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ISABELLA NICHOLS WINS MARGARET RIVER PRO

Congratulations to former Coolum State High School student Isabella Nichols on winning the Margaret River Pro last week. The win sees Isabella claim her first World Surf League (WSL) tour event win and the podium finish sees Isabella now ranked number five in the world- an outstanding result! Isabella is now the first female surfer from the Sunshine Coast to win a WSL event. Isabella who is 24 started surfing when she was just nine years old and has worked hard on the professional tour since winning the World Junior Championships in 2016. Read Coolum High Principal Troy Ascott's praise for Isabella on page 4. Photo: Matt Dunbar/World Surf League.

BARN'S LANE FARM DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

A SITE adjacent to the Sunshine Motorway, off Barns Lane in Coolum will become home to one of the largest tourism destinations on the Sunshine Coast, with Sunshine Coast Council giving development approval to the Barns Lane Farm just last week.

The parcel of land was originally proposed as the site for a major hardware retail shop, however this application was not given the go ahead on three separate occasions by council and was subsequently sold by the hardware giant.

A new development application was quickly proposed by a new developer and has been approved.

The agri-tourism venture will be set across 6.8 hectares and centre around a paddock-to-plate experience. It will showcase the region's 'best of everything' and connect locals and tourists with the hinterland. The 2,000 sqm Produce Hall will trade seven days a week and house over 50

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CLAYDEN POTTERS RAISING MONEY FOR CANCER COUNCIL

THE LOCAL arts group – Clayden Potters would like to invite the community to their Big Morning Tea Party at 14 Tradewinds Avenue, Coolum Beach. The local potters are hosting a fun morning starting at 9.30am on May 19, to raise funds for the Cancer Council. Their will be delicious homemade treats on offer within their idyllic setting for guests to enjoy. There will also be a big basket of local goodies worth \$400 to be raffled and of course there will be pottery on sale for those who wish to get in before the huge open day sale that is held each year in November. Everyone is welcome and any donations are appreciated. A big thank you to the local community to Dan Purdie for supplying the hamper to raffle.



Potters Kim and Andrea with their pottery, some of which will be available to purchase on the May 19 at the morning tea which will be raising money for cancer. The community is invited to come along to the 'Clayden' and purchase some items and enjoy morning tea. Photo: Contributed

Letters to the editor

BLI BLI ELDERLY

Dear editor,

Considering there are many aged care facilities and retirement villages in Bli Bli, why are the Bli Bli River Markets, including a medical practice, the post office, supermarket and smaller shops, inaccessible by public transport? Unless seniors have private trans-

port, the River Markets are not convenient.

Buses do not drive past these new River Market facilities. The new section, including the doctors' surgeries, are on a steep slope which is difficult for anyone to access. The elderly with walkers cannot hope to access this new section on foot. The only public trans-

port bus, the 612, travels only along the Nambour-Bli Bli Road from David Low Way past the Castle stop, straight through the round-about, missing the shopping centre and facilities completely. The pathway from the shops to the top road bus access, has been blocked by work on the new tavern.

The elderly have no access to these crucial amenities, apart from by car. Their only public transport option, is to travel by bus into Maroochydore or Nambour for services. The limited Bli Bli road infrastructure along with even more residential developments adding to road congestion, seriously impact upon lifestyle and stress for all residents.

The previous solution to the dilemma, was access by Translink bus 622, which travelled from Maroochydore along David Low Way, to the River Markets, then continued to the Airport, onto Coolum, Peregian Springs along David Low Way and onto Tewantin. This opened the access to River Markets and the Airport, for all Bli Bli residents.

Translink has discontinued this 622 run through Bli Bli. The new Bli Bli Tavern is precariously built on the Nambour-Bli Bli Road/ David Low Way corner, up the hill from the River Markets. There are no traffic lights or zebra crossings provided for safe crossing from the one 612

bus. The elderly have been totally forgotten in planning.

E. Rowe,
Maroooola.

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In my quest to learn more of what I perceive as the corrupt and fraudulent actions of

our current PM, I purchased at considerable expense The Jerilderie Letter, an expose of Australia's corrupt Prime Ministers...both Labor and Liberal. Quite sobering reading and more than a glass or two of the good grape is necessary to calm the reader when digesting much food for thought!

When another acquaintance has finished reading the book I will lend it to anyone who is interested in learning more about past and present occupants of the PM role. I offered donating it to our library, but they have declined. If Robyn Deane would be interested, it won't be available before May 21, but I would be glad to meet with another female who is open to an exchange of political views if that is the case. Though from reading her letters I think we may agree more than disagree on the state of current affairs!

Linese Norrish,
Coolum Beach.

LACK OF HOUSING

Dear editor,

The Australian Human Rights Commission has declared that everyone has a fundamental right to adequate housing. Safe, secure housing enables people to live with dignity and enjoy an adequate standard of living.

Sue Ferguson, the Labor candidate for Fairfax commented (Coolum Advertiser

This was a great case study of the developer working with the community regarding their application.

ORGANICS BIN

For residents who don't have one, your new garden organics bin will be delivered in May and June 2022, ready for the service to start from Monday July 11. Garden organics bins are collected on the same day as your general waste bin and on the alternate week to your recycling bin. Please don't use your new garden organics bin until Monday July 11 - as it won't be collected before then. If you're unsure, search 'bin day' on council's website to find your collection day. And please remember to put you bins out before 6am.

KEEP IN TOUCH

A reminder that I regularly share my community chat days, local events, new development applications and other messages on my Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MariaSuarezDivision9. In the event of wet weather some of the locations will change for Community Chats. Please check my Facebook page for the latest updates.

May 4) "I have been meeting with many members of the community whose housing situation is precarious. We don't often consider the plight of people who whilst they have a roof over their heads, are seen to be safe."

However, many face the unenviable choice of paying the rent or putting food on the table as rents keep rising and wages stagnate.

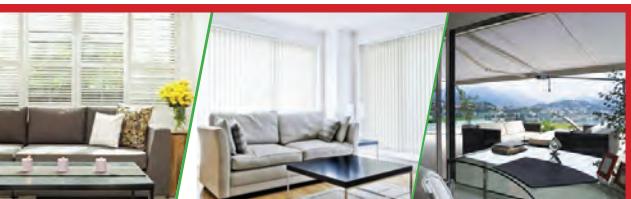
What about the "invisible people"? Those who don't even have a roof over their heads and are sleeping rough or those who are "lucky" enough to be able to couch surf at friends while desperately looking for a permanent affordable home?

This is a grim reflection on how we are faring as a supposedly wealthy nation with a supposedly strong economy. The next government must urgently address homelessness and housing affordability. It is a fundamental human right.

Robyn Deane,
Bli Bli.

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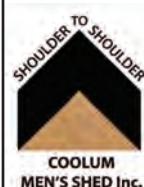
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COOLUM MEN'S SHED INVITATION

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Cr. Maria Suarez

DIVISION 9
SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL



are essential. Book now at http://tiny.cc/1000treesdoonan

WORLD ENVIRO DAY

Jack Hagan is the next Coolum Keeper. He will be reading Coolum residents' and visitors' mail in Tickle Park every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4pm from May 13 until June 3. Jack is the seventh keeper in a series of 10 interactive public art exhibitions. Letterboxes will be dotted around town and will move location during the project but there will always be one stationed at the Arts Hub in Tickle Park on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays from 6am to 6pm. Come down and write a message and post it using the letterboxes for Jack to read.

BARNES LANE

The Barnes Lane development application has received an approval and I thank the community groups and residents who made submissions.

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BARNS LANE FARM DEVELOPMENT APPROVED

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short-term and long-term stallholders.

Co-founder and developer Jason Grant said the Produce Hall will provide a never-before-seen opportunity for local producers, without being subjected to trading restrictions and weather conditions

"It will offer multiple connections to the market including selling direct to the public and supplying on-site restaurants and vendors.

"This will cater to the many tastes and needs of families and foodies."

The development will also feature a distillery, brewery, dining, adventure play areas, animal farms, tours, a performance stage and much more.

Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez said that the development was a positive example of how a developer and community can work together – especially when the developer works with and listens to the local community.

"They were aware of potential issues and concerns

and worked with the community to keep everyone informed, as a result of this, all of the submissions that came through were in favour – even though this particular development is a little different," Cr Suarez said.

The news of the approval has also been welcomed by tourism, industry bodies and local stakeholders with Visit Sunshine Coast CEO Matt Stoeckel expressing how much of a win this will be for the region.

"There is a huge demand for agri-tourism experiences and this new product will go a long way in cementing our profile as a leading agri-tourism destination."

Coolum State School Principal Anthony Ryan, added that the development will have positive benefits for the school.

"Having this on our doorstep is exciting. We've already implemented Barns Lane Farm themes into our curriculum, and we look forward to furthering partnership opportunities."

It's expected Barns Lane



Farm will create over 170 full-time equivalent jobs across a range of industries and provide vast community and educational opportunities.

Construction will commence soon, with the opening set for mid-2023. Future stages include a 26-

room boutique hotel suite and a 150-seat function venue which will be ideal for rural destination weddings and events.

BARN'S LANE FARM KEY FEATURES:

- Site size: 6.8 Hectares
- Over 170 full-time

equivalent jobs expected

- Will connect locals and tourists with the hinterland
- Restaurants and cafes offering paddock-to-plate experience
- Over three hectares of productive garden beds and orchards
- 2,000 sqm Seasonal

Produce Hall with 50 short and long-term stallholders

- Agri-tech Incubator, 'Dirt Lab'
- Events Centre and boutique accommodation
- Music and Arts space
- Distillery and Brewery

SURFY OFFERS BUS FOR FRIDAY RUNS TO COOLUM MEN'S SHED

a chat."

The Men's Shed also has the backing of the local police with Senior Sargent Hardy Wirth from Coolum Police stating that the sheds provide an outlet for men to connect through companionship whilst participating in worthwhile activities.

"We see a lot of examples of men who are confined to their home for a variety of reasons and the Men's Shed can provide an opportunity to meet other like-minded community members," Senior Sargent Wirth said.

"Furthermore, the Coolum Beach Surf Club has agreed to provide free transport to and from the shed every Friday which should overcome some of the limitations that some men may face."

With the surf club offering their bus for transport there is no excuse for men to not to be involved with the shed.

Friday is also BBQ Day with the men hosting a BBQ lunch every Friday which is a great opportunity for new members to have a look around and get to meet others over a social and informal lunch.

The modern Men's Shed is an updated version of the shed in the backyard that has long been a part of Australian culture. Men's Sheds are found in many cities and towns around Australia and continue to spring up internationally.

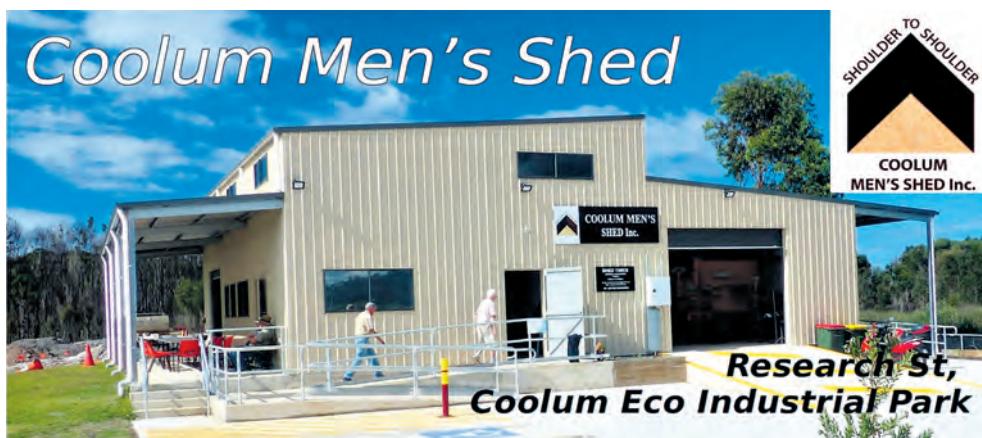
Most men have learned from our culture that they don't talk about feelings and emotions, and many do not take an interest in their own health and well-being.

Good health is based on many factors including feeling good about yourself, being productive, contributing to your community,

connecting with friends and maintaining an active body and mind. Becoming a member of a Men's Shed provides a safe and busy environment where men can find many of these things in an atmosphere of old-fashioned mateship. And, importantly, there is no pressure. Men can just come and have a yarn and a cuppa if that is all they're looking for.

If you would like to visit

the Coolum Men's Shed or just find out more information, please contact the President via email: coolummenshed@gmail.com or call the Secretary on 0400 556 804 for further information.



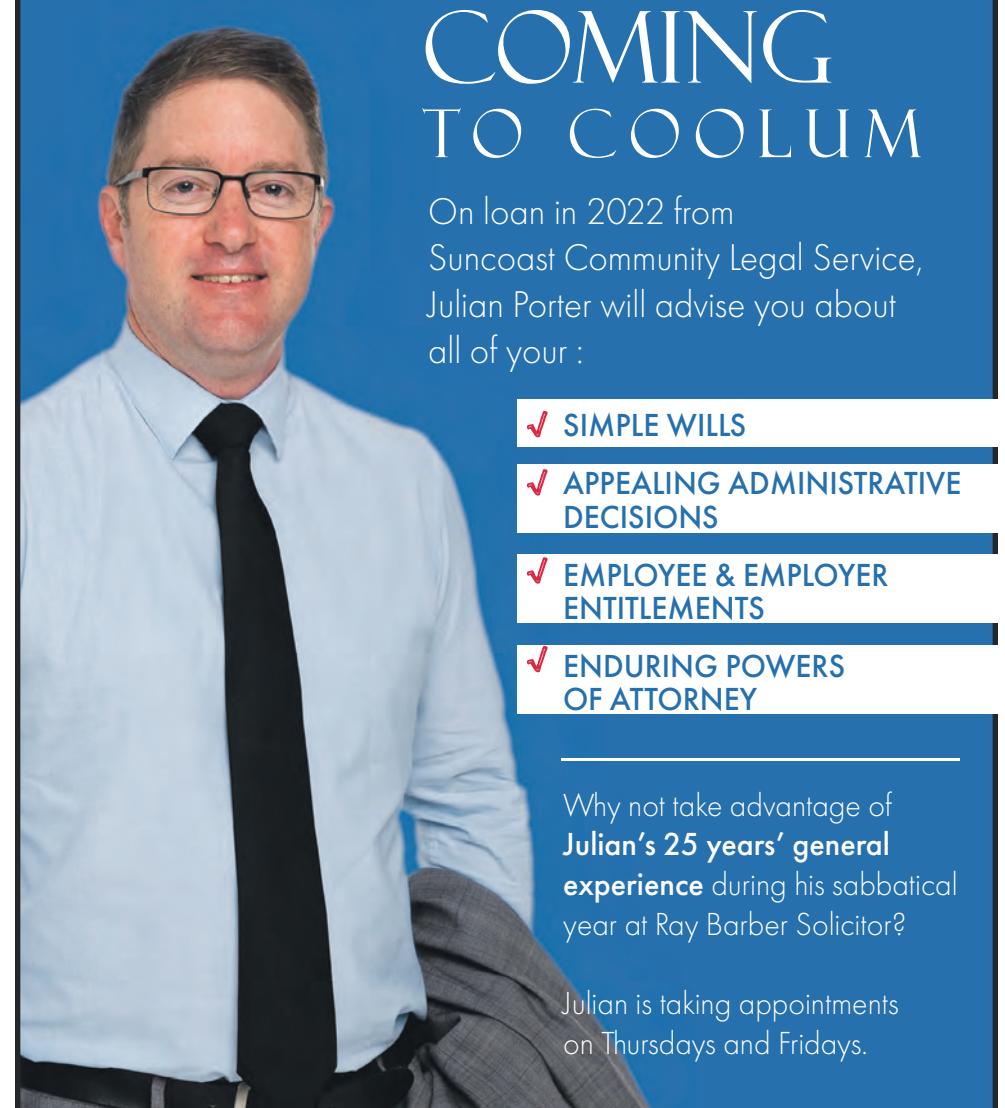
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Fiona Simpson MP

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE



LAST week saw the launch of Queensland Small Business Month, celebrating the small businesses that make a vital contribution to our community.

As part of the start of small business week, I attended the Sunshine Coast Small Business Awards Breakfast, as well as the Food Agribusiness (FAN) Meet the Makers event. These events showcase just how integral small business and buying local is to our economy.

It was fantastic to see such a strong turnout to the launch of the Business Awards showing that the Sunshine Coast community is moving forward after the last

two years of hardship. I enjoyed catching up with everyone and look forward to seeing who the winners are later in the year.

The Meet the Makers event was the biggest and best yet and wonderful to watch the FAN network grow substantially over the years, showcasing incredible Sunshine Coast produce and connecting retailers and suppliers.

FAN was also recently successful in receiving \$33.4m in federal funding to develop an industry-leading food and beverage manufacturing facility, called "Turbine" with a mega 20,000m² purpose built, collaborative food and

beverage manufacturing centre located at Sunshine Coast Airport. This facility will be operational by late 2023 and is a very exciting operation for the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast economy is the process of bouncing back with a lot of blood, sweat and tears from local small and family businesses, backed by the community. I am proud to be watch the community's enthusiasm and pride to get on and get business done.

To nominate for the Sunshine Coast Business Awards go to: www.sunshinecoast-businessawards.com.au

I am back in Parliament this week and will be fighting for the best outcomes for the Sunshine Coast.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can be of assistance with.



Fiona Simpson at the 'Meet the Makers' event with Roz White from various IGA supermarkets and Casey and Julia from House of Salsa. Photo: Contributed

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



CAN YOU believe it? Coolum High graduate, Isabella Nichols, has won the Margaret River Pro and, with victory, moves into the top five surfers in the world! Isabella's victory demonstrates her own special talent along with determination and reflects the strength of Coolum High's Surfing Academy.

Isabella's victory is a victory for everyone in Coolum as she

embodies what it means to be part of our community – humble, kind, talented and quietly determined. At school, Isabella excelled at sport and also in the classroom, earning excellent academic results and an outstanding OP score. Isabella's success demonstrates, once again, that excellence doesn't rest in a bubble as it is the product of a mindset that stretches to

all aspects of a champion's life. Those who experience great success believe in themselves, they work harder than their competitors, they remain humble and learn from those around them and in a sport like surfing they respect their opponents and the environment.

The inspiration that Isabella provides for our students can't be understated. It shows that if you embody the school's values of Care, Respect and Excellence you can take your talents and shine on the world's greatest stage. To these values we can add the great benefit of humility. The last person to tell you of her success would be Isabella herself. In Isabella we see the embodiment of everything we strive to be as a school – talented and smart, humble yet inspirational, determined and respectful, with strong family values thrown in. Isabella Nichols represents an incredibly powerful inspiration and role-model for all Coolum High students. What a remarkable Coolum hero!

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



ELECTORAL ROLL GOLD

AS WE approach the coming Federal election, I have been lucky enough to come across a paper listing all the citizens from the Coolum area who were eligible to vote on the Cooroora Electoral Roll in 1953 – 69 years ago! Instead of being just a boring list of names, this is "Gold" in that it tells us so much about our town, and the people in it at that time.

At that time adulthood and voting age was 21 years of age – and this encompassed a total of 107 citizens in the area roughly between Sunshine Beach and the Maroochy River. It was a male-dominated population with only 46 women. All these women were either housewives, that is, married women, or engaged in domestic duties, which meant that they worked only at home and were unmarried. No woman was registered as being employed outside of the home, although it is certain that many of them worked hard on family farms.

The 61 men shared a wide range of employment. Farmers accounted for 28 of the men – most of them were just registered as farmer, but there was also a cane farmer, a

banana farmer, a fruit grower, a canecutter and a dairyman. These included well-known names as Cecil Apps, Merv Doyle, Tom and Bill Hart, Birt Hewitt, George Lambert, both Jack Morgans (father and son), Martin Oosthuizen, Don and Leicester Peterie, Vic Sakrzewski, Jack and David Smith, Verner Yabsley and my father-in-law Alex Windolf.

Eleven of the men registered 'none' in the employment listings and these men were presumably retired and possibly on a pension, although the wives of those who were married were still described as a housewife. Amongst these names was Tyrell Labatt, who was well-known as an artist. There were also ten men who listed their occupation as labourer and these included Vic Barrett, Fred Carter, Arthur Mulley, Herbert and Albert Wintzloff and George Wruck.

The other 14 men had a wide range of occupations, and these give a good picture of the services needed to keep a small town running. Arthur Anderson was a truck driver, Thomas Dutton was a fitter, George Armstrong and Otto Wruck were carpenters and John Bauer was a traveller

– presumably a commercial traveller. Cyril Shooter and Les Stark were bus drivers – running the service to and from Nambour and two very important people in the town were Alfred Dahl the schoolmaster and Bill Wallace, the postmaster. Unusually, there was also a soldier by the name of Arthur Bassham, but unfortunately, we do not know how or why he made part of the local population.

All of these people helped shape our town – I can't help but wonder what 'gold' today's electoral records might reveal.



Florrie Windolf – like many housewives, also worked on the family farm. Florrie was registered on the Cooroora Electoral Roll from 1953-1969 as a housewife. The old rolls give a fascinating insight into the lives of the people who lived in our region. Photos: Windolf collection

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SUE FERGUSON

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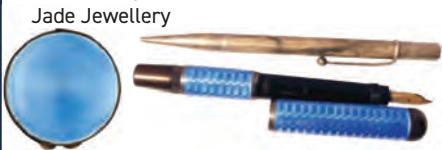
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and has shared the stage with many famous artists. With his rich voice and great stage presence, guests can look forward to enjoying evergreens from Elvis, Roy, Charley and Johnny Cash.

The ACMA is convenient located at the Hall of Fame at 24 Steggalls Road, Yandina. Doors will be open from 10.30 am. Guests will be entertained with traditional country, including more diverse,

crowd-pleasing favourites which will be played by the great house band. Walk-ups on the day are welcome and raffle and door prizes will be on offer. Guests can BYO their lunch and free tea and coffee will be available. Entry for all of this is just \$8.

Enquiries can be made to 0437 191004.

The ACMA are a not-for-profit organisation and proceeds from the event will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

expected to increase to 550,000 in not too many more years. It will be good if we continue to embrace the diversity as it will help with tourism, education and other industry sectors. With the Olympics people will come from across the world and we need to be ready to welcome them.

While returning home to the Sunshine Coast has meant coming to a fairly homogenous society things are changing. It looks like South East Queensland is going to be a world city and we need to embrace it and at the same time we will hopefully retain the natural environment of a spectacularly rich biodiversity.

Heres hoping returning home will mean a welcome to an enviable livability supported by a world class richly biodiverse natural environment and a unified and rich multicultural community. Times they are a changing so enjoy your day.

Coolum community who can no longer afford to live in the town they called home. More and more are finding themselves forced to live in parks, on the beach or in cars.

"We need action, not just here but across the country," he said.

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Mr Morison said the Federal Government could also support impacted Queenslanders in the meantime by increasing the Commonwealth Rental Assistance Rate and reinstating the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

In the last financial year, Vinnies Queensland provided more than 101,000 nights of accommodation to Queenslanders in need, including across the Sunshine Coast.

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RETURNING HOME!

THE SUNSHINE Coast is definitely my preferred home, however we enjoyed a weekend in Sydney with my son and his partner recently. We did a coastal national park walk near Maroobra and it was surprisingly rich in biodiversity. Also, Sydney is a very multicultural world city with many cuisines and districts like China town where we stayed near at Darling Harbour.

Here on the coast we are certainly getting much more diversity - while 25 per cent of more recent refugees are ending up in Western Sydney we are getting our share with many new arrivals. As the Sunshine Coast is becoming more multicultural this brings lots of benefits for business and society generally.

New people and different cultures continually mean increasing diversity and the celebrations for different traditions. We just had the Christian Easter celebrations and the end of Ramadan for the Muslim community celebrations at our North Shore Community Centre, at Mudjimba. Recently, we also had the Holi Festival of Colours at the Kings Beach Amphitheatre at Caloundra for the Indian Community Association.

As family and friends move away or new ones join us there is a need to constantly work on relationships. You need to invest time and energy to grow and maintain relationships that help to enrich and unite us.

The Sunshine Coast has grown to 350,000 and is

Community Update

VINNIES QUEENSLAND ELECTION MUST PROMISE TO ADDRESS HOUSING

ADDRESSING Australia's housing crisis needs to go beyond party and state lines, according to Vinnies Queensland's Coolum President, Marshall Morison.

Mr Morison said the numbers of people coming to Vinnies for homelessness support was increasing by the day, thanks to the ongoing housing crisis that has left very little affordable housing options left for our vulnerable locals.

"With housing affordability at an all-time low and rent prices skyrocketing, we see this as a national emergency that requires all levels of government working together towards a solution."

Mr Morison said it was heartbreaking to continue to hear from people in the

Coolum community who can no longer afford to live in the town they called home. More and more are finding themselves forced to live in parks, on the beach or in cars.

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Run 2: N and J Turner

Run 3: C Wakeham and C Porter

Run 3A: P McCarthy and N Armstrong

Run 4: L Jones and J Billing

Run 5: R Clark and D Casey

Wednesday, May 18

Kitchen: P Carden, R Price, J Armytage and D Burgess

Run 1: T Moore and L Taylor

Run 2: B Stevens and E Hammett

Run 3: T and J Martin

Run 3A: F Westera and K Ho

Run 4: J Winters and B Jelfs

Run 5: B Mendes and K Hodge

Thursday, May 19

Kitchen: G Watt, J Hughes, B Coote and J Ivankovic

Run 2: B Jackson and K Leach

Run 3: C Rapkins and P McNeill

Run 4: T Moore and A Gilillard

Friday, May 20

Kitchen: L Corey, T Shorter, G Cocks, W Crook and T Peterson

Run 1: M and M Robinson

Run 2: N and J Turner

Run 3: J Fox and K Glover

Run 3A: V Therkelsen and D Stone

Run 4: J Bott and B Wickham

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Men's over 50, over 60 and Women's ALL ages. No soccer experience required. Bring sneakers, \$5, a drink bottle and a sense of fun. Great way to keep fit and meet new people. Starts 5pm sharp until 6.30 pm. Check us out on Facebook.

COOLUM AMIGOS

Coolum Amigos is a club for the over 50's and has been going for 12 years. We meet at 10am on the 1st

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Coolum Bowls Results Week Ending May 8



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3rd John Farley Graeme Sargent +13
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Thursday May 5
1st Sue Lubowicz Margie Bartley +17
2nd Stephen Foote, Roydon Robertson +14

Friday May 6
1st Ron Wallish Chris Obrien +19 On Count Back
2nd Jim Dowd Roger Manning +19
3rd Ursula Ford Pat Teale +17

Men's B Singles
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Keith Wilson 26 def Dave Milward 7

Round 2
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Gary Roulston 25 def Paul Spencer 22
Russell Partridge 25 Def Pat Cummings 12
Bert Peperkamp 25 def Mark Payne 18
Phil Bartlett 28 def Ian Hansen 12
Peter Page 25 def Robert Trew-

in 16
Chris Johnston 15 def Trevor Stamp 18

Ladies B Singles

Round 1
Tilly Coyne 25 def Roz O'Dell 17
Helen Tuni 25 def Sue Lubowicz 20
Heather Brown 25 def Liz Hitchcock 16
Margie Bartley 25 def Sharon Weatherby 21

Social Bowls

Regular Schedule of games for Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays - 1pm start and Sunday mornings at 9am. Game registration is via our website, coolumbeachbowls.com.au Click onto 'Bowls', then 'Social Bowls', select the game you want and follow the prompts. Call the club on 0499 167 922 if

you have any problems. Rollups are available every day except Monday from 10am.

Barefoot Bowls

Sessions are held every Friday night from 5 - 7pm, and every Sunday from 1 - 5pm and the cost is just \$7 per person. Bookings are not required. Group bookings are available on other days. Contact Coolum Beach Bowls Club on 5446 1153 for more information and to book. Also on offer for barefoot bowlers is the new greenside bar with ice cool drinks and bowls provided.

Coaching

Please be advised that our free coaching sessions are now back on each Wednesday from 10am. Coaching can be arranged by appointment by ringing 0499 167 922.

NOOSA OFFERS FREE DOG REGO DURING MAY

NOW is the time to register your pet pooch in Noosa. During May, dog owners can register their pet for free.

It is a State Government requirement that all dogs over the age of three months

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There are 10,522 dogs registered in Noosa, and registering your pet helps Council identify lost dogs

and reunite them quickly with their owners. It also gives Council important information to ensure services such as waste bags, litter bins and off-leash areas are provided where they are needed.

You can register your dog online at noosa.qld.gov.au or at the Customer Service Centre in Tewantin. For more details visit, https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/community/animals-pets/registration-and-permits

COOLUM DARTS WRAP

SOCIAL darts at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club is played each Thursday night from 6:30pm with registration and practice from 6pm.

Last week, May 5 saw 19 players turn up to throw darts.

The night was won by Danny Gott pictured left with Nevan Scott as runner up pictured left. A high peg out, (three dart finish with a double), of 102 went to Jimmy

Hawthorne. A high score of 180 went to John Maier and it was a high scoring night with several players hitting 140's

Social darts is handicapped and based on players' skills and wins and new players are always welcome. Social darts is open to men and women aged 18 – 99.

For more info on darts at the Bowls contact Jon Evans on 0415 339 038.



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The Advertiser aims to build the sport page to become a two page inclusion every week.
Email your contributions, and story ideas to: editor coolumadvertiser.com.au or phone/text Vanessa on 0422 059 769

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TIDE TIMES 2022

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach

Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au

FRI

13th May

1.72m 0.34m 1.71m

Coolum

5:36am 12:02pm 6:20pm

Maroochy River

2:02am 7:11am 2:29pm

SAT

14th May

0.49m 1.73m 0.24m 1.87m

Coolum

12:24am 6:17am 12:37pm

Maroochy River

2:51am 7:52am 3:04pm

SUN

15th May

0.43m 1.71m 0.17m 2.00m

Coolum

1:12am 7:00am 1:15pm

Maroochy River

3:39am 8:35am 3:42pm

MON

16th May

0.39m 1.64m 0.14m 2.09m

Coolum

2:00am 7:45am 1:53pm

Maroochy River

4:27am 9:20am 4:20pm

TUE

17th May

0.39m 1.56m 0.16m 2.14m

Coolum

2:52am 8:31am 2:33pm

Maroochy River

5:19am 10:06am 5:00pm

WED

18th May

0.42m 1.45m 0.21m 2.11m

Coolum

3:47am 9:21am 3:17pm

Maroochy River

6:14am 10:56am 5:44pm

THU

19th May

0.47m 1.35m 0.31m 2.04m

Coolum

4:48am 10:15am 4:05pm

Maroochy River

7:15am 11:50am 6:32pm

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