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THANKS FROM COAST CARE FOR RECORD SALES OF CALENDAR



Coolum and North Shore Coast Care (CNSCC) recently announced record sales of their 2021 Sunshine Coast nature calendar, which went on sale late last year. Calendar committee chair Lutz Kramer stated that the local environmental advocacy group were ever so grateful for the support. "Coolum Community Native Nursery, Wagtail Coffee and Mitre 10 were our top sales supporters and we have sold the highest number of calendars this year, since we started nine years ago." The calendar is the main fundraiser for CNSCC and is made up of photos donated by local residents featuring local nature photography such as landscapes and animals. The 2022 calendar will be celebrating 10 years and an invitation for submissions will commence later this month. Pictured celebrating their record sales is committee members Carly Wallwork, Lutz H Kramer, Birte Spencer, Primrose Gamble and Karen Sell at Point Arkwright - one of the best vantages to take nature inspired photographs in the local region. Photo: Contributed

Visit Sunny Coast tourism campaigns helps local regions recover from COVID

THE PEAK Tourism body 'Visit Sunshine Coast' (VSC) has identified eight unique sub regions on the coast and has now launched specific tourism promotions through Visit Sunshine Coast's COVID19 Response Marketing Program for each of the regions.

The eight sub-regions include Caloundra, Kawana, Mooloolaba, Maroochydore, Hinterland, Nambour, Coolum and Eumundi.

The program was created by VSC to fast-track the recovery of over 1700 grassroots tourism businesses after the devastating impact of COVID-19 and to complement VSC's high-level national and state-wide promotional strategy.

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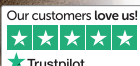
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sultation, each sub-region developed campaigns to suit the specific needs of their tourism operators. VSC supported the creative development, media placement and management of the campaigns which included radio, print, online, digital and social media.

Campaigns such as Caloundra and Kawana's joint initiative called 'Too Easy' focused on the area's laidback tourism environment and superb beaches, while Nambour developed content featuring their 'hidden gems', and Eumundi used the funding to highlight that its attractions went far beyond the renowned Eumundi Markets.

Mooloolaba directed its resources into a digital campaign targeting the drive market to promote their tag 'stay, taste, play and shop' to increase visitation to the Dis-

cover Mooloolaba website. Maroochydore created fresh videos called 'Maroochy. For All', that encompassed the surrounding pockets of Alexandra Headland, Cotton Tree, Twin Waters, Bli Bli and Buderim.

Visit Sunshine Coast CEO, Matt Stoeckel, said the sub-regional campaigns, which highlighted the breadth and depth of experiences across the destinations, could not have come at a better time.

"The campaigns undertaken across the sub-regions mostly targeted our drive market and complemented broader activities aimed at boosting our intrastate market to buffer the impact of COVID19 on the broader destination."

President of Coolum Business and Tourism, Mark Cameron, said the program helped bring some new initiatives to life.

"Our team has come up with some very exciting activities including new discovery

trails and destination videos, and with a major refresh of our website and digital marketing channels.

"We are in a far better position to engage with potential target markets," added Mr Cameron.

Hinterland Tourism President, Kerry Brown, welcomed the sub-regional program, which enabled the Hinterland to develop a new campaign to promote their unique attractions.

"Hinterland Tourism has a very strong social media following and through the sub-regional program we are now able to build on this success," said Ms Brown.

"Our Sunshine Coast Hinterland 'Unique In Every Sense' campaign will promote our four major pillars of stay, taste, events and experiences.

"This support makes this initiative possible and will be very valuable in helping Hinterland operators recover in the year ahead."

Letters to the editor

OLYMPIC BID

Dear editor,
Eleven years away and who pays the bill? Our present pandemic economic crisis puts things in perspective. The cost of the required infrastructure is a bridge too far, in our 2021 economic climate.

History has taught us that it's the taxpayer who pays for the shortfall. Our present premier and lord mayors' bidding for the 2032 Games, cannot guarantee the burden of costs won't be their legacy. They will be retired with healthy superannuation and benefits.

The Gold Coast again wants the glory, even after the 2000 Games. S.E. Queensland requires world class infrastructure investment, which doesn't presently exist. We don't need new taxes to pay for Qld's pipe-dream vision, from which regional Qld will not benefit.

"Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." A referendum or survey for Queenslanders who will pay the

burden of costs, is a fair and ethical way to test the interest. It should not be the privilege of a few ambitious bureaucrats.

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

BILOELA FAMILY

Dear editor,
Thankfully, the \$3.5 million spent per year is keeping us and our borders safe from the Biloela Four - Mother, Father and their two pre-school girls locked away on Christmas Island for nearly three years now - \$10.5 million so far. How good's that? Thoughts and praise!

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

NINDERRY MP

Dear editor,
I send this as an open letter to Mr Dan Purdie.

Thank you for the update and for your continued efforts for our community.

Allow me to comment on a couple of points.

*Pedestrian refuge on Yandi-

na Coolum Road
You must be joking or intent on squandering taxpayers' funds or we have different perspectives on "pedestrian refuge".

For \$440'000 you can buy a house and land package on the sunshine coast. You could also build a pedestrian bridge with steps and ramps. So, please explain, what kind of "refuge" you would deliver and how it will eliminate the traffic jams at school times?

*Youth crime
Being "very vocal" is not changing anything! Whatever action has been implemented is failing spectacularly.

Where are the parents? They should be responsible for the criminals they spawned. Judges are weak, blind and indulgent. Prisons are universities of crime.

Youth offenders should be sent out west to work on farms for jaw wages with no access to WIFI - IE, to teach them what "work" means and help the farmers at the same time.

Joe Konrad,
Peregian.

YAROOMBA

Dear editor,
The previous weeks "Yaroomba Revelations" brings up again and again why the councillors changed the vote from REFUSAL of Sekisui's disastrous development to APPROVING the development, which is well outside the existing town plan

Why did the vote change?
It's difficult to imagine that any new circumstances suddenly came to light.

So what pressure /information that came to be changed the councillor's vote?

I am totally in agreement that an independent inquiry should be established to ascertain why and how the vote was changed.

Simon Williams,
Coolum Beach.

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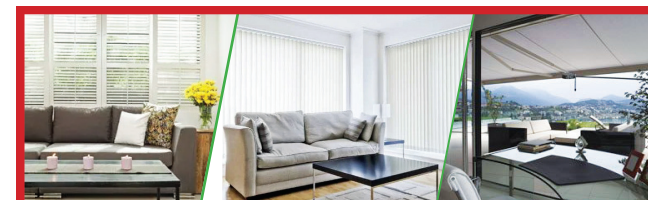


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SE QLD Olympic Games almost game on for 2032

SUNSHINE Coast Council Mayor Mark Jamieson – who has played a leading role in advancing the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games candidature since the idea was first mooted by the Council of Mayors South East Queensland nearly six years ago – is delighted with the recent announcement by the International Olympic Committee of the preferred host for the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Mayor Jamieson – who on April 30, 2015 along with then Lord Mayor Graham Quirk were the first government representatives to meet with IOC President Thomas Bach to discuss the potential

to host the games in south east Queensland – said it had been a rollercoaster journey to get to this point, but we are not over the line yet.

“When IOC President Bach and Australian Olympic Committee President John Coates met with Graham Quirk and myself as the delegates of the Council of Mayors (SEQ) in Sydney on April 30, 2015, he was incredibly impressed with the SEQ story and the power of Mayors and councils working together for the advancement of their communities,” Mayor Jamieson said.

“Bringing the Federal and State Governments to the table in 2019 has only served to add to our momentum and the in-

herent value of what can be realised when the three tiers of government work together productively is what has helped achieve the milestone we have reached today.

“As we now push our way through the economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, the potential to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games can become a powerful tool in south east Queensland’s economic resurgence and deliver an incredible boost to our tourism industry when it needs it the most - along with many other industries that will be important contributors to the Games supply chain,” Mayor Jamieson said.

LAUGHS AND FUNDRAISING BEFORE FINAL COURT BATTLE



Smiles all round at the recent trivia night fundraiser for the Save Yaroomba Supreme Court case Appeal. Photo: Contributed

THE LAST fundraiser before the Save Yaroomba campaign heads to the Supreme Court was a sellout on Saturday night with some 80 people testing their local knowledge against each other in a Trivia Night at the Yaroomba Meeting Place with over \$4,000 raised for legal expenses.

People from different community groups including Development Watch and Coolum and North Shore Coast Care rallied together with residents both local and from the wider community including Maroochydore and Caloundra for the fun night.

Organisers said there was great support through purchases of dinners and drinks, sweets, raffles and a silent art auction. Participant Brian

Anker said it was fun to meet old and new friends as well as learn some new things about Yaroomba.

“I had forgotten that it used to be called Coronation Beach and that Warran Road used to be called Coronation Road,” Brian said.

“This event shows what a great community we have, and thanks to all the volunteer ‘angels’ on the night who always go above and beyond.”

Save Yaroomba spokesperson, Kathryn Hyman, said huge congratulations must go to the entire volunteer team and the community.

“In collaboration, over half a million dollars has been raised from 2019 until now to fight this important case.

“That’s a hugely significant effort and winning will be a

win for communities everywhere as this decision will become a precedent in case law and at its core, this is a fight to defend the supremacy of the planning scheme which cost ratepayers \$15 million and should hold all of us accountable, including influential developers,” Ms Hyman stated.

“There is a proper process for amending the planning scheme, and that process has not been followed at Yaroomba.”

While the Appeal is expected to be heard on March 10, it could be several months before a decision is reached. Contributions towards legal fees are still needed. Internet search Go Fund Me Yaroomba if you would like to make a donation.



THE recent Australia Day charity cricket match had one rather big raffle item on offer – a signed Julian Wilson surfboard which was won by Ash Lucas – head chef from Crackerjacks Kitchen at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club. Ash was also a member of the winning ‘Bowlo’ side who took down the Coolum Hotel side on Australia Day – all in an

aid of raising funds for both the Coolum Junior Football Club and Coolum HeARTs. Ash was lucky to have Julian and his whole family come in for dinner recently with the surfing legend pictured with his Dad able to see where his board now takes pride of place in the ‘bowlo’.

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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HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COAST PARKS

SUNSHINE Coast Council is asking the community to review the new Draft Recreation Parks Plan and provide feedback on the future of the region's parks.

Whether you're picnicking with friends, exploring playgrounds with little ones, connecting with nature, improving your fitness or celebrating a special occasion – our Sunshine Coast parks offer many different opportunities for everyone.

Mayor Mark Jamieson said the plan was created to outline the strategic direction for recreation parks across the region.

"Now we need our community's help to ensure it reflects what you expect of your parks on the Sunshine Coast," Mayor

Jamieson said.

"This plan will be a tool that supports council's commitment to preserving spaces and parks that enhance the natural character of the Sunshine Coast's environment.

"For many of us, our experiences of lockdown during the COVID-19 pandemic has made us appreciate how wonderful it is to get outside and explore what our parks have to offer – so don't miss the opportunity to help shape the future of our parks."

Environment and Liveability Portfolio Councillor Maria Suarez said recreation parks were at the heart of the Sunshine Coast's diverse landscape and lifestyle.

"Our parks provide us with

space for social, recreational and cultural activities - connecting us with nature and providing a huge variety of opportunities to enjoy," Cr Suarez said.

"The Recreation Parks Plan is one of many ways council is delivering on its Environment and Liveability Strategy (ELS), which provides long-term direction to guide growth and shape the future of our region.

"It will also assist policy makers and park planners within council and the development industry to design and deliver recreation parks that achieve council's strategic goals."

Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said the plan demonstrated council's inten-



Mayor Jamieson and Cr Suarez who are calling on Sunshine Coast residents to fill out the online survey in regards to the Draft Recreation Parks Plan which will shape the future green spaces and parks in the region. Photo: Contributed



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tion to enhance the variety of services that recreation parks provide for our Sunshine Coast communities.

"It's our diverse green spaces across our region, from the hinterland to the coast and everywhere in between which complement the character of the region," Cr Law said.

Sunshine Coast teen and environmental campaigner Ella Woodborne, who was recognised as the region's Young Citizen of the Year in 2020, called on local youth to make their voice heard.

"As a 17-year-old, I think it's so important our local government has great plans in place to guide what our parks will be like in the future," Ms Woodborne said.

"I'm asking other teens and young adults on the Sunshine Coast to check out this new plan, fill out the survey and take this opportunity to tell council what you really think."

"In my own school I've been a passionate ambassador for our environment and our parks provide much needed green spaces throughout our

towns."

Visit council's 'have your say' website haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au by 5pm Tuesday, 6 April 2021.

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Dogs to be let out at new Bli Bli exercise area

A NEW fenced dog off-leash area will soon be installed at Muller Park, Bli Bli. Located along Maroochy River, the 3.6-hectare Sunshine Coast Council district park is increasingly popular and much loved by the Sunshine Coast community.

Growing demand resulted in council undertaking community consultation to better understand how to make the park accessible, user-friendly and safer, for all users.

The inclusion of a fenced dog off-leash area follows a community consultation process which resulted in 204 surveys completed and a community meeting to hear from a further 40 community members sharing their valuable local knowledge, thoughts and ideas.

The dog off-leash area will be installed at the northern end of the park and will include seating, rubbish bin, water tap and shade trees.

Sunshine Coast divisional councillor Maria Suarez said community feedback

received in October 2019 indicated that the majority of the surrounding community supported the introduction of a fenced dog off-leash area and support for dogs to be allowed off-leash within the wider park after 4pm and before 8am.

“Providing limited off-leash hours in the entire park follows community feedback, which indicated early mornings and late evenings were the peak times locals enjoyed walking their dogs in Muller Park.

“Dog walkers will still have 24-hour access to exercise their dog off-leash at Muller Park by using the new 2500 square metre fenced section,” Cr Suarez said.

“It’s really important that we meet the increasing demand for dog owners to have a safe and enjoyable place where they can exercise their dogs, and equally that we cater to those community members who would like to visit the park when dogs aren’t running free.”

Muller Park and its surrounds is a culturally significant site for the Kabi Kabi First Nations peoples, who are the Traditional Custodians of the area. Muller Park was an important gathering space for Kabi Kabi peoples.

A fenced area will also be put in place to protect a shell midden mound and associated artefacts at the park. Interpretive signage about Kabi Kabi peoples’ connections to the site and the shell midden is also planned.

Work on the fenced areas will start in late February and wrap up in April, weather and site conditions permitting.

Visit council’s interactive map to locate dog off-leash, on-leash and prohibited areas when you’re out and about across the Sunshine Coast region at - <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Animals-and-Pets/Dog-Parks-and-Off-Leash-Areas>

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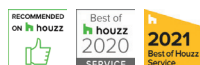
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Have your say on animal management

For many people, pets are a part of the family, however some people prefer to enjoy places that are pet free. This is why Council is inviting everyone to have their say on the new draft Domestic Animal Management Plan for cats and dogs. Visit the 'Have Your Say' page on Council's website for details.

Join us at Fridays@Bankfoot House

Fancy knowing how to make jams and preserves? Join a FREE hands-on workshop on 9 April with Martin Duncan, the Sunshine Coast Foodie, at the heritage listed Bankfoot House in the stunning Glass House Mountains. Founded in 1868, enjoy a guided tour of the house and discover some old-fashioned recipes from the Bankfoot collection. To book, visit heritage.sunshinecoast.gov.au.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online – Thursday, 25 March at 9am.

Major \$30,000 Coast art prize opens

Entries for the prestigious Sunshine Coast Art Prize are now open. This dynamic visual arts award reflects outstanding contemporary 2D arts practice in Australia and has a prize pool of more than \$30,000 including a major cash prize of \$25,000. Entries close 10 May with finalists announced in June. For more information, visit gallery.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

New Planning Scheme taking shape

In partnership with our community, Council will spend the next few years developing a new planning scheme, which will shape land use and development across our region. Our next steps in a long process will require input from across the organisation, external stakeholders and our community. If you would like to learn more about the planning scheme development process, visit Council's website and register to receive project updates and information about future community consultation activities.

Experience local artists work on exhibit

Don't miss the Local Artists – Local Content Art Prize Exhibition at the Caloundra Regional Gallery from 19 March to 2 May. The exhibition celebrates the depth and breadth of visual arts practice from across the region, with 40 finalist artworks, coming together in an exhibition which embodies the stunning Sunshine Coast. While you're there pick up a homemade gift at the gallery shop or take home an exhibition art bag for the kids. For details, visit Council's gallery website.

Mass transit options on the horizon

We're planning for an improved public transport system that will connect our communities. You will soon have a chance to provide feedback on the proposed options. Visit Council's website and sign up today to receive project updates and be the first to have your say when consultation begins.

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Kitchen: Y Webster, L Humphries, G Svokos, S Werner and L Ellis
Run 1: B Stevens and F Beutel
Run 2: J and J Beath
Run 3: R and C Cullen
Run 4: L Jones and T Moore
Run 5: R Burnie and L Farrah
Wednesday March 10
Kitchen: G Watt, J Martin, J Burgess and D Burgess
Run 1: D Stone and L Taylor
Run 2: C Wade and B Jelfs
Run 3: L Morgan and J Webb
Run 4: D Boneham and F Beutel
Run 5: L Farrah and K Hodge
Thursday March 11
Kitchen: G Cocks, J Hughes, L Humphries and J Ivankovic
Run 2: J and K Cross
Run 3: T Moore and A Gillard
Run 4: D Ayshford and K Berry
Friday March 12
Kitchen: W Crook, G Svokos, J Markham, and L Holland
Run 1: T Moore and A Gillard
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This month Chew & Chat will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday 16th March, 10.30am at the Uniting Church Hall in Elizabeth Street, Coolum. Come dressed in green for an hour of Irish songs and jokes among other

entertainment, followed by lunch at the Bowls Club for those who wish to join the Good Friends Chorale, we would love to see you there.

COOLUM AND DISTRICT RED CROSS BRANCH NEWS

Meeting Wednesday 10th March 10:15 am @ Coolum Surf Lifesaving Club. Come and join us for coffee and find out what we do. Next fundraiser: a stall with raffle at Woolworths, Coolum, on Saturday 13th and 20th March. Ring Leonie on 0411 248 505 for more details.

COOLUM CRAFT GROUP

If you enjoy craft and good company join the Coolum Craft Group. We meet every Tuesday, in the Salvation Army Hall, Greenoaks Drive, Coolum. 2pm until 4pm.

A variety of crafts are on offer and our friendly participants are always ready to lend a hand or maybe you have a craft you could teach the rest of the group. New members welcome and for \$3 you will receive tea/coffee and cake/biscuit as well as a fun few hours. For more information, please contact Isabel 5446 2317 or Yvonne on 0402 105 864.

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COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Coolum Beach Combined Probus Club is for retired and semi-retired people looking for fun friendship and fellowship.

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the Coolum Peregian RSL, 1906 David Low Way Coolum Beach. We have a guest speaker each month, organised lunches, bus or car trips. On conclusion of our Tuesday meeting lunch is at the Coolum Beach Hotel for those interested @ own expense. Our next meeting is Tuesday 2nd of March @ 9.15 a.m. sharp. Visitors are welcome. For more information phone: Keith 0416 275 590 or Faye 0419 644 651

QUOTA CLUB OF COOLUM BEACH

Quota Club of Coolum Beach have a business meeting at 2 pm at the Lion's Den, 14 Russell St, Coolum Beach on the third Tuesday of the month. The club have been active in the local community for 29 years raising money to support women, children, and the disadvantaged. We are looking forward to working and socialising in 2021. If you would like to join a group of motivated and dedicated women, we would love to hear from you. For information contact Sandra Verrall on 0457 355 734 or secretary@quotacoolum.com.au

ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES (AIR) Noosa Branch

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CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING GROUP

A meeting of like-minded people sharing: Introductory reading, centering prayer - 20 mins quiet time, discussion followed by tea/coffee/chat. Mudjimba Community Hall, 41 Cottonwood St, Mudjimba. Wed afternoons 1pm - 2.30. Cost is a gold coin to cover the cost of the hall. Contact Barb Holden ph. 0476 528 992 barbaraholden1952@gmail.com

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ROAD SAFETY FUNDING
ONE of my top priorities continues to be delivering safer roads for our region and I am delighted to announce \$920,000 in Federal Government funding for two significant road safety projects in the Coolum/Peregian Springs area.

Coolum High School students will be safer thanks to new protective screens for the Havana Rd pedestrian overpass on the Sunshine Motorway and Coolum State School students will benefit from a new pedestrian refuge on Yandina-Coolum Rd.

While safety issues on state controlled roads is ultimately the responsibility of the Queensland Government, the Federal Government has provided funding for the fast roll

out of lifesaving road safety improvements on rural and regional roads across Australia, to give greater protection to vulnerable road users, such as cyclists and pedestrians.

The lion's share of funding is being provided by the Federal Government and is subject to the State Government providing the balance of the funding and delivering the projects by June 30, 2020 under a 'use it or lose it' provision.

The \$720,000 safety upgrade of the Havana Road pedestrian overpass will receive a \$570,000 Federal contribution, subject to a \$150,000 contribution from the State Government. Similarly, the \$440,000 pedestrian refuge on the Yandina-Coolum Rd, east

of School Rd, will receive a \$350,000 funding boost, subject to the Queensland Government contributing the \$90,000 funding balance.

I'm working with State MP Dan Purdie who's calling on the Queensland Government to act now to ensure we don't miss out on these funds.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Congratulations to St Andrew's Anglican College on the opening of their new sensory garden which was made possible thanks to a \$19,000 Federal Government grant.

The garden will provide a calm, natural space for students to learn via a hands-on approach to sustainable land care and food production and while I'm no green thumb, I was happy to attend the opening and see the students enjoying this vibrant new educational space.

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



AS YOU walk into Coolum State High School, you will see a large sign that says "2021, It's the Year!" There are so many reasons why it is the year but a major one is the sheer quality of student leaders that we have in the school this year.

Last week at Coolum High, our senior leaders were inducted and given their badges of office. School captains, Ethan Irvine and Charlotte Luck, are young people of the highest calibre, and I know they will do the school proud. The whole school community are raving

about them. When you meet young adults with manners, poise, intelligence and regard for the wellbeing of others, you just know you are seeing someone who will become successful in life.

Vice captains, Tom Oxley and Ziah Harvey, are the same. Their qualities can't be overstated. Added to that, this year's indigenous, music and sports captains, along with the chairs of our Student Council add a wonderful breadth of quality and personality to the school's student leadership group.

I have long thought that

everything good and bad in our world is the product of leadership. Leadership is hard; it takes courage and character, resilience, resourcefulness, inspiration and determination in large measure. For these students to commit themselves to growing as leaders shows the quality of them as young people. To earn the honour of leading their school, these students made speeches to their fellow students and to their teachers and were voted on by both groups, before undergoing a rigorous interview process - now that takes courage. With students like these taking up the reins, I know that in 2021, at Coolum High, it will be a great year!

Observations

TONY GIBSON
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OLYMPIC DREAMS
LIKE MANY others I enjoy regularly swimming in the Coolum Pool and have moved from competitive swimming to being a lap swimmer as part of a fitness program. The pool facilities are in high demand with surprisingly many schools not having a pool. The public pools at Cotton Tree and Nambour are in high demand being the closest other public pools. By having facilities like the public Coolum Pool and the private St Andrews College pool, we can aspire to be Olympic champions.

To fulfil the dreams of excellence in sport it is necessary to have world-class facilities and the investment in sporting and recreation infrastructure available. It appears the priority will increase with the potential for a 2032 Olympic Games in South East Queensland.

With people wanting to move from capital cities to the regions without COVID, the pressure put on transport, affordable housing, the natural environment and sporting and recreation facilities continues to grow.

I have looked at research on the advantages and disadvantages of holding the Olympic Games around the world. With the plan to use existing facilities, investment in social housing, national parks, sport and recreation and development of rapid

transport infrastructure - these key items should be a long term benefit.

The further investment in sports science and centres of excellence for sports like cycling, swimming, triathlons, surfing or kite surfing will be required for the Sunshine Coast to be able to participate as a South East Queensland Olympic Games partner. Some long-term jobs in sport and leisure as well as the tourism industry should

flow from this event.

People have moved to the Sunshine Coast for lifestyle, health and wellbeing and a clean and green natural environment benefits. The greater ability to work from home has meant many jobs can be undertaken while residing on the Sunshine Coast rather than a capital city to enjoy these benefits.

There is a need to ensure we have diversity and equality for people and wildlife having a place to call home as well as letting us aspire to win an Olympic medal. We need nature and community connected and sustained for this to work.



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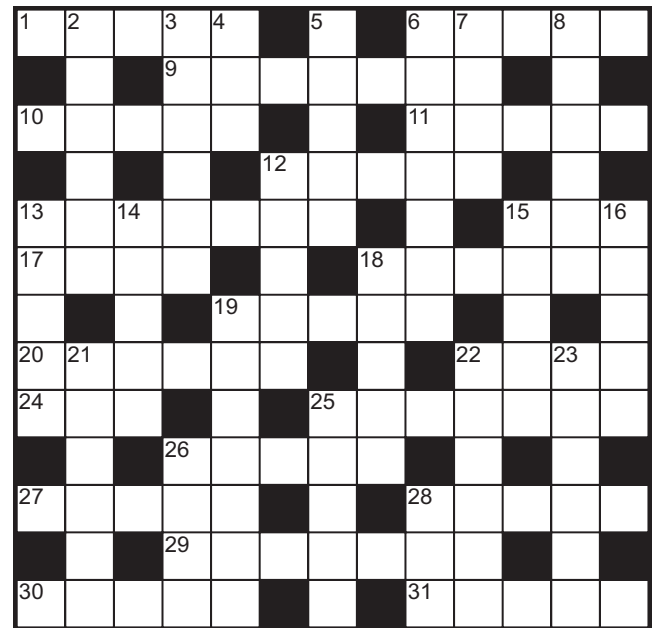
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| 9 Irreligious (7) | 4 Attempt (3) |
| 10 Wander off (5) | 5 Bid (5) |
| 11 Unspoken (5) | 6 Meantime (7) |
| 12 Surface slant (5) | 7 Actual (4) |
| 13 Bunch (7) | 8 Three-legged stand (6) |
| 15 School of whales (3) | 12 Commenced (5) |
| 17 This place (4) | 13 Voucher (5) |
| 18 Apportion (6) | 14 Pressed by persuasion (5) |
| 19 Muslim women's quarters (5) | 15 Aircraft controller (5) |
| 20 Shaft-sinking tool (6) | 16 Exploits (5) |
| 22 Narrated (4) | 18 Postpone (5) |
| 24 Unhappy (3) | 19 Native environment (7) |
| 25 Repeats from memory (7) | 21 Gorge (6) |
| 26 Snake (5) | 22 Long angry speech (6) |
| 27 Prejudiced person (5) | 23 One versed in law (6) |
| 28 Fanatical (5) | 25 Allude (5) |
| 29 Faltered (7) | 26 Solemn promises (4) |
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COOLUM DARTS WRAP



Dave Bevan (left) who was runner up at the recent Wednesday night darts comp at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club with winner Jon Evans. Photo: Contributed

LAST week February 24 was won by Jon Evans, with Dave Bevan, (AKA Frog), as runner up.

A high score of 140 went to Dave Bevan and the highest peg out (3 darts finish with a double), of 105 went to Dave Williams.

Next weeks darts will be back inside the club in the

main bar area.

Social Darts is handicapped and based on players skills and wins and is held each Wednesday night at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club from 6.30pm and new players are always welcome.

For more info on darts at the Bowlo: contact Jon Evans on 0415 339 038

COOLUM CRICKET - SHARKS STORM INTO FINALS

COOLUM Sharks third team booked a spot in the finals thanks largely to a five-wicket haul from Craig Storm - his third of the season. Caboolture were comprehensively beaten by an innings and 44 runs.

It was a great team performance. Paul Macnamara with yet another

half century (his seventh of the season) and Andrew Ottoway 77 scored most of the runs. Sharks captain Glenn Weir took four wickets in Caboolture's second innings which took his tally to 32 for the season.

Sharks will play USC next weekend for a place in the Grand Final.

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THE COOLUM WEDGE BODYSURFING EVENT



The Coolum 79ers will be hosting the Coolum Wedge Bodysurfing event on Saturday March 20 and are hoping to inspire more people to either renew or get into bodysurfing. Photo: Contributed

COOLUM is home to a passionate bunch of morning bodysurfers who go by the name of the '79ers' who every morning rain, hail or shine meet at Coolum Beach - at 7am in summer and 9am in winter to swim and bodysurf the morning away and they are opening up their beach to other like minded

bodysurfers this March 20 with the inaugural 'Coolum Wedge Bodysurfing Event'. Coolum has an extraordinarily long history of bodysurfing and it has been an integral part of Coolum's culture and identity and for over 40 years and Coolum has been home to the 79ers - a disparate group of local,

amped-up, stoke-addicted bodysurfers ranging in age from teens to octogenarians. The 79ers revel in the camaraderie and laughs, which they share amongst the waves. Bodysurfing has a strong communal identity which is reflected in the competition's moniker "Where the tribes

come together", encouraging a gathering of the fraternity, a sharing of stories and a weekend filled as much with friends as with friendly competition.

Instigated by a passionate desire to share their own enthusiasm, it aims at bringing together all national body surfing tribes, encouraging universal participation and, in true Aussie spirit, giving everyone a fair go.

The competition itself will be the most inclusive of its kind, with five categories - Juniors, Mermaids, Open, Masters and Tribal Elders. To encourage all-ages participation, bonus points will be awarded on an age basis to the juniors and the Tribal Elders. The contest already has 70 nominations which includes a significant number of interstate competitors, and some of the world's best body surfers.

Most people have experienced the joy of bodysurfing in their life and this contest will hopefully act as a springboard for people to get back into that stoke and join other like-minded 'whompers'. It is hoped that the contest will encourage people to make bodysurfing a part of their lives again and maybe even join the 79ers for their morning jaunts.

For more information and to register please visit - <https://www.garage-handplanes.com.au/pages/the-coolum-wedge>



BOWLS SCORES Great 8 Round 4 Results:

Men
• Division 1 Green defeated Bribie Island 7 to 3
• Division 1 Red lost to Bribie Island 7 to 3

- Division 3 Orange defeated Gympie 7 to 3
- Division 3 Maroon lost to Mooloolaba 7 to 3
- Division 5 Orange lost to Club Maroochy 7 to 3
- Division 5 White defeated Kawana 7 to 3

Ladies
• Division 1 Jade defeated Club Maroochy 5.5 to 4.5
• Division 3 Diamond defeated Buderim 10 to 0
Round 5 will see 4 teams play at home this Saturday March 6. Team Selections will be posted on our Facebook site.

Social Bowls

- Tuesday: First - Terri Spencer & Denise Fletcher, second - Bill Burkitt & Richard Klim, third - Sue Lubowicz & Margie Bartley, fourth - Royden Roberston & John Blacklock
- Thursday: first - Robyn Williamson & Graeme Bolden, second- Wendy Flanagan Dawn Rasby & Carol Belsham, third - Malcolm Thurston, Royden Robertson & Betty Biddle
- Friday: first - Bill Burkitt & Richard Klim, second - Alec Gallacher & Brian Smith, third - Peter Page & David

Wright, fourth - Max Wilson & Bob Kitcher
• Sunday: first - Jason McDowall, Luke Macrea, second - Sue Lubowicz, Gary Janeski

Men's Club Pairs Championships

• Quarter Final Winners: Wade Mutzelburg, Greg Dale, Ray Whittaker, Jason Thomas
• Ladies Club Singles Championships
Round 2 Winners: Jenny Beattie, Joan Shipstone, Heather Brown, Annie McGill, Kimberley Raine

TIDE TIMES 2021
Coolum & Maroochy River
Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach
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FRI
5th Mar

1.68m	067m	1.42m	0.47m	
Coolum	12:31am	6:51am	12:30pm	6:46pm
Maroochy River	2:06am	9:18am	2:05pm	9:13pm

SAT
6th Mar

1.65m	0.75m	1.26m	0.55m	
Coolum	1:48am	8:26am	1:42pm	7:53pm
Maroochy River	3:23am	10:53am	3:17pm	10:20pm

SUN
7th Mar

1.67m	0.74m	1.19m	0.57m	
Coolum	3:16am	10:04am	3:17pm	9:16pm
Maroochy River	4:51am	12:31pm	4:52pm	11:43pm

MON
8th Mar

1.74m	0.66m	1.22m	0.54m	
Coolum	4:32am	11:19am	4:44pm	10:41pm
Maroochy River	6:07am	1:46pm	6:19pm	

TUE
9th Mar

1.82m	0.56m	1.31m	0.46m	
Coolum	5:33am	12:12pm	5:46pm	11:45pm
Maroochy River	1:08am	7:08am	2:39pm	7:21pm

WED
10th Mar

1.88m	0.48m	1.41m		
Coolum	6:24am	12:54pm	6:35pm	
Maroochy River	2:12am	7:59am	3:21pm	8:10pm

THU
11th Mar

0.38m	1.92m	0.42m	1.50m	
Coolum	12:33am	7:06am	1:30pm	7:16pm
Maroochy River	3:00am	8:41am	3:57pm	8:51pm

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