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It was definitely missed last year but this year the 11th North Shore Community Centre Christmas Carnivale was back bigger, and better than before as 1,400 locals came together to celebrate community and Christmas on Saturday, November 24. The free Carnivale featured local community groups and had entertainment, food, prizes, kids activities, and the star attraction - Santa, who arrived in rockstar fashion via helicopter. The Carnivale was a celebration of all of the great aspects of the local community and the Pacific Paradise State School choir (pictured) got things underway with their beautiful voices. Photos and story continued on page 12 and 13. Photo: Driftwood Photography

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS - COOLUM HIGH WELCOMES NEW ARTS/SCIENCE LEARNING HUB

THE NEXT big musical act to come from the Sunshine Coast will surely comprise students from Coolum State High School with the school now boasting a state of the art, new two-storey learning centre that features four music spaces - perfect for making sweet music in.

A \$20 million project delivered new learning centres and extra space at Coolum SHS and was recently officially opened by Minister for Education Grace Grace.

The capital works included the new learning centre with six learning spaces, four music spaces and the project also included infill work to

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THE BUY local campaign will be in full swing on Saturday December 9 as Yandina's Stevens Street is set to transform into a festive shopping haven from 9am to 3pm with the inaugural Christmas Art & Design Market.

A collaboration between @visit.yandina and @stevens-streetgallery, with support from Sunshine Coast Council the Christmas market is set to be your one stop shop for all of your Christmas shopping needs.

Every Saturday the little hinterland town of Yandina comes to life with the popular Yandina markets and the Christmas market will make for an add on shopping experience for those coming to the town for the already established Saturday market.

Featuring a carefully curated selection of the region's finest artists and makers, the market will showcase over 20 unique stalls offering everything from handmade ceramics and original art prints to exquisite jewellery and other thoughtful gifts.

In addition to the diverse array of stalls, attendees can indulge in Yandina's best street eats, cafes, and restaurants, and browse the eclectic boutiques



and shops which adorn the street permanently. There will be something for everyone!

As part of the festivities, the market will be offering more than just shopping. Visitors can also participate in free creative workshops, enjoy face painting, witness live sketching, and be serenaded by live music throughout the day. This promises to be an immersive experience for both the local community and visitors alike.

Come along and join the Yandina community in embracing the creative spirit that thrives in Yandina and make your way to Stevens Street for a day of festive joy, unique finds, and the warmth of community spirit. Save the date for a memorable Christmas shopping occasion in the charming historic town.

To book 'Make a Christmas Wreath workshop' visit <https://www.stevensstreetgallery.com.au/workshops>

MUSIC TO THEIR EARS – COOLUM HIGH WELCOMES NEW ARTS/SCIENCE LEARNING HUB

FROM PAGE 1

'Block E', creating two more science spaces and three new learning spaces.

The school's existing administration building has also been extended to accommodate future growth and there's new basketball courts.

Named 'Gagal-Gira', the name is taken from the local Indigenous word for 'shining light'.

"The new Gagal Gira learning centre is an important addition to the school's facilities and will be a fantastic new asset for the school community," Minister Grace said.

Principal Troy Ascott said that the entire school community were delighted with the outcome of the renovation project.

"Since it was completed, our school has enjoyed these

new spaces and enhanced facilities.

"As well as the new learning spaces, the new learning centre includes a breakout space for collaboration, staffrooms, a lift, student and staff amenities, a large outdoor covered area, and an undercroft with capacity for future infill.

"Our most over-riding feeling is one of gratitude for this project – we know we have something special in Gagal-Gira."

Ninderry MP Dan Purdie was also in attendance for the opening and was pleased the Minister had taken up his invitation to visit the school.

"It was an honour to be part of the official opening of the new building at Coolum State High School and I thank the Minister for attending, after I flagged it with her during

a speech in Parliament last month.

"This new \$20million learning centre is a wonderful new resource and will further enhance the school's musical excellence program.

"We are very fortunate to have such a high-quality school offering world class facilities right here in Coolum."

Construction also proved beneficial for the wider community with employment benefits.

"This project supported an average of 13 full-time jobs over four years and also gave around 30 apprentices important construction experience," Minister Grace stated.

"We've invested more than \$12 billion in new and improved state schools and school facilities since 2015, with more on the way."



Ninderry MP Dan Purdie with Coolum State High School principal Troy Ascott, Education Minister Grace and Coolum State High School students at the official opening of the new 'Gagal Gira' learning centre. Photo: Contributed

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Community Update

COOLUM LIONS & NIPPERS

THE COOLUM Lions has always greatly appreciated the Local Surf Club's Nipper program that provides our young people with essential skills to succeed in life and reach their full potential.

Nippers is a water safety skills and education program

that introduces children aged 5 to 14 years to lifesaving. Nipper Education Programs are delivered at Life Saving Clubs across Australia.

To help with the local Nipper program, Lion Doug Alford from Coolum Lions presented cheques of \$2,000 to Marcoola Surf Club and \$2,000 to Mudjimba Surf Club.

"One can only stand in awe when witnessing the dedication and commitment of the Nipper management and training team," Doug said.

"It is an absolute pleasure and boost to the soul to witness the great work of volunteers (like those at Nippers) throughout Australia who inspire us all. If you would like to help, then the local Surf Clubs are always looking for volunteers."

Coolum Lions has been supporting the local community for over 40 years and if you are keen to help your community, call Doug on 0413 019078- help when it suits, no set commitment.



The Coolum Lions recently presented both the Marcoola and Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Clubs with cheques for \$2,000 which will be used to fund their Nipper Education Programs which teaches surf safety to children. Lion Doug Alford is pictured at the Marcoola SLSC presentation with members of the club. Photo: Contributed



WATER LOVING POOCH! MIKE DRINKWATER



THE LOCAL photographers are spoilt for choice in our region, especially those that love snapping the creatures that inhabit the water. One doesn't often think of a dog when thinking of animals that are found in the water, but a stroll to one of the many off leash dog beaches will find dogs of all sizes and breeds absolutely loving the water and looking completely at home in the brine! Point Arkwright photographer Mike Drinkwater couldn't help but capture the pure canine fun that 'Lilo' was having in the water recently.

"A hundred photos later and my arms were hurting. Lilo gave me a real run for

it – literally! Shooting active dogs on the beach is very similar to photographing surfing - the adrenalin pumps through your veins and you get so engrossed in the non-stop action that you forget that you're holding a heavy camera with a 600mm telephoto lens attached! When you finally get a break in the action, your arms are about to fall off," Mike said.

"I'm very grateful to Sammie and Lilo for letting me do that shoot. Pooches at play on the beach are so much fun and it's great to have some more action shots for my 'Pooches of the Point' collective which will be released as a book specifically

for locals next year. Keep an eye out for further adventures of Lilo as Sammie tells me they have just begun teaching her how to surf. Yes, on a surfboard! I'm looking forward to photographing those episodes too!"

If you happen to take a stunning pic or have 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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Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

ENERGY REBATE

Dear editor,

Regarding the timely reminder in the last edition alerting readers to check their account for the energy bill Cost of Living Rebates from the Queensland government, I would also like to remind readers that there is another government scheme to help with the cost of living and that is the Climate Smart Energy Savers program.

Rebates are available for

up to \$1,000 for eligible Queenslanders to purchase energy efficient appliances, air conditioners and hot water systems. The program closes on Monday, 4th December, check it out.

The Climate Smart Energy Savers program is part of the government's Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan to help Queenslanders manage their energy use, bills and reduce their carbon emissions, therefore helping with cost of living and helping the environment.

We have been fortunate to be granted a rebate on a much-needed washing machine. Our old one was rusty, leaking and only had a three-star rating. So, thanks to the Palaszczuk government we now have a lovely new four and a half star rating machine and look forward to a reduction in running costs, every bit helps.

Robyn Deane,
Bli Bli.

PAPER PRAISE

Dear editor,

Congrats on another year of sterling communitarianism with the Advertiser! To me and hopefully others, the value of a local paper, reporting local issues, highlighting local heroes, and helping forge solidarity in localism, is something very special... and this value is beyond the tawdry nature of money and consumerism!

Think Global Act Local.
Keep Up The Good Work.
Cheers from a 29 year local.

Dylan White,
Coolum Beach.

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COOLUM COLTS SEEK LOCAL SPONSORS FOR THEIR 2024 RUGBY LEAGUE SEASON



The Coolum Colts are looking for more sponsors for the 2024 season. Sponsorship will see your business networked to the largest sporting club in Coolum and your logo will be displayed on Colts jerseys. File Photo: Travis Macfarlane

THE FORMIDABLE
Coolum Colts Rugby League Club is on the lookout for sponsors to support both its junior and senior teams in the upcoming 2024 season.

The sponsorship callout presents an exciting opportunity for local businesses to align themselves with the largest sporting club in the area.

With a membership base of around 400 including dedicated players and coaches, the Coolum Colts offer sponsors a unique platform to market their services to a vast audience.

The club boasts a substantial reach and an extensive network, making it an ideal avenue for businesses to promote their brand within the local community.

The Colts are open to sponsorship from diverse businesses, welcoming a wide range of services, from trades to mechanics, and beyond. The emphasis is on involving as many local businesses as possible to foster community support.

President Simon Kidman said that sponsoring the Colts was a great opportunity for local businesses to get their name out.

"If you sponsor you will have a spot on a jersey and your business will be pushed locally via all socials and emails.

"It really is a great opportunity for local businesses to market to the largest sporting club in the area."

The past season witnessed

significant growth and attention for the seniors, particularly with the inclusion of a team in the A grade, and a remarkable 44 percent increase in the women's game. All of which means that associating with the Coolum Colts is a win, win!

Anticipation is high for the 2024 season, with even more growth expected with the 2024 season kicking off in late March. Expressions of interest for sponsorship can be submitted to the President on president@coolumcolts.com.au and should be submitted asap so as to not miss out on the jersey artwork deadline which is mid-December - don't miss the chance to be part of the Coolum Colts' journey in 2024.

Give the gift of reading this Christmas with Sunshine Coast Libraries

PASSIONATE readers are invited to embark on a heart-warming journey of generosity this Christmas by supporting the Books4Kids appeal initiated by Sunshine Coast Council Libraries.

Community members are urged to join in and contribute to creating positive new chapters in the lives of children in need by donating a book that can be used as a Christmas gift.

Sunshine Coast Council Community Portfolio Councillor David Law said the campaign had been running since 2000 and helped many families.

"This wonderful initiative

has made it possible for thousands of children across the region to unwrap the magic of books during the holiday season, with more than 12,000 books distributed to children in need to date," Cr Law said.

"Please get involved to help Sunshine Coast Libraries ensure all homes across the region have a happy holiday with access to books, by supporting the 2023 Books4Kids appeal.

"From now until December 13 all Sunshine Coast Council Libraries will accept donations of new children's or young adult fiction and non-fiction books."

The donations will find their

way into the hands of families in need thanks to participating charities across the region - just in time for Santa's yearly visit.

Sunshine Coast Libraries are committed to making sure that literacy and recreational reading is accessible to everyone in our community.

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A look back in time

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

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO ... THE SHENANIGANS!

MY LAST two articles, reporting the first passenger tram journey from Nambour to Coolum, and the celebratory lunch provided here for the Governor of Queensland, Sir Matthew Nathan and a group of dignitaries; some from Brisbane, some from the Moreton Sugar Mill in Nambour, and some with local Coolum connections, in November 1923, have been very formal and 'proper', as suited the occasion. After the luncheon, the formality of the day continued with Sir Matthew Nathan declaring that he hoped that Coolum would grow, "because that means it will afford recreation and rest to many people, but I hope also as natural as possible, and where she must be interfered with, it will be to substitute one kind of beauty for another".

As is still the case today, however, Coolum and district residents tend to enjoy a very relaxed lifestyle, and after the formalities, a number of activities showed the visitors that there was more to life in Coolum than listening to boring speeches. Toboggan Hill beckoned those who sought exercise or adventure, and Mr. Thornton offered that adventure to Sir Matthew Nathan, as well as two ladies [Mrs Thynne and Mrs Guthrie] and two gentleman visitors, driving

them on a trip right to the stony top of the hill in his Special Six Studebaker car - where, we are told, "the rocky formation forbade further ascent"! The two ladies decided to walk back down the hill, no doubt shaking in their shoes, but the men travelled back down in the car.

One man, standing halfway up the 'toboggan course' [where locals and visitors alike frequently slid down the slippery grass of the hill on a wide range of vehicles, ranging from stylish toboggans to tin trays or slippery fern fronds] reported that it was fortunate that Mr Thornton's Studebaker did not have "the much-discussed novelty,

four-wheel brakes" in use, because "the probability of a front-wheel skid was great, and once started could easily have developed into a serious sideslip, if not a roll-over"! It is hard to believe that this sort of 'shenanigans' would be acceptable today, especially with the Governor as a passenger.

After "an all too brief stroll about the place", people began to walk westward, back to the terminus at 'Oak Trees', where their cane tram was waiting, ready for a 3.45pm departure. However, His Excellency remained for a chat with the Coolum children and their teacher, Miss Chapman, before returning to Nambour in Mr. Thornton's car. We are told that the visitors "had time for a snack before catching the McKeen homewards at 6pm, expressing themselves delighted with so varied a day's enjoyment"!



This 1925 photo shows the steepness of Toboggan Hill!
Photo: Contributed.

Observations

TONY GIBSON
A MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE IN
THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

TWINKLE TWINKLE

RECENTLY, I have travelled through outback Queensland and to Japan, and the wide-open spaces and the dark skies are a wonderful precious gift in our modern world. Twinkle, twinkle little star is one of those rhymes we are introduced to as children and we subsequently teach our children and grandchildren.

There are so many cities with light pollution on this planet it has become a real concern for our connection to nature and the universe. Twinkle, twinkle could become a thing of the past without environmental protections.

The towns of Winton famous for dinosaurs, and Charleville with the Cosmos Centre are both recognised

for their dark skies. The 16 November meeting of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council considered a proposal for a dark sky reserve on the Sunshine Coast. This would be a great initiative for the quality of life and wellbeing of our citizens and wildlife. For example, turtles that lay their eggs on our beaches are particularly vulnerable to light pollution.

Light varies with every second of the day and night and how it shines at sunrise, sunset or the pure natural light in the middle of the day colour our world. The shades of pink at a Mount Fuji sunrise or the soft blue haze surrounding Mount Coolum (Gul'um) are feast for the eyes with such beauty.

The effective interplay

of the natural and built environment is critical. We can see this interplay in our gardens or on a larger scale we see the planning for an area like the Sunshine Coast so we don't diminish the natural beauty of the Glass House Mountains or Mount Coolum (Gul'um).

It often comes down to the scale of proposed development height, length and width of building for example. The concerns being raised by Development Watch with the proposed large car museum for the Palmer Resort Yaroomba site and the need for "amenity being attractiveness or value" are on the money for me. A car museum on another site away from the Gul'um National Park and the mainly residential precincts could be a good thing.

We need balance to enjoy seeing the stars and natural features on the Earth.



Gul'um in the Blue Haze. Photo: Gay Gibson

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A round of applause for the Class of 2023!

THE CLASS of 2023 have finished their high school studies and the students from Coolum State High School have once again donned full academic dress and were officially sent off at a graduation ceremony held at Twin Waters on Tuesday November 14.

In the audience were their teachers, academic staff and their family and friends.

Principal Troy Ascott said that the graduation was a truly special occasion for a special group of students.

"The class of 2023 are special in many ways, most importantly because they are such a respectful and caring group of people. It's hard to explain, in contrast to media reports, just how good to-

day's students are, and this group showed that they care for each other, for social issues and for using their future to make a mark in the world."

Mr Ascott also stated that the school had prepared the class as best as they could.

"We have focused on creating good and well-rounded young men and women. The academic programs have obviously prepared students very well for their assessments, but I think it is the little extras that Coolum High is prepared to do that sets us apart... At the heart of everything though, it's about creating good people with kind hearts. Everything stems from that."

Mr Ascott also stated that

the graduating class have left some big shoes to fill for the next year 12 cohort.

"The class of 2023 have really set a very high benchmark in the school. In particular, the student leaders have set a standard that I know has been seen by the other students and that I know they will be striving to follow. This is a very special group of students, and they are very well respected within the school community."

Most students are now eagerly awaiting the release of their ATAR scores which will come out in mid-December. Until then the class of 2023 is enjoying their time off from school life and anticipating the start of their next chapter!



The Coolum State High School Class of 2023 formally celebrate.



Ellis, Jessnee, Olivia, Polly and Ash.



Gaebelle, Emily, Nate, Harrison and Dallas.



Noah, Jett, Jye and Dane.



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Principal's Award recipient Dane Zilian.



Sebastian, Jye, Jett and Lauren. ALL PHOTOS: Coolum High



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Event Giveaway

SPIRIT OF LEONARD COHEN

FOR one night only the 'Spirit of Leonard Cohen' will be gracing the Coolum Civic Centre stage as the Canadian singer's work is explored and played via the interpretation by performer Jonathan Anstock who embodies the late singer songwriter along with backing singers and band.

Leonard Cohen is known for his deep, soulful voice and profound lyrics that often-explored themes of love, spirituality, and the human experience.

Cohen's musical journey started in the late 1960s

with the release of his debut album, 'Songs of Leonard Cohen' which featured iconic songs such as 'Suzanne' and 'Hallelujah' and his music blended folk, rock, and various poetic influences, creating a unique and enduring sound.

This enduring and unique sound is exquisitely brought back to life in the 'Spirit of Leonard Cohen' with audiences praising the production with one review stating - "I truly forgot I was watching Jonathan, I felt like that actually was Leonard on stage." Another stating that the show, "felt like having Leonard back on stage again ... Jonathan grasped Leonard's spirit

and brought him back to life. I wouldn't have missed it for the world!"

Coming back to life on Saturday December 9 from 7pm at the Coolum Civic Centre, this highly acclaimed and vibrant Leonard Cohen biographical cabaret will showcase his unique music and will be a night not to miss.

Tickets are just \$35 and can be purchased via the following link - <https://www.trybooking.com/CMWLC>

To enter the Advertiser double pass giveaway please email your name, phone number and address to michelle@coolumadvertiser.com.au with the subject heading 'Cohen' by close of business on Monday December 4. A winner will be selected at random and notified by phone.



The Advertiser has a double pass to giveaway to the 'Spirit of Leonard Cohen' biographical cabaret event which will be taking to the Civic Centre stage on Saturday December 9. Photo: Contributed

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MINOR WORKS

Renewal of the beach shower at Felix Parry Park commenced November 20, with works expected to take two weeks.

Two new kerb ramps creating a new crossing point along Marcoola Esplanade (north of Bauhinia Crescent), Marcoola to improve accessibility throughout our footpath network.

ALL ABILITIES ACTION PLAN

The newly endorsed Sunshine

Coast All Abilities Action Plan 2024-2028 outlines detailed actions Council will undertake over the next five years to improve inclusion for people with disability. The measures are practical and achievable and include enhancing physical accessibility in public spaces, mobility mapping, fostering broader social inclusion and breaking down barriers to employment. This Plan helps to create a more inclusive region where everyone can participate equally, contribute fully and feel respected and valued, with a strong sense of belonging. To view the plan please search 'All Abilities Action Plan' on Council's website.

I'm also pleased to see more locations were mapped during 2023 – The Year of Accessible



Tourism in Queensland – which included Maroochydore to Mooloolaba and Buddina, Kawana, Birtinya (hospital and stadium precincts), Currumbundi, Caloundra, Nambour and Maleny. There are plans for further areas to be mapped in 2024. To view the maps please search 'Mobility Mapping' on Council's website.

DARK SKY RESERVE

A dark night sky with plenty of visible stars has benefits for community wellbeing, retaining character of our hinterland areas, and promoting astro-tourism for hinterland businesses. It's also important to our native wildlife that need to move, feed or reproduce safely at night. After conversations with community members and initial investigations, Sunshine Coast Council is proposing a Dark Sky Reserve encompassing 873 square kilometres in the Mary River Catchment and connected national parks, covering 38 per

cent of our region. You can find out more about the proposal on Council's website. We'll be asking for residents' views on the proposal in 2024, so stay tuned.

SURFING COMPS

Surfing Queensland has unveiled their 2024 event calendar with additional events confirmed to take place across Queensland's major surfing regions in 2024 including nine events on the Sunshine Coast. These grassroots surfing events are great development opportunities for talented surfers. Water sports are a natural part of our culture here on the Sunshine Coast and I would love to see more of our groms progress to professional surfing. Upcoming events for Coolum/Yaroomba include the Woolworths Surfer Groms Com (9-10 Dec) and the Cooee Grommet Pro (11-13 Dec). See you 'round Div 8!

Legal News

**JULIAN PORTER
SOLICITOR AT RAY BARBER IN COOLUM BEACH.
SPECIALISING IN ELDER LAW AND ALL LEGAL
MATTERS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.**



CHILDREN AT WORK

I KNOW that small businesses are crying out for staff, but I was a bit taken aback when the owner of our local independent grocery store asked my 13-year-old daughters if they wanted a part-time job. I was sure the minimum age was 15, my wife thought 14 years and 9 months. But having checked it

out, I can tell you the magic number has been 13 in Queensland since at least 2016. They start this week!

Of course, there are limits at such a young age to the amount of work that can be engaged in without effecting the child's education and other areas of development. The state government controls the number of hours that can be worked by

'school aged' children IE: children under 16 years and yet to complete year 10. On a school day the limit is four hours, for a non-school day it's eight and there is an overall limit of twelve hours in a school week. During school holidays they can work up to 38 hours like the rest of us! In addition, they can't work later than 10pm or earlier than 6am and there must be a one-hour break after four hours work and a twelve-hour break between two shifts.

Where the work involves the exchange of money, there must be an adult supervising who is 'near to and in regular contact with' the child. The employer must take steps to ensure that the child is not

subject to behaviour that is likely to intimidate, threaten, frighten or humiliate them.

A signed parental consent form is compulsory, which also acts as notification of the hours during which the child must be in attendance at school. Any requirement to work during those hours is unlawful and can result in prosecution.

At thirteen a job is mostly about getting some life experience and learning some skills - which is lucky because the minimum pay rate is set at 36.8% of the adult minimum wage or \$8.55 an hour! A greater understanding of the value of money may result.

Happy Gardening

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TILLANDSIAS THE ADAPTABLE AIR PLANTS

TILLANDSIAS are the most fascinating and certainly the most peculiar of all the Bromeliads. Highly variable, they may be bulbous, tufted, grass-like, or assume several other curious forms.

Typically, they are plants of the air, dwelling in their treetop environment where the wind moves freely. They require little care if given a suitable environment.

I'm often asked which is my favourite and it has always been T.Ionantha, buying my first three varieties some 35 years ago at a garden expo in Nambour.

Tillandsias require good air

circulation. Place them in areas which have good, strong light for part of the day, air movement and moist atmosphere. They need good light to produce good colour and flowers. Mist plants with water frequently in summer, less in winter.

Tillandsias like to take in the night dew which provides moisture and nutrients. Orchid fertiliser can be applied at half strength but not in the heat of the day. Apply as a fine mist spray, making sure the plants are hydrated beforehand.

Some people think that they have never owned a Tillandsia, but Spanish Moss (old man's beard - T. Usneoides) is a Tillandsia and also part of the Bromeliad family.

My favourite, T. Ionantha, grows

very easily and flowers once a year. Their leaves change colour just before they burst into flower, ranging in colours from brilliant red, orange, pink and a couple of varieties turn bright yellow.

Surprisingly, some tiny flowers of Tillandsias have the most exquisite perfumes. T. Caerulea and T. Crocata are just a couple with perfumes.

Propagation - some Tillandsias will produce basic or auxiliary offsets (pups) after flowering and as the mother plant is dying, which is the case with most Bromeliads. Tillandsias can also be grown from seeds which is a method of mass-producing plants but this process does take years to produce sizeable plants.

I like to attach my small Tillandsias onto corks. I use Selleys liquid nails in the blue tube (clear) to glue mine on with, ensuring they stay in place with thin strips of cut up stocking tied firmly. Some

growers only use small hanging pots filled with aged pine bark and coarse coir coconut fibre which works well for the larger plants, or some growers hang with wire.

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Tillandsias Ionantha a quirky air plant work well in a treetop environment. Photo: Contributed.

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School holiday fun for everyone

It's time to plan your summer school holiday activities with Sunshine Coast Council – from workshops and events, to take-home activities and amazing days out – there is plenty on offer to keep the kids busy this summer! There's something for everyone. Visit Council's events website now to discover the fun.

Don't miss the fun festive markets

Council is hosting Festive on the Green on 16 December at Sunshine Coast Stadium. Grab your gifts from local-maker market stalls and enjoy a bite to eat from one of the food trucks. You'll find hands-on activities, giveaways, plus on-stage and roving performances. Free tickets available now at Council's events website.

Love does not equal control

The global 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence campaign is from 25 November to 10 December. These 16 days are an opportunity for people to learn more about coercive control so they can provide appropriate support if needed. Love does not equal control. Visit Council's website for more information.

CUSTOMER CONTACT

sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council

'Dark sky' reserve benefits could be astronomical

Council is proposing to establish a Dark Sky Reserve in the hinterland to help preserve dark night skies from light pollution through responsible lighting policies and public education. Keeping skies dark with great star visibility has benefits for wellbeing, wildlife and emissions reduction and can support business through astro-tourism. Visit Council's website and search "dark sky reserve" to find out more.

Looking for a unique experience for your next business function or event?

Altitude Nine is a unique and contemporary venue with breathtaking, panoramic views of the coastline and hinterland. It can cater for community, private or business groups of up to 180 people. Elevate your next event at Altitude Nine. Visit altitudenine.com.au for more details.

Ignite your kids' imaginations

Sunshine Coast Council Libraries' annual Summer Reading Club is back from 1 December until 31 January, with kids and teens invited to participate in the free interactive reading program. It's easy to join and there are plenty of great prizes up for grabs. Register for the Summer Reading Club at your local library or online at library.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

One for the calendar

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting online or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers – 9am 14 December

Did you know koalas need flying foxes to survive?

Flying-foxes keep our native forests healthy. Some trees, like Australian eucalypts, only flower at night and depend on flying-foxes for survival to pollinate their flowers and spread their seeds. Without flying-foxes, there would be no food and shelter for our koalas, no pristine habitat for our native birds and no magnificent forests for all of us to enjoy. Head to Council's website for tips on living with this incredibly important native species.

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Christmas Celebrations



Santa was more than happy to pose for photos.

WITH SUCH a busy schedule in December, Santa decided to make an early pit stop to the Sunshine Coast on Saturday November 24 and was the guest of honour at the North Shore Community Centre's 'Christmas Carnivale'.

The annual event which took a one-year holiday last year was back bigger and better than before and Santa made his arrival by helicopter, opting to give the reindeers a rest before their busy night of work in late December!

North Shore Community Centre Manager Clare Siebel said it was great to have the community event back again.

"We had so much great feedback from the community who were so happy that this event was back on.

"The afternoon was so fantastic, and it would not have been possible without our volunteers who got everything together and we can't

thank our community enough either."

It was estimated that around 1400 people attended the free community Carnivale which had market stalls, food, entertainment and of course Santa who was happy to pose for photos and had treats for all the children.

"The Christmas Carnivale is about celebrating Christmas as a whole community and this year we were lucky enough to have Bendigo Bank, Sunshine Coast Council, Mortgage Choice, Blue Tongue Helicopters and Maroochy North Shore Lions as major sponsors," Clare said.

"We also had great support from Pacific Paradise Coles and both the Coolum and Marcoola Surf Clubs who donated prizes."

Now into its eleventh year, the Christmas celebration is a highlight on the community calendar and is seen as a great way to bring people together.

"Our motto is, "be inspired and be connected" and everybody is welcome here and we want people to know about this community and the great little hub that we have here," Clare said.

The centre has rooms available to hire and also has many different classes and events on weekly with the Sunshine Coast Greek community holding their annual celebration this coming Saturday, December 2 and it is another free community event.

"We are in a great position here and it's affordable- people can hire and put into place, or even start up, their business and foster ideas or maybe just do an affordable class," Clare said.

The NSCC is a dynamic community hub and for more information on what's on at the North Shore Community Centre please visit www.northshorecommunitycentre.org



Amber and Tim with their children.



Ayra with baby Avya and Minal.



Dion and Greta with their daughters Oriwa and baby Iluka.



Devlin and his three Christmas elves.



Emily, Hunter, Kaydence, Isla and Angel.



Megan and Katrina with their children.



Natasha, Amity and Amy.



Lara, Kaylee, Bonnie, Katrina and Jo.



Grandma Robyn with her grandchildren.

at North Shore Community Centre



The North Shore Community Centre team including President Richard, Centre Manager Clare, Manager Gary and some of the happy kids at the Carnivale.



Lots of fun was had via 'Entertainment Bouncy Castles'.



Kylee and her dog 'Lucy'.



Michaela enjoying the Carnivale with her children.



Oliver Hoeksima and Catherine Steer from 'Little Big World Puppet Company'.



Volunteers from the Maroochy North Shore Lions cooking up a yummy BBQ.



Trish, Sipola and David.



NSC Volunteer Doris helping Santa hand out lolly bags upon his arrival.



Santa getting the rock star greeting!



Santa made an impressive arrival thanks to Blue Tongue Helicopters. ALL PHOTOS: DRIFTWOOD PHOTOGRAPHY

Community news

MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER

Monday, Dec 4
Kitchen: L Corey, Y Webster, G Willis, J Hughes, C Gaffney and C Brown

Run 1: T Moore and D Donohoe
Run 2: W Borell and S Roeser
Run 3: C Wakeham and K Burns
Run 4: J and N Turner
Run 5: M Schuit and D Casey
Run 6: P McCarthy and D Burrage
Run 7: R and V Clark

Wednesday, Dec 6

Kitchen: R Price, P Carden, W Crook, T Johnston, C Gaffney and J Von Stieglitz
Run 1: P and R Tudman
Run 2: G and M Frazer
Run 3: D Stone and J Seljak
Run 4: F Hughes and E Holbrook
Run 5: N Pothoven and K Hodge
Run 6: R O'Malley and D Dionysius

Thursday, Dec 7

Kitchen: J Hughes, J Ivankovic, G Watt, K Schrampf and T Abraham
Run 1: L and J Taylor
Run 2: T and D Newton
Run 3: F and W Walton
Run 4: B Jackson and J Nicholas
Run 6: P McNeill and K Leach

Friday, Dec 8

Kitchen: L Corey, T Shorter, Y Webster, R Tainton, T Josey, S White and J Fawkes
Run 1: K Naylor and W Vowles
Run 2: N and J Turner
Run 3: K Clerke and A Hatfield
Run 4: J Bott and G Gibson
Run 5: K Wrangle and W Hamilton
Run 6: L and J Taylor
If you are unavailable on your rostered day, please notify MOW kitchen on 5446 1000 or message Anne on 0468 446 100.

MAROOCHEY RIVER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Our Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, 10th December, at 12 noon. There will be a small tribute to Christmas - our lovely young Clara will be singing also. Entry fee is \$8, and will include free tea, coffee, and cake.

Venue is A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. There will be raffles available. Ring Daryl on 0458 671 568 for inquiries

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ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT RETIREES (AIR) NOOSA BRANCH

Next meetings 7th December General Meeting and 14th December Investment Discussion Group. Email: airnoosasecretary@gmail.com or telephone 0478 479 049 www.facebook.com/AIRNoosa Visitors welcome.

THE COLOURS OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SingSpire Chorus with the Singergy Kids, The Salvation Army Band and Totally Timbrells present 'The Colours of Christmas' at the NLC Auditorium, McKenzie Rd, Woombye, on Saturday December 2nd at 2.00 pm. Hosted by Marty Hunt. Proceeds to Salvation Army. Entry is \$20 or \$25 at the door. Afternoon tea is included. www.trybooking.com/CMCD or call 0401 279 476

NOOSA CHORALE PRESENTS "CHRISTMAS CHORALE"

Performing at The J Theatre in Noosa Junction on Friday 15 December at 7pm and Saturday 16 December at 2pm. Enjoy traditional much-loved carols and lesser-known beautiful

and unusual pieces from different countries and eras. There will be a delightful mix of sweet, slow, and dreamy melodies to move your heart, mixed with vigorous and stimulating pieces to get your pulses racing.

The audience will be invited to sing along to some old favourites and have the chance to win one of many raffle prizes. Tickets are available on The J's website at www.thej.com.au, at the box office or telephone 5329 6560.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The new Parkinson's group will meet on the second Monday of each month at the Coolum Bowls Club. People from Coolum and surrounding areas of the Sunshine Coast are welcome to attend and discuss how to live better with Parkinson's disease. There will be guest speakers and videos as well as discussion on such topics as diet, exercise and sleep. Meetings start at 10.15 and finish at 12 noon with the option to stay for lunch. Phone Peter on 0429 361 301 for more information.

MAROOCHEY NORTH SHORE LIONS / MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Egg & Bacon Burgers / Sausage Sizzle (BBQ)
2nd December & 16th December 2023
6.30am to 1.00pm at Mudjimba Surf Club

COOL CONNECTIONS WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all ladies to our group where we bring together women from all walks of life to enjoy each other's company and form friendships. Meeting from 9.30am to 11.30am each Friday (during school term) at Yaroomba Meeting Place, 1443 David Low Way, Yaroomba. Entry fee includes morning tea, guest speakers or activities. Esme 0408 077 882.

COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

For retired and semi-retired people looking for friendship and fun. 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. Visitors are welcome. For more information phone: Raoul 0409 685 394

NINDERRY BRANCH ALP MONTHLY MEETING

The Ninderry branch of the ALP holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Coolum Beach Hotel starting at 10.30 AM. Visitors are welcome and you are also invited to join us afterwards for lunch. You can also log into our Facebook page for up-to-date details of other events. https://www.facebook.com/ALPNinderry. For more information and to book, please contact Bill Gissane on 0477 049 157.

QUOTA CLUB OF COOLUM BEACH

Quota Club of Coolum Beach have a business meeting at 2 pm at the Lion's Den, 15 Russell St, Coolum Beach on the second Tuesday of the month. The club has been active in the local community for 26 years raising money to support women, children, and the disadvantaged. 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. Our next pop-up stall is Thursday 30 November 2023 from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm in the courtyard at Pacific on Coolum, Cnr Birtwill St & Heathfield Rd, Coolum Beach.

COOLUM BEACH DISTRICT SENIORS CLUB

Mondays 11.30 - 3.30pm at the Coolum Civic Centre, contact Louise 0420 331 948.

COOLUM BEACH QUILTERS

Meet every Thursday morning 9am-11.30 at the Baptist Church, David Low Way, Coolum Beach. All welcome.

COOLUM CONNECTIONS

Join us for Relaxed Mid-Week Worship every second Thursday of the Month at 9.30 am. Coolum Salvos, 3/127 Greenoaks Drive, Coolum Beach. Enquires 5335 8505. All welcome!

COOLUM CROQUET CLUB

Croquet for fun and fitness. New members and visitors are very welcome. Try it with 3 free games and lessons. Mallets and free coaching are available. Social Golf Croquet Monday and Friday starting 1.15pm. For more information contact: Barb 0423 277 951 Sea Cove Lane, Coolum

MARCOOLA COMMUNITY GROUP

We would like to invite new members and visitors to our meetings where we discuss concerns and development of Marcoola area and beaches. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday, every second month at 7pm. marcoolacommunity@gmail.com. Phone April 0413 137 182

COOLUM AMIGOS

Coolum Amigos is a social club for the over 50s. We meet at 10am every Tuesday at the Coolum Surf Club for coffee and a chat and to arrange outings. All welcome. For more information call Carol on 0419 423 367 or just come along!

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 Dr, Coolum. 2pm - 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.

TRY TOASTMASTERS

Practice your public speaking, gain confidence, improve your leadership and communication skills. Coolum Communicators supports members to practice speaking to an audience while having fun. We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm at North Shore Community Centre, Mudjimba. Guests welcome! Email coolumtoastmasters@gmail.com.

COOLUM BEACH SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

Welcomes all citizens 50 and over. Activities include Mahjong, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, Card and Board games. Meet every Monday from 11.30am-3.30pm at the Coolum Civic Centre. Entry fee includes afternoon tea and a ticket in the door prize. For further information please phone Bernie 5448 8693.

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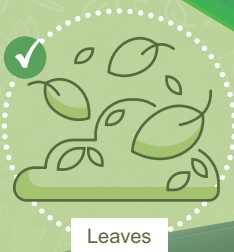
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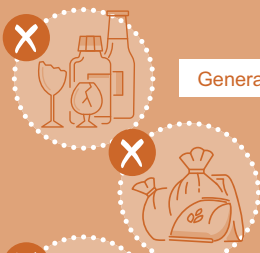
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CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF COOLUM IN 2024 WITH KEZIGN CALENDAR

AS THE countdown to Christmas begins and presents are being bought, why not 'wake up with Coolum' for all of 2024 with one of Kerry Mulgrew's (aka 'Kezign') stunning coastal calendars.

The much-anticipated 2024 Calendars, a testament to Kerry's passion for capturing the essence of Coolum and waking up on dawn every day of the year, are now available and are a visual journey through the stunning landscapes and vibrant lifestyle of our beautiful coastal region.

This year, the calendars will be available to buy in person at three locations including the reception of the Coolum Surf Club with \$5 from every calendar sale being donated by Kezign back to the club.

In addition to the Coolum Surf Club, the calendars can be found at Owen Cavanagh's Studio 53, located out in the Quanda Industrial Estate at 53 Quanda Road.

Venturing further afield the calendars can be purchased from Ocean Sea Art Gallery located at 110 Sixth Avenue, Maroochydore.

For those who prefer the convenience of online shopping, the calendars are also available on Kerry's website at www.kezign-photography.com.au

Kerry captures the spirit and beauty of the region daily and has ensured that every month of the 2024 calendar is a visual celebration of the local landscape and lifestyle. The perfect Christmas gift to send or just the perfect gift to give to oneself. Get in quick before they sell out!



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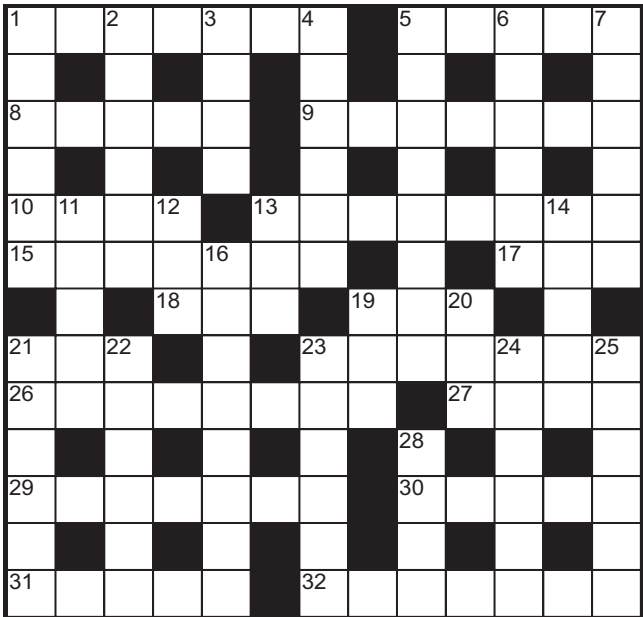
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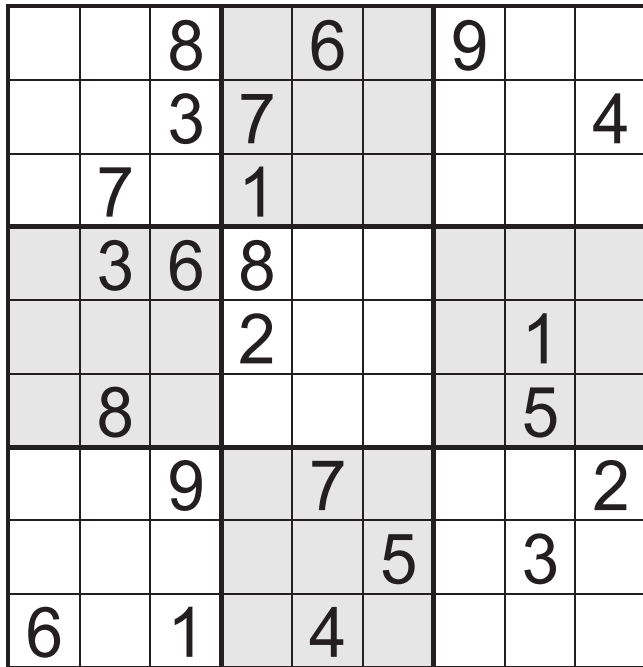
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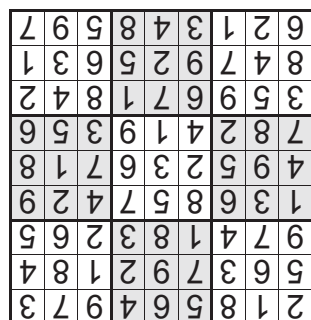


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Fiona Simpson MP

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

WHAT a terrific Christmas celebration at the North Shore Community Centre a week ago, with hundreds of Pacific Paradise State School students and parents – and probably a few grandparents too – turning up to spread the joy of the season.

Santa arrived in style and many other community groups, including the North Shore Lions, cooked up a storm or supplied their Christmas raffles, gifts, facepainting and gifts in true splendour.

While the shopping centres are playing carols and are decked out in style, I think it's true community events such as this that truly mark the beautiful time of the year that it is with local residents of all ages coming together.

There will be more to come and I hope, if you've never experienced these local events, you can jump on in and spread the joy by being part of our community celebrations.

I have also recorded my annual Christmas song which I did last weekend with the Marcoola Surf Club Nippers and this will be released shortly on my Facebook page as a 'singing Christmas card' so to speak. What a bright bunch of young children who were so eager to participate and learn the words to the song. It was a wonderful way to start a beautiful Sunday morning.

Working with all these community groups is one of my greatest joys as we identify local needs – from the environment to supporting the vulnerable – and work together on ways that we can improve our community. There

is real power in local community.

I am excited for next year and all that it will bring and I am ready to roar in 2024! I have a brilliant team and together we have achieved many things such as getting

constituents access to urgent surgery and assistance with other health matters, personally assisting constituents battling with bureaucracy to get good outcomes, as well as community organisations on their key projects.

As always, at this time of the year I like to give a shout out to some great local organisations supporting people in tough times at

Christmas. Christmas is not always a happy time for everyone. If you are looking to give a Christmas gift of kindness this year, consider giving to St Vinnies, Lifeline or SunnyKids, or a group of your choice to help others at Christmas – your donation will be appreciated.

Don't hesitate to contact me if there is anything that I can be of assistance with.

Sandy Bolton MP

MEMBER FOR NOOSA

BETWEEN Parliament, chairing the select Youth Justice Reform Committee, and returning home for events including the Peregrin Kindy Fete and North Peregrin & Marcus Beach Neighbourhood Watch AGM, it has been busy, however extremely productive time! This bipartisan committee is unique, with the first independent chair in two decades, no 'casting' vote and minutes being made public, as well the reports and issues papers which will be considered alongside submissions and hearings in our determinations. Much needed change is occurring!

On infrastructure, my ongoing efforts for better connectivity for Noosa residents have included seeking a trial train shuttle from Gympie North to Nambour in order to connect with the timetable there, and bus services that address gaps to access work and medical services. Funding has now been secured for the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to open consultation on a Northern Sunshine Coast Transport Strategy following advocacy from several key groups and our office. In addition, there is a consultation on the planned Direct Sunshine Coast Rail Line which happily was not cut in the Federal Governments review, which TMR have also stated could connect to the existing North Coast Line, north of Beerwah Station.

Efforts have continued for the establishment of an Advanced Manufacturing Unit for Sunshine Beach State High School, with advice that pre-construction planning will commence early 2024 in preparation for funding allocations.

Even though the Fire Ban has been lifted, please remain vigilant

and do not take any risks, as it is often one minor decision or action, that can lead to the devastation of a community. We have posted a new Noosa 360 (www.SandyBolton.com/Noosa360) update with relevant links as well information around how fire bans are determined and where residents can turn to when faced with a water shortage.

With so much time between columns, please stay 'in the loop' via Noosa 360 with recent updates on a range of important issues we are working on including Beckmans Rd, Land Valuations, Policing and more, as well subscribe to our e-newsletter at www.SandyBolton.com/Newsletters which ensures you also advised of any Noosa MP specific polls or surveys. In addition, follow 'Sandy Bolton MP' on Facebook to receive information as soon as available including the Friday 'Wrap' with news and grant information!

Our end of year 'wrap' Connect should have hit your letterboxes with the Noosa MP Annual Community Survey within which is now open until 1pm on 16 January for you to have your say on our priorities for 2023. This can be found at www.SandyBolton.com, under the 'Connect' tab (not to be confused with the annual newsletter!). If you require a paper copy of either, do not hesitate to contact my office as we want to hear from as many Noosa Electorate residents as possible.

Have a wonderful, safe holiday season! Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all out and about enjoying our beautiful home, including on the river paddling!



Marcoola Surf Club nippers help Fiona Simpson record her annual Christmas Song. Photo: Contributed.

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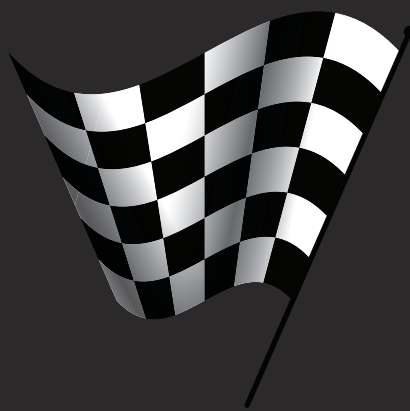
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NOOSA MP WELCOMES BILL SET TO TACKLE HOONING SCOOTERS

IN A SIGNIFICANT stride towards enhancing safety, Queensland Parliament introduced the Transport and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 last month which is intended to improve the safety of riders, drivers, and pedestrians alike, including harsher penalties and new offences for riders who ride without due care and attention.

Independent Member for Noosa Sandy Bolton has been advocating for safety improvements and better enforcement in shared spaces such as pathways, and also for better compliance monitoring of regulations by users of electric bikes and scooters.

“The devil is always in the detail, and we look forward to researching this as we do with every bill that comes before Parliament to ensure it covers the concerns raised by our community.”

“We have also requested clarification if these efforts include increased enforcement to ensure electric bikes and scooters on Queensland roads and footpaths meet Australian Design Rules which sets out that electric bike motors have to cut out at 25km/hour,” Ms Bolton stated.

The Minister for Transport and Main Roads’ response to Sandy acknowledged the community’s concerns with the current legislation framework for riders and other path users. In particular, important road safety offences contained within primary legislation that either do not apply to riders or apply inconsistently to riders and other path users.

To address these inconsistencies, the proposed Bill introduces road safety amendments that will make it an offence for the rider of a scooter or bicycle to ride without due care and attention on a road-related area, such as a footpath or shared path.

The new laws will also align post-crash obligations for all drivers and riders and will ensure that everyone involved in a crash has the same rights and responsibilities regardless of where the crash occurs.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) also advised they are aware that some devices available for purchase in Australia or online can be easily modified to remove speed limiting software that ensures they are compliant with the current 25 km/h maximum speed limit.

TMR has taken steps to ensure that police have the appropriate tools available to them to detect and take enforcement action against riders exceeding speed limits.

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA NOT TO BE MISSED THIS SUNDAY AT EUMUNDI



The Kitty Kats will be singing up their favourite festive songs this Sunday, December 3 at the huge Eumundi Christmas Extravaganza which will run from 1-7pm in the hinterland town. The FREE family friendly event will have free carnival rides, entertainment and free entry. There will also be food, market stalls and a huge fireworks display. Photo: Contributed

IT’S THE time of the year where the social calendar is full of lots of festive cheer and events, and the little hinterland town of Eumundi would like to invite the extended sunshine coast community to their ‘Christmas Extravaganza’ this Sunday from 1-7pm.

Billed as the “Christmas event of the year”, the family friendly event is completely free, with free rides, free entry and free entertainment.

Hosted by the Eumundi & District Historical Association, the group has hired a massive marquee to cover the stage, as well as hundreds of chairs, ensuring that this is an event that will not be stopped by the weather.

There will be six hours of entertainment from 1 to 7pm with festive performances by Hinterland Carols, Noosa District Concert Band, Eumundi State School Band, Eumundi State School Choir, Soul in Motion, Rebecca Bennett Hincksman, Good Shepherd Lutheran College Orchestra, Eumundi Calisthenics, The Kitty Kats, Coast Academy of Dramatic & Musical Arts, Grace Burroughs, Fit Barre, The Santa Show, and The Sundowners.

There will be rides for all ages including a jumbo slide, the round up, teacups, the sizzler and the super flyer. Sponsorship from Cooroy Bendigo Bank, Cooroy Rag, Imperial Hotel, Cooroy RSL, and the Original Eumundi Markets has allowed the event to remain FREE!

To top off what will be a huge day and night of fun, there will be a big firework display to light up the sky all made possible by the generosity from SPV Accounting and Total Curtain Solutions.

Three will also be raffles, delicious food options, market stalls with Christmas gift ideas and of course face painting.

This event has also been proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council’s Grant Program.

Make sure you follow the Facebook page @EumundiChristmas and check out the website www.eumundichristmas.com to get the latest info!

Principal’s Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



LAST WEEK, Queensland’s Education Minister, the Honourable Grace Grace, visited our school to open the magnificent ‘Gagal Gira’ complex that includes music classrooms, break-out areas, recording and rehearsal studios, general classrooms and four brilliant basketball courts. I am sure that the Minister was impressed with the building, our students, and the superb music the students played for the Minister as part of her visit.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to our local MP, Dan Purdie, who mentioned Coolum High in parliament as he invited the Minister out to the school. Dan is always talking so positively about Coolum High and everything we set out to achieve. We really do have the most amazing and talented kids!

Coolum High is standing at the crest of something very special. We have worked very hard to do many great things, yet there is so much more for us to do. The musical programs we have developed can be extended and grown to more students, with the new facilities opening up even more opportunities for students. We have plans to grow and integrate more elements of the Arts in an even bigger way, especially Dance. Stay tuned, Coolum, and watch our performance spaces grow to even greater heights in coming years!

Next year, Coolum High is introducing French for year 9 students and remarkably more than 25 students have chosen this option. Watching French grow into our school will be something special to see. Each year, our academic performance keeps improving, so it will be interesting to see how it progresses next year. Without letting the cat out of the bag, next year’s senior group contains some seriously impressive academic potential and I’m sure the community will be impressed.

We are so grateful to the Minister and to everyone involved in giving us our most recent, amazing facility – Gagal Gira. We are standing at the crest of a wave at Coolum High, and the future is very bright as we keep developing amazingly talented and resourceful students. What a bright future ahead!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Twilight Markets Lions Club & Coolum HeARTS Tickle Park 4pm - 8pm The Agentz Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm	2 Cars & Coffee 54 Junction Dve, Coolum 7am - 10am
3 Mudjimba Toy & Food Drive Mudjimba Beach Park 8am - 11am Steve Miller Trio Coolum Beach Hotel 3pm	4 Coolum State School Carols Coolum State School 4:30pm - 7:30pm	5 InnQuisitive Trivia Marcoola Surf Club 6:30pm	6 Member's Draw Marcoola Surf Club Raffles 6pm	7	8 Twilight Markets Lions Club & Coolum HeARTS Tickle Park 4pm - 8pm Wildkatz Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm	9 Salty Saturdays Jack Morgan Park 3pm - 8pm Carols in the Park Mudjimba SLSC 6pm
10 Coolum Christmas Markets Coolum Primary School 8am - 12pm Tewantin Noosa Christmas Carnival Tewantin-Noosa RSL Memorial Park 4pm - 8pm	11	12 InnQuisitive Trivia Marcoola Surf Club 6:30pm	13 Member's Draw Marcoola Surf Club Raffles 6pm	14	15 Twilight Markets Lions Club & Coolum HeARTS Tickle Park 4pm - 8pm Sounds of Then Coolum Peregian RSL 6:30pm David Lee Duo Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm	16 Coolum Christmas Carols in the Park Jack Morgan Park 4pm - 8pm
17 Christmas Party with live music Coolum Bowls Club 12pm Eighties Recall Coolum Beach Hotel 3pm	18	19 InnQuisitive Trivia Marcoola Surf Club 6:30pm	20 Peregian Beach Carols Peregian Beach Park 3pm - 8pm Member's Draw Marcoola Surf Club Raffles 6pm	21	22 Twilight Markets Lions Club & Coolum HeARTS Tickle Park 4pm - 8pm Eighties Recall Coolum Bowls Club 7pm	23  Flicks in the Park Tickle Park 5pm
24 Coolum Christmas Markets Coolum Primary School 8am - 12pm	25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 BOXING DAY	27 Member's Draw Marcoola Surf Club Raffles 6pm	28	29 Twilight Markets Lions Club & Coolum HeARTS Tickle Park 4pm - 8pm Living in the 70's Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm	30  Flicks in the Park Tickle Park 5pm
31 Ampersand Marcoola Surf Club 2pm - 5am All Ages Free Live Music Coolum Beach Hotel 3pm - 7pm Rewind Coolum Bowls Club 7pm Back to the 80's Party Coolum Beach Hotel 9pm - late Midnight Romeo Marcoola Surf Club 9pm - 1am	1  Happy New Year	 EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE Emergency - Call Triple Zero (000) Non-emergency - Policelink 131 444 STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES Flood Storm Emergency - 132 500 QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE Emergency - Call Triple Zero (000) Non-emergency - 13 12 33 NATIONAL SECURITY HOTLINE 1800 123 400 QUEENSLAND FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE Emergency - Call Triple Zero (000) Latest fire threat information - 1300 369 003 Fire Bans & Permits - 1800 020 440 POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE 24 HOURS 7 DAYS - 131 126				

COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS



Saturday, 11th November
2023 Mixed Fours Semi-finals
C Hawthorn 20 def M Newlan 11
Scott Wilson 24 def L Cowie 20

Sunday, 12th November
2023 Mixed Fours Final
C Hawthorn 25 def Scott Wilson 21
Congratulations to the winners, Linda Jackson, Sharon Weatherby, Ron Weatherby and Craig Hawthorn.
Runners-up were Barry Griffith, Joan Shipstone, Sandra Wilson and Scott Wilson.

Tuesday, 14th November
Social Bowls
1st P Tozer, L Hall, B Houlston +33
2nd M Corcoran, P Bain +16
3rd G Box, D Wright +15

Friday, 17th November
Social Bowls
1st S Clarke, P Cummings +16
2nd G Whyte, S Burke +11
3rd W Edmonds, C Orr, C Hawthorn +9

Saturday, 18th November
Hahn 3.5 Pairs
1st B Clarke, G Campbell +48
2nd T Crosby, S Bowie +23

Sunday, 19th November
Social Bowls
1st P McNamara, J Membrey +21

Tuesday, 21st November
Social Bowls
1st B Griffiths, J Field +51
2nd G Box, D Wright +19
3rd U Ford, P Teale +18

Thursday, 23rd November
Social Bowls
1st L Hall, K Barns +16
2nd E Field, J Field, L Cowie +15

Friday, 24th November
Social Bowls
1st C Casey, S Clarke, D Layden +17
2nd Joe Dawe, J Chapman, D Wright +16
3rd N Mellett, G Green +12

Saturday, 25th November
Hahn 3.5 Pairs
1st G Campbell, B Williams
2nd T Crosby, S Bowie

Sunday, 26th November
Social Bowls
1st M Neubauer, P Tozer, J Forde

2023 Club Drawn Pairs

Round 1
D Lavery, D Millward wof J Williams, P Judge
Scott Wilson, Sandy Wilson 24 def P Cummings, T Stamp 16
B Griffiths, M Corcoran 20 def G Roulston, J Membrey 19
P Croft, C Casey wof B Bleicher, P Spencer
R Tun, P Bartlett 18 def M Bartley, F Millard 16
S Moss, R Trewin 22 def L Hitchcock, R Weatherby 18
K Barnes, S Lubowicz 24 def B Houlson, J Shipstone 21
Round 2
B Griffiths, M Corcoran 37 def P Croft, C Casey 2
S Moss, R Trewin 21 def R Tun, P Bartlett 10
S Weatherby, S Verrall 22 def K Barnes, S Lubowicz 11

Weekly Bowls Program
• Social bowls every Tuesday 1pm, Thursday 1pm, Friday 1pm and Sunday 9am.
• Register at <https://coolum-beachbowls.com.au/social-bowls/>.
• For all social bowls enquiries contact the Social Bowls Coordinator on 0499 167922.
• Barefoot bowls every Friday night from 4.30-7pm and Sunday afternoon from 1-5pm. For all barefoot bowls enquiries, including social functions, contact the Club Manager on 5446 1153.
• Coaching is provided free of charge every Wednesday morning commencing at 10am. For all coaching enquiries, contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0400 945584.

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TIDE TIMES 2023
FRI 1st DECEMBER - THURS 14th DECEMBER

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au				
FRI 1st Dec	0.33m	1.79m	0.57m	1.1m	FRI 8th Dec	1.39m	0.69m	1.41m	0.38m
Coolum	3:38am	10:34am	5:20pm	10:36pm	Coolum	4:56am	10:43pm	4:27pm	10:58pm
Maroochy River	6:07am	12:12pm	7:49pm		Maroochy River	12:51am	6:34am	1:12pm	6:05pm
SAT 2nd Dec	0.43m	1.7m	0.6m	1.07m	SAT 9th Dec	1.53m	0.64m	1.39m	0.3m
Coolum	4:19am	11:17am	6:09pm	11:24am	Coolum	5:36am	11:39pm	5:11pm	11:32pm
Maroochy River	12:14am	6:48am	12:55pm	8:38pm	Maroochy River	1:27am	7:14am	2:08pm	6:49pm
SUN 3rd Dec	0.52m	1.61m	0.62m		SUN 10th Dec	1.66m	0.58m	1.37m	
Coolum	5:06am	12:03pm	7:01pm		Coolum	6:13am	12:27pm	5:54pm	
Maroochy River	1:02am	7:35am	1:41pm	9:30pm	Maroochy River	2:01am	7:51am	2:56pm	7:32pm
MON 4th Dec	1.05m	0.61m	1.54m	0.62m	MON 11th Dec	0.24m	1.78m	0.52m	1.35m
Coolum	12:24am	6:03am	12:54pm	7:57pm	Coolum	12:07am	6:51pm	1:13pm	6:37pm
Maroochy River	2:02am	8:32am	2:32pm	10:26pm	Maroochy River	2:36am	8:29am	3:42pm	8:15pm
TUE 5th Dec	1.07m	0.69m	1.49m	0.58m	TUE 12th Dec	0.18m	1.89m	0.46m	1.33m
Coolum	1:45am	7:13am	1:50pm	8:51pm	Coolum	12:43am	7:30am	1:58pm	7:21pm
Maroochy River	3:23am	9:42am	3:28pm	11:20pm	Maroochy River	3:12am	9:08pm	4:27pm	8:59pm
WED 6th Dec	1.14m	0.72m	1.45m	0.52m	WED 13th Dec	0.15m	1.96m	0.42m	1.32m
Coolum	3:06am	8:29am	2:46pm	9:40pm	Coolum	1:21am	8:12pm	2:43pm	8:06pm
Maroochy River	4:44am	10:58am	4:24pm		Maroochy River	3:50am	9:50am	5:12pm	9:44pm
THU 7th Dec	1.26m	0.72m	1.43m	0.45m	THUR 14th Dec	0.14m	2.0m	0.4m	1.3m
Coolum	4:07am	9:41am	3:39pm	10:22pm	Coolum	2:59am	9:53am	4:34pm	9:53pm
Maroochy River	12:09am	5:45am	12:10pm	5:17pm	Maroochy River	4:32am	10:34am	5:59pm	10:32pm

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5:45PM	500 CARD CLUB
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5:30PM - 6PM	JAG THE JOKER Enter from 4pm. Jackpot increases by \$100 each week.
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6:30PM	DARTS \$2 entry. You must be a Social member to play.
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SATURDAY	
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1:30PM	APL POKER 1:30pm registration. 2pm start. \$16 buy in. One rebuy \$10 if needed. \$10 add on. New players welcome.

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