, activities and much more.

Importantly, the web page also provides contacts for support services that are available for anyone struggling with mental health or putting food on the table this festive season.

Mayor Jamieson said the webpage was a wonderful resource that showcased the many things on offer and ways to keep your cool this summer.

"There are lots of favourite spots across the region but if you arrive at a space where social distancing can't be maintained jump on the webpage and find another fantastic option," the Mayor said.

Due to great work across our region and our state in keeping up physical distancing, practising good hygiene and sticking to the restrictions, we can now have 100 people gather in public outdoor spaces, and 50 people can gather at a private property.

You must practise physical distancing as much as possible and:

- * Wash your hands regularly with soap and water, and use alcohol-based sanitiser
- * Avoid hugs, kisses and handshakes
- * Wherever possible keep at least 1.5 metres away, two big steps, from people you don't live with.

Sunshine Coast Council's lifeguard services will be keeping a watchful eye on 20 areas across the coast, from Golden Beach in the south to Coolum Beach in the north.

Surf Life Saving Queensland regional operations manager Aaron Purchase said local residents and visitors could be assured some of the best

lifeguards in the country would be keeping a watchful eye on swimmers between the red and yellow flags this summer.

"Having dedicated lifeguards gives residents and holiday-makers peace of mind," Mr Purchase said.

"Our professional lifeguards and volunteer lifesavers provide an exceptional service across our beaches but it's really important that beachgoers help us out during peak season by making the effort to find the nearest flagged area when they are wanting to go for a swim.

"Remember to always swim between the red and yellow flags and to check beach conditions before swimming."

Be sure to learn beach safety

rules regarding rips, stingers and sun safety and for detailed patrol times and locations please visit the Beach Safe website.

Queensland Police Service Superintendent Craig Hawkins said as a community, a state and a nation, we had all done incredibly well coping and responding to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This summer will be another challenge for council, police, our health service and lifesavers so it would be terrific if everyone, visitors and locals, continued to do their bit to respect the COVID-19 safety rules and look out for each other," Supt Hawkins said.

"Above all, be patient and be kind."

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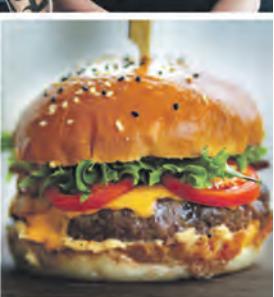
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A look back in time

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

COOLUM'S MOST IMPORTANT DAY?



Muriel Broe [later Dr Pawlick], Hilda Tait and Gladys Low slide down 'Toboggan Hill' in 1922. Photo: Windolf collection

MOST Coolum people would be guilty – at some time – of commenting “Coolum’s not like it used to be”, particularly when considering the current housing situation. Perhaps the most important day in the historical development of Coolum housing occurred on Boxing Day 1922, 98 years ago, changing the area from isolated farming hamlet to holiday destination, and a home for many.

Newspapers far and wide trumpeted the glories of “Mt. Coolum Beach” ... not the Mount Coolum area we know today, but 100 or so allotments, “all with an uninterrupted view of the Pacific Ocean”, running

south along The Esplanade to Point Perry, and inland as far as Coolum Terrace. The advertisement declared that the area possessed “attractions far beyond any other seaside in South Queensland” with a, “superb and absolutely safe beach for Surfing”. Other attractions included sporting activities such as fishing; seasonal shooting of ducks, quail and snipe; and a hard and level Beach Racecourse, “where later on all the motor speedsters will score in a straight 5 to 10 miles run at 80 to 100 m.p.h.”

The hill just to the south of Beach Road [still known to some locals as “Toboggan Hill”] was described as “the

thrilling natural toboggan ... to be reserved for the Residents’ and other attractions included “mountaineering on Mount Coolum, where the view from the summit is entrancing” and “Scrub Hunting for orchids and ferns in the gorge and in the dense tropical scrubs.”

Other delights promised “Ladies and Gent’s bathing sheds and lavatories, Maypole and Swings already erected and handed over to the local Shire Council” and “Golf Links already laid out, and now playable” [although no-one ever seems to have sighted these wonders!] as well as “Cricket, Football and Tennis facilities etc. etc.”

An article in the Nambour Chronicle told prospective buyers that “The new road from Yandina has been completed and is now accessible by motor car from Nambour [70 minutes] or from Yandina [40 minutes], and, in addition ... arrangements have been made with the Moreton Sugar Mill for the early use of their tramway now under construction, which will allow the journey to be made easily within 30 minutes from Nambour”. The article continued, “Anticipating a large number of visitors and campers ... the Maroochy Co-Op Store has opened a branch upon the Estate.” This was the first shop in Coolum.

Most campers hired tents on site, and today’s residents will be happy to know that they were advised that, “there will be no necessity to bring mosquito nets as sandflies and mosquitoes are unknown on the estate”

My next article will provide details of this all-important sale, including prices of the allotments!

Don't shop adopt!

JULIE PENLINGTON
4 PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE



Russell is an eight year old male cat looking for his forever home. Photo: Contributed

RUSSELL is an eight year old male cat and this poor boy has been through a few homes through no fault of his own. One of Russell's previous owners had passed away and another taken to hospital seriously ill. This boy needs a forever home - he has been through enough sadness. He likes to be an only cat but loves people and he would make a great companion and has a special affinity for males. Please call 04002513996 or 0411144689 if you can give him a home.

Storms and pets

We have had some fierce storms this past week and

we have had calls for many lost pets. Often times a good Samaritan finds the pet and there is no identifying tags on the animal. Make sure your pets details are up to date on their micro-chips and that name and council registration tags are always on and up to date.

We had an instance this week where a lady's dog had gone missing - she had thought the dog had a micro-chip and that all details were up to date. There was no chip to be found and this is not a common thing but we have come across it several times occasionally. Sometimes in a longer haired dog the chip may not go in and get caught in the

fur. It is a good idea to get your dog scanned at your vet for confirmation and then contact the company to update your details. Your vet can tell which company it is registered with. If you are at work and have a storm nervous pet, give a key to a family friend or neighbour to put them inside with the radio. Also look at ‘thunder shirts’ - another very helpful product to help curb anxiety in dogs.

Hot weather

Summer is fraught with danger for our pets; we need to keep our pets safe in the heat. Despite the warnings, every year, pets die after their owners leave them in a parked car that overheats. Within just a few minutes, a car can get extremely hot, and deadly. Avoid walking your dog in the heat - aim for mornings or evenings, even in the coolest part of the day watch for signs of trouble. When walking put your open palm down on the ground if it is hot for you it is hot for them. Glassy eyes and frantic panting indicate a dog that needs help. Get to a vet immediately if you see these symptoms.

Give your pets plenty of shade and water, if you are away for a few hours add some ice cubes to the water bowl to keep the water cool. A kiddies clam shell filled with water are great for a doggy cool down but only use them when you are at home and especially so with a small dog. By being proactive we can all keep our pets cool and safe during this hot weather.

Community news

MEALS ON WHEELS

ROSTER

Monday, December 28

Kitchen: L Ellis, S Foote, L Humphries, G Svokos and G Hatten

Run 1: T and J Martin

Run 2: R Burnie and E Rohweder

Run 3: K and J Pontin

Run 4: L Jones and J Billing

Run 5: T Moore and S Murray

Wednesday, December 30

Kitchen: G Watt, S Werner, D Burgess and J Burgess

Run 1: R and D Dawson

Run 2: B Stevens and L Taylor

Run 3: D Boneham and F Beutel

Run 4: J Winters and B

Jelfs

Run 5: P Pashley and K Hodge

Thursday, December 31

Kitchen G Cocks, E Rohweder, M Rohweder and J Ivankovic

Run 2: D Ayshford and L Taylor

Run 3: C Mack and C Rapkin

Run 4: T Moore and A Gil-lard

Friday, January 1

Kitchen: G Svokos, E Rohweder, W Crook, and J Markham

Run 1: K and J Cross

Run 2: B and T Brady

Run 3: D Stone and J Wheeler

Run 4: J Bott and B Wickham

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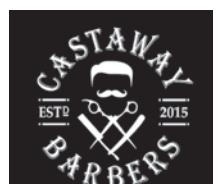


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JOY TO THE WORLD

WAKING up early last Sunday morning at Marooala with the golden rays of light just starting to touch the top of the trees and the twitter of birds, I felt all was well with the world. I remembered that today was the day I worried about yesterday.

Being on the doorstep of 2021 we should remember that the wise sages have said that we need to be flexible to overcome obstacles, to move with the flow of events and to let go.

The golden learnings of 2020 for many people have been the need to slow down and enjoy the present moment

and the beauty and peace within. As many people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas we might remember that he said, "Seek ye the kingdom of heaven within, and all else will be added unto you".

It is time to enjoy the wonderful Christmas carols like 'Joy to the World' lifting and opening the hearts of peoples and nature around the world.

We just have to look around us at the wonderful natural environment on the Sunshine Coast and appreciate the bush, mountains, beaches and ocean which sustain our health and wellbeing.

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A joyous outlook – Marooala Beach on sunrise.
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nature's bounty and need to maintain the external beauty as well by working to protect the natural environment. We want all generations to be able to enjoy clean water and air and feel that connection to nature. For many this may be just a brief interlude at a beach or bush holiday on the Sunshine Coast but they will become committed to its protection and nourished in their daily lives.

My New Year's resolution will be to try and live more naturally, helping to create harmony and peace in our world.

In 2021 there will be new dawns and opportunities, so let us celebrate the New Year and the bounty we have inherited on the coast.

I wish everyone a wonderful festive season and may 2021 bring you happiness, health and harmony. Joy to the world and peace be with you.

Cr Jason O'Pray

DIVISION 8 SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL



WITH THE New Year nearly upon us, I'd like to wish everyone a merry Christmas. May you get the chance to spend time with family and friends during the holidays.

Like this past year, 2021 will be different again for each of us because of COVID-19. Unfortunately the Mooloolaba and Coolum NYE free public events will not be going ahead this year. Hopefully the majority of interstate visitors continue as currently planned and if you have loved ones abroad, I hope they too can eventually visit and be coronavirus free.

During the summer 'silly'

season, I ask everyone across our region to be kind, considerate and allow a little more time to reach your destination, because keeping our community safe is everyone's responsibility.

Over the holiday period you can always visit council's website www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/summer for a one-stop shop for all the information you'll need to be prepared for a safe and enjoyable summer on our Sunshine Coast.

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We here at the Advertiser thought our days were numbered in March – papers just can not survive without advertising and with pretty much nothing to advertise, our bookings dried up – I even struggled at times to come up with news to fill

the paper which was not all doom and gloom! But, we survived and that is thanks to our wonderful community of supporters – readers, advertisers and our local politicians who rallied behind this little paper and as a result we hope to be here for another thirty years.

With the demise of our main competitor – community news has never been so valuable. It is reliable, it reflects the heart of the community and it is YOUR voice. The media can be a strange landscape, especially during these crazy times, however I believe that even little community newspapers such as the Advertiser can speak loudly and profoundly. Just as our front page story this week on Coolum State High School exemplifies – there is much to be proud of here

in Coolum and you can count on receiving that information from a reliable source such as this little paper.

With that, we hope you have a lovely Christmas and New Year holiday season. We are thinking of our tourism operators and families who have now been cruelly affected by the recent Sydney outbreak and we hope that those who can, support local as much as possible.

The Advertiser will be taking a two week break and will be back, better than ever on Thursday January 14. Until then, you can still keep in touch and up to date via our Facebook page and until then, be safe and kind.

*Vanessa & Michelle
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to the region still managed to enjoy themselves and we hope everyone visiting Coolum and the North Shore has a great time in our little piece of paradise. All photos: Travis Macfarlane



Sinead and Liam Walsh from Peregian at Tickle Park.



Sisters Taylor and Amelia Gatt from Childers.

Daniel and Demi Gogov from Brisbane enjoying the brief glimpse of sun on Monday.

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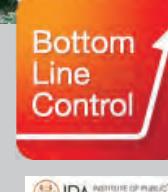


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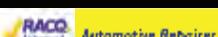


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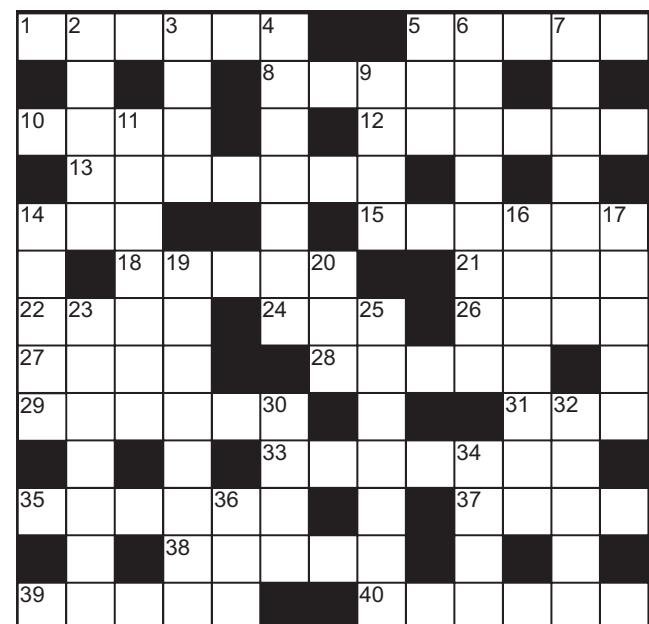
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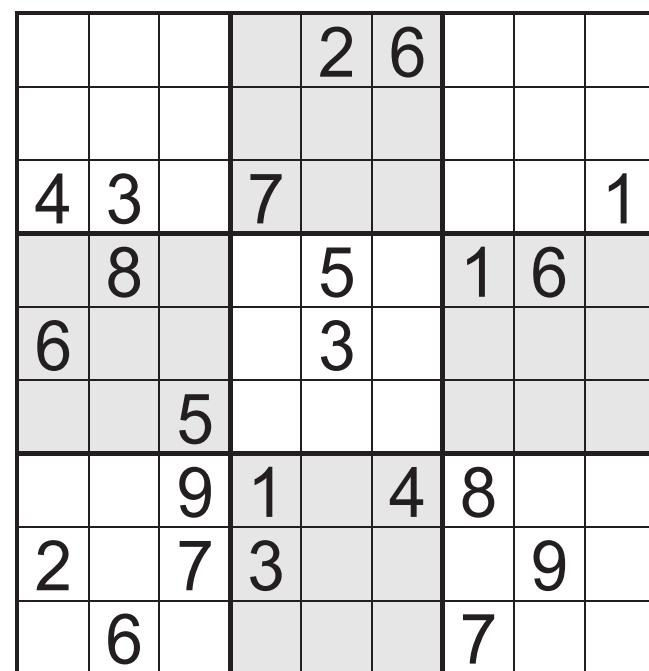
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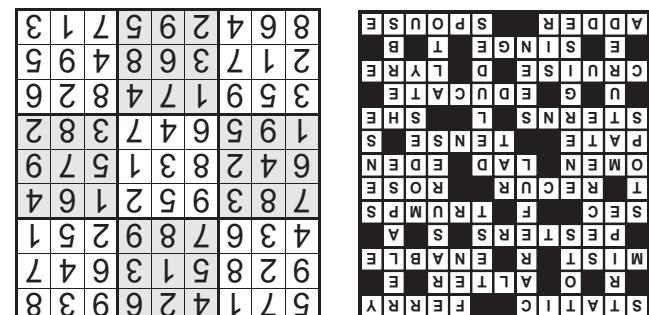


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IN THE past ten years there have been 35 drownings on Queensland beaches outside patrolled hours.

As the weather continues to warm up and beach visitation numbers increase, surf lifesavers are pleading with swimmers to stay out of the water outside patrol hours.

Lifesaving Services Manager Peta Lawlor urged beachgoers to put their safety first these holidays.

"If there is no one on duty and you do get into trouble, it may be some time before help is able to get to you," she said.

"Throughout the holiday period we have lifesavers on extended patrols from 7am to 6pm so there is plenty of time to go for a swim during those times.

"We want everyone to be able to enjoy the water and head home safely to their

friends and family."

During December 2019 and January 2020 lifesavers responded to eight calls afterhours across South East Queensland beaches.

Ms Lawlor said that an elite group of volunteer lifesavers are on standby, ready to respond at all times.

"Our emergency response group members undergo extensive training and are on standby to respond to after-

hours callouts," she said.

"They can respond to a variety of jobs including swimmers in distress, searches and capsized boats.

"Majority of their taskings are at night which makes it incredibly difficult given the limited visibility."

"She'll be right, won't save your life." Be a legend not a hero this summer by swimming between the red and yellow flags.

BE SUN SAFE THIS SUMMER

SURF Life Saving Queensland, in conjunction with their partner Queensland Health, are reminding beach goers to slip, slop, slap, seek and slide every time they hit the beach this summer, especially if they have young children in tow.

This advice follows the release of alarming statistics which found that of children who were sunburnt in the past 12 months, 69 per cent were most recently sunburnt during a water-based activity.

The research also found that frequent sunscreen use

while outdoors in the summer months was only reported for 64.3 per cent of children. This was higher among younger children (5-7 years) than older children (16-17 years).

Frequent use of sun appropriate clothing while outdoors in the summer was only reported for 48.5 per cent in children aged 5-7 years.

SLSQ's Community Awareness Manager Helen Hallett said as a community we need to be reminded to look after our skin.



PROTECT YOURSELF IN FIVE WAYS FROM SKIN CANCER

"We all love a day at the beach but our Queensland sun can be unforgiving on our skin," she said.

"Being sun safe at the beach is more than just slopping on some sunscreen. Our advice is to wear hats, sun shirts or rashies in the water, seek shade by bringing an umbrella to the beach and

protect your eyes by wearing sunglasses.

"We must pass on good habits now to the next generation, so it becomes second nature for them when they visit the beach."

SLSQ reminds everyone to maintain 1.5 metres social distancing when visiting the beach this summer.

TIDE TIMES 2020

Coolum & Maroochy River

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach

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FRI 25th Dec				
	1.47m	0.73m	1.33m	0.39m
Coolum	5:10am	11:13am	4:50pm	11:13pm
Maroochy River	12:59am	6:45am	1:40pm	6:25pm
SAT 26th Dec				
	1.59m	0.67m	1.31m	0.34m
Coolum	5:52am	12:06pm	5:36pm	11:51pm
Maroochy River	1:40am	7:27am	2:33pm	7:11pm
SUN 27th Dec				
	1.69m	0.61m	1.30m	
Coolum	6:30am	12:52pm	6:19pm	
Maroochy River	2:18am	8:05am	3:19pm	7:54pm

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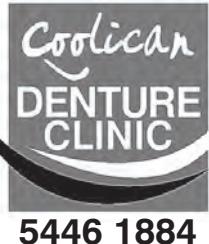
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