

COOLUM CRICKET SEASON ENDS WITH SUCCESS ALL ROUND!



It was a big season at Coolum Cricket with the club fielding many great wins across the season with one of the highlights being the win by the Senior Men's Division 5 team (pictured) who won their grand final over the weekend. The team led for the season and during the grand final, which was a three-day event played across two weekends, the team took seven wickets for the win with six of those taken by Mick Balestra. Despite lots of rain interruptions across the season, Coolum Cricket went from strength to strength and is one of the fastest growing clubs on the Sunshine Coast. Pictured are the Senior Men's Division 5 team celebrating their win against Palmwoods in their Grand Final. The team consisted of players from 17 to mid 60s with young gun all-rounder Finn Wilson from the team being awarded the overall 'Player of the Season' at Coolum Cricket. More cricket pics page 7. Photo: Contributed

NEW COUNCILLORS, NEW MAYOR - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION WRAP

VANESSA HALL EDITOR

THE QUEENSLAND Local Government Elections which were held on Saturday March 16 saw in our region Taylor Bunnag elected in Division 8, Maria Suarez returned in Division 9 and at the time of going to print Rosanna Natoli was likely to win the Mayoral campaign.

Lawyer turned politician, Taylor Bunnag said he was ready to get to work for the division and was happy with the support from the community.

"Thank you for having confidence in me."

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PEREGIAN SPRINGS NATURE CORRIDOR SUBJECTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM

A MUCH loved and needed wildlife corridor in Peregian Springs has unfortunately been damaged in what is being investigated as an act of environmental vandalism.

Dozens of trees and plants over 320m2 have been destroved inside the Ridges Boulevard Environment Reserve on Finch Terrace.

The reserve provides a vital

link for wildlife to move safely between Peregian Springs and the Noosa National Park, and wildlife corridors perform an important role in allowing the safe movement



The sign at the site of vegetation damage which will stay in place until the site has regenerated. Photos: Contributed

of birds, reptiles, mammals, frogs and other native animals.

The act of vandalism has shocked the local community who are deeply concerned over what has eventuated.

Sunshine Coast Council is investigating the environmental vandalism, and a large warning sign has been installed to highlight the damage and to send a clear message to the community that this illegal activity will not be tolerated.

The signs will stay in place until the site has regenerated.

Council would also like to further remind the community that there are heavy penalties for environmental vandals and acts of vandalism

Those found guilty of such offences can be fined more than \$130,000 and anyone with information is urged to call Council on 07 5475 7272.

Sunshine Coast Council's **Environmental Operations** Manager Adam Connell called on the community to help find the culprit or culprits by providing evidence to identify the offender.

"Council is investigating, and we are calling on the local residents to help," Mr Connell said.

"It's unclear what has motivated this act - which makes the damage even more senseless.

"Our natural environment is part of what makes the Sunshine Coast so special and if convicted of illegal damage, people can face significant fines from Council and more if found guilty under the Queensland Environmental Protection Act.'

Council, through its Sunshine Coast Environment and Liveability Strategy, recognises the importance of protecting and enhancing our natural assets and takes a very strong stance when it comes to illegal damage within the natural environment.

Council receives regular complaints of illegal clearing and poisoning of native trees.

"We are grateful to those residents who report this to Council as without their information, it is often difficult to find the culprits and prosecute them, which in turn deters others from carrying out environmental vandalism.'

If you notice suspicious vegetation damage occurring in Council-managed reserves or parks please contact Council's customer services on 5475 7272.



The extent of vegetation damage at Peregian Springs.

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Lions once again help out others in community with funds



ALWAYS ready to help out, the amazing Coolum Lions have been back out in the community with their cheque book and this time Coolum HeARTs were the recipients of funds from the generous local club.

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ties including art, mosaics, yoga, drumming, meditation and sewing classes amongst others. Their activities are open to any person who is looking to expand their skills in a friendly and supporting environment.

A presentation was held at the Coolum HeARTs shed with Lions presenting a symbolic

cheque to committee members.

Lion Doug Alford said they were so happy to be able to help Coolum HeARTs out in this way.

"Coolum Lions are proud to support such an awesome community group."

The local Coolum Lions have been supporting the local community for over 40 years

and if you are keen to help your community, call Doug on 0413 019078 and arrangements can be made for you to help out when you want and when it suits.

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NEW COUNCILLORS, NEW MAYOR - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION WRAP

FROM PAGE 1

"As someone who has grown up here, having the strong endorsement of local people is very meaningful. When I was at the Coolum State School booth on election day, I saw a little boy who was wearing his Coolum soccer uniform, the same one I wore as a kid. He told me his parents had voted for me and it really reinforced that I'll be making decisions for the future and having grown up here, puts me in a strong position to understand our local priorities.'

As with all election campaigns, they are not a one-horse race with family and friends always helping out and Taylor extended thanks to his family and supporters.

"I really need to publicly thank my volunteers for their positivity and energy as well as the voters and everyday people who put their support behind me in little ways by offering me water when I doorknocked or by sending me messages of encouragement.

"I'd also like to thank the other candidates in Division 8, Kathryn, Tim and Walter for their commitment and dedication - being a candidate is not easy. Finally, I'd like to thank outgoing Division 8 councillor Jason O'Pray for his 12 years of service to our area and for his generosity in already bringing me up to speed on several important community projects in Division 8."

In Division 9 Maria Suarez was "honoured" to be returned for another four-year tenure.

"Many residents stopped to say hello and thank myself and council for assisting them over the last four years. It was a great reminder of how rewarding the role can be and how many people can be touched by the actions of their representative and council— 'I'm very honoured to have the support of the community and to represent them."

Having already been in the job Ms Suarez was keen to let the community know that the next four years will be a critical time for the region with council at the forefront of many big issues.

"It will be crucial to get the new planning scheme right and I will be encouraging people to understand it and make submissions to ensure we have people's sentiments captured."

Other challenges will be infrastructure including roads and the Olympics and their legacy amongst others, however Councillor Suarez will continue to make it a priority that the community is informed as best as possible.

"I will continue to do monthly Councillor Chats and expand upon these to hear from residents to follow up on issues, progress new ideas and ensure everyone is informed on projects, consultation rounds and development applications."

NEW MAYOR

The race to become the new Sunshine Coast Mayor has come down to a close contest between Ashley Robinson and Rosanna Natoli with the final tally to be decided by preferences. At the time of going to print (Tuesday March 26, 5pm) the unofficial count was 55,668 to Rosanna Natoli and 49,770 to Ashley Robinson.

Ms Natoli was not yet celebrating despite being in the lead during the entire counting period.

"It is estimated that about 20 to 25 per cent of voters will have allocated a preference... This means that there are potentially around 20,000 preferences to be allocated."

"I'm just trying to contain myself whilst this is all going on.

"If I am elected I'm really looking forward to bringing all of the parts of the coast together and I congratulate both Maria and Taylor and I look forward to working with them both if I am Mayor."

ELECTION DAY ISSUES

Queuing, ballot paper shortages and other related election day issues will be examined in an expanded in-depth external review commissioned by the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ).

Premier Steven Miles said that an independent review was being carried out and will ensure that the October State election runs smoothly.

"We have heard from some of our Queensland communities that voting in this year's local government elections was far from ideal.

"Long lines, not enough ballot papers - and other issues that made voting confusing or difficult - are all things that really shouldn't be happening in 2024 and we owe it to Queenslanders to make sure the ECQ gets this right."



New Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag with family on election day.



Rosanna Natoli who is in the lead at the time of going to print and is likely to become the new Sunshine Coast Mayor. Photos: Contributed



Returned Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez on election day at a polling



Letters to the editor

DIVISION 8 WIN

Dear editor,

My praise goes out to Taylor Bunnag for his energetic and professional campaign in Division 8. Many weeks of grassroots campaigning which included his visits to more than 1800 residents' homes plus those visited by his team, ensured most voters in the division knew about Taylor on polling day. It goes to prove that all the bill-boards, press, radio, TV, and social media advertising do not get the results of face-to-face engagement with residents.

Rod Stringer, Coolum Beach.

FUEL PRICE HIKE

Dear editor,

The usual Easter and public holiday fuel rip-off is with us again, exploiting the poor motorists finding no relief at the pump, due to the high cost of living and governments refusing to ease the lucrative taxes on retailing fuel. The only winners are wholesale fuel companies and our federal government.

But using "Petrol Spy", an online site for your immediate area, you will discover that not all areas of the state raise the retail price for fuel in cycles, or during peak holiday periods. The maps on this internet site give a broad range of petrol stations in the area, with differing prices. Recently, the price of unleaded is dearer than diesel, which has not changed over the past month. However, the price of unleaded fuel has jumped 40 to 50 cents at some service

stations in the past fortnight. Collusion of petrol companies is so obvious

It pays to check fuel prices and where it is cheaper. Vote with your feet. It appears to condemn the most populated areas to higher prices, while further afield, the prices have not changed at all, or are significantly lower than the more populated areas, towns and suburbs. It is the usual modus operandi of servos of - "supply and demand". The higher the demand at holiday time, the higher the prices, with historical profit margins also.

Competition is rare in Queensland close to the coast, inner city or in high density regions, while further out from the popular holiday regions, fuel seems not to go through the cycle we see regularly falling right on high demand occasions such as Easter, Christmas, school holidays and public holidays. Travelling during these times, paying for fuel, is now a luxury for most. With the cost of all goods and services factoring in the price of fuel, no- one can escape the exploitation merry-go-round. Silence and inaction from our government is unconscionable.

> E. Rowe, Marcoola.

FARE EVASION

Dear editor.

Thanks E. Rowe for raising the issue of public transport fare evasion (Coolum Advertiser, 13 March 2024), an issue that is rampant on the Sunshine Coast, yet from my observations it is barely an issue in Brisbane or

on the Gold Coast.

Late in 2023 eight fulltime 'Network Officers' were appointed to the Sunshine Coast region. With Translink bus services stretching from Cooran to Beerwah and the officers working in groups of three, that's a lot of territory to cover.

The issue may be one of driver safety? No driver likes being abused and threatened, and there have been instances of driver assault on the coast. However, in Brisbane bus drivers challenge those who attempt a free ride, and if the freeloader refuses to get off the bus, the driver calls for police assistance.

Female drivers here on the Sunshine Coast used to stand up to this behaviour and tell intending fare evaders to get the next bus. One driver asked a youth his destination and he replied, "Coolum Beach". The bus pulled up a stop before Coolum and the driver told the young man this was his stop and to get off.

Not anymore. Those wonderful ladies are no longer driving in our area. The male drivers rarely challenge an intending passenger and now it's open go for anyone who believes they don't have to pay a fare.

The new fare equipment being installed on buses has taken an inordinate amount of time to come into use, and finding a GoCard retailer is difficult - that creates a problem for new arrivals, visitors and genuine passengers, but the situation has got so far out of hand that any action will be hard to implement.

Why should you, E. Rowe, or me, or any other fare paying passenger, subsidise those

who believe it is their right to free transport around the Sunshine Coast? Maybe we should all adopt Tuesdays as "fare free Tuesdays" and see if that prompts some action from Translink and the state government. I doubt it too.

> Pete Finch, Marcoola.

NUCLEAR QUESTIONS

Dear editor.

Has the Love Nuclear Power cult trumpeted where the nuclear power plants will be built and in which electorate the nuclear waste will be buried or stored? Just asking for new clear details?

Margaret Wilkie, Peregian Beach..

AGED CARE WORKERS

Dear editor,

The number of people over 80 is expected to triple over the next 40 years, yet there is already a desperate shortage of workers to look after seniors.

While wage rises for agedcare workers is welcomed, this measure alone will not provide the level of care and choice desirable for loved ones who have contributed to the nation for decades.

Indirect care workers such as laundry hands, cleaners, and food services assistants will also receive increases to support a lifting of aged care standards all around.

Inevitably, the wage rises will boost the costs of aged care to existing and new clients and the commonwealth government is looking to shift more of the burden from the taxpayer to seniors in care centres or

their own homes and with their and families.

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Following the shocking revelations from the Royal Commission, in an effort to ensure quality and eliminate scams, enforceable standards for food and nursing provision need to be established and monitored tightly to weed out bad providers.

Too many times it has been left to the distressed families of loved ones to go public and expose the shoddy practices in parts of the aged care industry driven more by profit than patient need.

To lift standards and meet the challenges of the increasing number of seniors needing to be looked after - where will all the extra aged care workers come from?

A greater proportion of school-leavers will need to be attracted to the aged-care sector as will workers displaced from industries in decline plus suitably skilled migrants and refugees with appropriate language skills.

It will be up to seniors and their families to keep governments accountable and to meet the challenges of the 'Silver Tsunami'.

> Garry Reynolds, Peregian Springs..

EASTER SERVICES

Dear editor,

With Easter approaching, The Salvation Army would like to extend an invitation to all and ask you to join us for one of our special upcoming Easter services. With more than 300 local Salvo churches throughout Australia, we welcome you to connect with your local Salvos and experience the community and hope that The Salvation Army offers.

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Ultimately, we help people looking for hope and peace. Our passion for helping others comes from the heart of what Easter is all about – Jesus.

On Good Friday, we commemorate the death of Jesus Christ. It was the most incredible sacrifice for all humankind. But the story didn't end there. God had a wonderful plan: to bring salvation and hope to the world. On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, and the new life he offers to those who believe in him.

Let me encourage you to find peace, hope and an authentic faith community at the Salvos this Easter.

To find your local Salvos, visit salvationarmy.org.au/easter Commissioner Miriam Gluvas.

> The Salvation Army, Australia.

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Autumn, Time to Let Go

Autumn has begun as the daylight lasts less than twelve hours from the Equinox on 20 March. In Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) the season of autumn is associated with the element of metal, which governs organization, order, communication, the mind, setting limits, and protecting boundaries.

The lung and large intestine are the internal organs related to autumn and the metal element. The lung is associated with the emotion of "letting go." This process is difficult for those who love the summer. They find it hard to give up the long days of sunlight, warm temperatures, and open windows. If letting go of summer is hard for you a practice like Oriental Yoga Chi Gung (OYCG) is good for releasing emotional issues as well as physical ones

The lung is considered by TCM to be the "tender organ." This is because the lung is the uppermost organ in the body and especially susceptible to wind and cold. During the change in temperature this time of the year, be sure to dress for the weather to avoid coughs, sore throats, and the common cold.

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WELCOME TO AUTUMN

AUTUMN has arrived. It's been a long hot Summer, but March on the Sunshine Coast can still be very hot, although less humid... It is usually the time to prepare the garden beds for your annuals and plants and attend to necessary repotting of plants.

I won't be doing much heavy pruning of shrubs etc just now though. As we know, pruning promotes new growth and it's better to postpone that job till the weather gets cooler as the green shoots can shrivel from the hot sun rays. However, you can do a bit of trimming and tidying of leggy branches, and deadheading spent

Our southern friends will have been preparing the beds for their sweet peas to plant on St Patrick's Day, however I will wait for a couple of weeks. The soil for sweet peas should be prepared well in advance containing lots of organic matter making the soil 'spongy' - don't add any fertiliser containing nitrogen as that will promote too much greenery and no flowers. They like an alkaline soil about 7 ph so you can add some lime if needed. A comprehensive article has already been featured about sweet peas in an earlier

Easter is early this year with

Good Friday on 29th March. In a previous column I talked about folium). Well, it just so happens that in our corner of the world, we call it the November Lily or Christmas Lily! It just depends what part of the world you live in but yes, it's exactly the same

It's certainly worth growing and it thrives on the Sunshine Coast. It's a bulb and of course must have good drainage (as do all bulbs), however it likes the soil to be on the moist side and will grow into a large shrub. The leaves are glossy and strap-like, so it always looks attractive. A bonus is the beautiful perfume, although some find it a bit heady. The bulbs multiply readily and can be transplanted to other spots as well, but be warned, I have just learnt that it is toxic to cats (although I can't imagine why a cat would want

to eat any of it). Best to arrange the lovely flowers and place the enjoy it and keep out of harm's way from our feline friends.

When handling some flowers and shrubs with sappy branches and stems, be careful not to get the sap in your eyes as it can be very troublesome. As I have mentioned before, I always wear gloves when working in the garden, but they can be a bit clumsy when arranging flowers.

When choosing your plants and flowers to plant in your garden, I try to grow something that will attract bees and other pollinators. I'm thinking of planting stocks, lavender, nasturtiums, and mock orange

Happy Gardening

Sandra

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FROM PAGE 1

COOLUM cricket hosted their first annual 'Lads V Dads Challenge Cup' on Saturday March 22 with the Dads taking home the cup in what was a close day of cricket action.

In a huge upset, the Dads were the surprise victors and have earned 12 months of bragging rights over their sons!

The match was a fun way to say goodbye to cricket for the season which runs each year from October to late March.

The teams which were made up of the players from the fourth-grade cricket team played a 40 over game with the dads just narrowly edging out their 'lads' for the win.

Coolum Cricket would love to see as many new players as possible for the 2024-25 season and more information can be found on Facebook at 'Coolum cricket'.



Ryan and Harvey Mitchell.



The team of 'dads' celebrating their win.



The dads and lads ready to play cricket.



Harvey and James Pennay.



Charlie and Sumeth Walgamage. All photos contributed.







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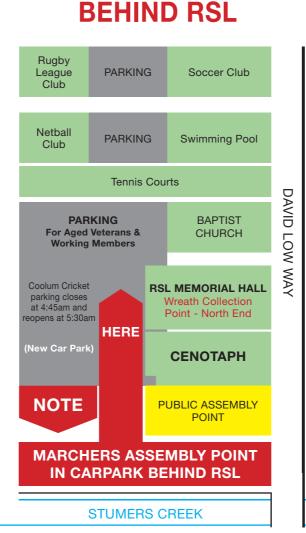
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COOLUM STATE SCHOOL

BY MAYA, COBY, SLOANE, ELLA, SOPHIE, INDIGO, NAYUN, GOLDIE AND LUCA

THE ADVERTISER was contacted by Coolum State School recently who wanted to run a story on their new school leaders. To our delight the students who are behind the new school magazine did the work for us and the students have provided the following article which is all about their 2024 leaders. Well done to the new crop of budding journos!

THERE are some new leaders at Coolum State School this year who are ready to shine! They represent our whole school and particularly the areas of sport, music, the environment and even our Indigenous population. Several young journalists were eager to interview these leaders as part of their new role on the all-new school magazine team. Here is what they discovered when they made their investigations.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Firstly, two of our illustrious School Leaders
Jeremy and Hamish are both really keen to take on their new challenge and had much to say when questioned about their new role. Both agree that they can make this school a better place and create more school clean up

days. They both inspire their Prep buddies to face their fears and believe that no one is any better than anyone else. Jeremy and Hamish will be extremely busy this year with the school musical, the rock bands, AFL, cricket and swimming. When they leave school, both leaders want to either be a teacher or a professional sports player.

Jeremy and Hamish say that the best things about this school are that there are a lot of good people, the ovals are great, and the community is wonderful. The school reputation is also fabulous and there's lots of good friends. Their advice to everyone is, "Face your fears and be kind to one another." In this interviewer's opinion, Jeremy and Hamish are fantastic leaders. They are funny, athletic and inspirational. Finally, Hamish had some words of inspiration, "Work your heart out and never stop trying."

ENVIRONMENT LEADERS

Our new Environmental Leaders, Asher and Neve have some grand plans to make the school more 'ecofriendly'. They include putting solar panels in the school to power the aircon units, labelling the bins and having 'no wrapper' days. Neve says, "Since the age of six years I've been super involved in environmental

awareness. I also love turtles and want to raise awareness of them." Last Friday Asher and Neve organised a school clean-up day. They would like their fellow students to commit to doing more for our local environment and aim to help them to put rubbish in the correct bins. So far, both are loving their new roles.

SPORTS LEADERS

Sport is a huge part of Coolum State School. Many of our sixteen captains, representing the four Houses in the school were interviewed, and aspirations are very high this year.

Abby fits the role of a Sports Captain perfectly by participating in netball, swimming, cheerleading and showing the leadership roles of remembering to serve at the sports equipment shed and cheering her House on at swimming carnivals and sports day.

Another Sports Captain Olivia took on this role because she felt that a lot of people need encouragement, and she is good at that. Olivia has said that she has always loved sports and is very enthusiastic about it! She said that she will cheer her team on with anything that will make them try their best. Lastly, Olivia thinks that she will enjoy this role because it gives her joy to see other kids trying their best.

The boy Sports Captains are also keen to lead with kindness, care and support for the younger students in the school. Sunny and Nash say that to be a good leader you need to demonstrate safety and respect as you teach and cheer on younger

students to compete and have

Advice from another passionate captain was, "Always try hard and don't give up because you don't know what you're good at." Such inspiring words from our new leader.

INDIGENOUS LEADER

Our school is situated on Gubbi Gubbi land, and we are privileged to be Welcomed to Country at our weekly parades by Lyra, our Indigenous leader, who says, "I feel honoured to represent my indigenous elders."

MUSIC LEADERS

Our newest Music Leaders were full of inspiration as well. Ivy chimed, "You get to be role-models for younger students and it's fun to sing with friends." Stella is looking forward to representing the school in the Music Department, with its very busy program and Marley loves helping younger students with songs.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

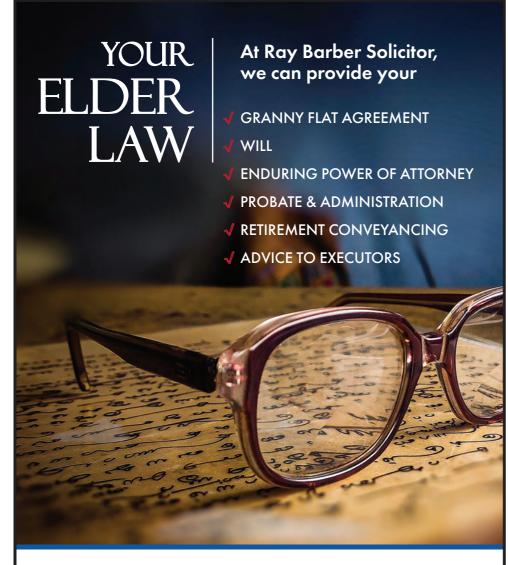
The final words come from our female School Leaders, Isabelle and Eadie, who have aspired to become leaders since Prep. They like to set examples for the younger ones by listening to them, looking for ways to improve the school and helping others. They now have the opportunity to demonstrate the traits that they have admired in the School Captains who led and inspired them to try out for this amazing opportunity that they have now. Our school is in great hands, don't you think?



School Captains Jeremy and Hamish.



Issy and Eadie who are leading by example as the School Captains at Coolum State School. Photos: Contributed



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A look back in time

FRANCES WINDOLF

A LONG TIME COOLUM RESIDENT
WITH A PASSION FOR LOCAL HISTORY

SOME MEMORIES OF 'THE DEVIL'

RECENTLY I came upon some memories written in 1980 by a former Coolum State School pupil three years after the 60 Year celebrations of Coolum State School.

Frank Pitt was nine when he came to Coolum in 1932 with his father and twelveyear-old brother, Ernest (known as Ernie). It took them three days to get to Coolum, sleeping under their cart each night. At that time, the Bruce Highway was being built, so much of their journey was made on side tracks, dodging horsedrawn carts with scoops. Frank and Ernie had a sixyear-old sister named Doris, but we do not know how she (and presumably their mother) made their way to their new farm, which was described as, "just over the fence" (from the school), which was on the corner of South Coolum Road and Warrack Street.

Young Frank had been given the nickname of "Devil" when he - at three years of age – had hidden under a table with a long lace cloth and he had some bread, some butter, and some syrup, and made a dreadful mess! His new schoolmates soon became aware of the term "the Devil did it", and the name stuck through his school years.

Frank remembered that one time he "copped the blame" for a misdemeanour, but the

teacher, "soon woke up that I was not at school that day!"

Frank reminisced that sport was mainly cricket or rounders for boys and girls, and that he had made the bat that they used, describing it as "cut out with a cane knife from a fence batten or any piece of wood I could find" ... In later life he became a cabinet maker, making items "from cots to grandfather clocks."

He also remembered a very special book prize presented to Coolum State School when they won an Australia wide competition for a collection of wildflowers ... the girls had collected flowers from today's National Park, just north of Coolum State School, while the boys walked to Mount Emu to collect orchids. It was a proud time for the tiny one-teacher Coolum school!

Frank's father was also named "Frank Pitt", and that could be confusing, but eventually less so, because Frank senior left the family on the farm, so as to travel to Chinchilla in western Queensland to work on the railway being built there. Unfortunately, Frank senior later died, and the children worked long days helping their mother on the farm after school. Frank's memories concluded "I left Coolum pulling a billycart with three beehives on it, to row a boat to Bli Bli ... [and] ... returned with a wife, four sons, and a Valiant car!



The Coolum State school when Frank Pitt was a pupil. Photo: Windolf collection.



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Fiona Simpson MP MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

EASTER is early this year and a time that many will use to get away for an extended weekend break or staycationing to catch up with family and friends. This year Easter also marks the beginning of school holidays.

Why is Easter a different date every year? Easter is known as a 'moveable Feast'. According to the Bible, Jesus Christ's death and resurrection occurred at the time of the Jewish Passover, celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon that occurs on or after the March equinox, also known as the Paschal Full Moon. The paschal full moon is the ecclesiastical full moon of the northern spring, the name "paschal" is derived from "Pascha", a transliteration of the Aramaic word meaning Passover.

Many Christians on the Coast will attend church services across the coast with Easter one of the most religious events of the year as they celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Bible says

that Christ died on a cross on a day called Good Friday, was buried for three days and was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. Hence the Christian celebrations

Easter to children (and adults!) also represents a guiltfree time to eat chocolate.... But why chocolate eggs? The tradition of eating and gifting chocolate at Easter dates back centuries ago when Christian Europeans began exchanging eggs as symbols of rebirth during the Lent season. And the Easter Egg Hunt.... Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (kittens), so they became a symbol of new life. Legend has it that the Easter bunny lays, decorates and hides eggs.

MUDJIMBA ISLAND UPDATE

Thank you everyone who signed the petition to protect Mudjimba Island Coral Reef. We had over 1,000 people sign the petition calling

for the installation of moorings to stop anchor damage while still allowing safe access. Last week I tabled the petition in Parliament.

The Minister had committed to a feasibility report to investigate this request following a deputation I took to Parliament with local stakeholders. Last week the Minister responded to advise that instead of moorings there will be reef protection markers installed this winter to show people where to anchor without damage.

The Minister also advised that research used in the feasibility report indicated no evidence of damage to the reef from anchors. Local divers are telling me otherwise, so I think it's important that we keep the dialogue open with the Minister and ensure that the report is also open for scrutiny to ensure the best options are put in place to protect this precious resource and we get to the bottom of why this research differs from local divers' feedback.

I will keep pursuing this issue and working with the community to ensure we get the right solution to protect the reef and ensure safe public



Member for Maroochydore Fiona Simpson with members of the local community who were part of a petition which was tabled in parliament in relation to moorings off Mudjimba Island. Photo: Contributed

LOCAL GOV ELECTION

The council elections are now complete, and I congratulate all the new and re-elected councilors, as well as our new Mayor. I wish them all the best for the next

four years and look forward to working with the new council as we all seek the best outcomes for the residents of the Sunshine Coast.

If you are on the roads this weekend, I ask that

you take care and be aware of all drivers on the road so that you get to your destination safely or you might be like me and having a staycation. Whatever you do, I wish you a happy and safe

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

I WAS in the school library this week and I saw a great sign. It said "my brain is proudly sponsored by books." What a profound statement!

Books really are and remain the powerhouse of learning, aren't they! Through books, we see the world through the minds of people who lived in an age unlike ours. We see how life was then and we hear how they spoke - everything

BODYSURFERS from

across the world will soon

be gracing Coolum Beach

with their skill in the water

with Coolum recognised by

the international community

after being requested to host

the 2025 World Bodysurfing

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cess of the annual Coolum

The news follows the suc-

year of being run.

changes over time. We read from the classics and remember sentences and phrases that are forever quoted. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times" – phrases like these first came to us in books by legendary authors like Charles Dickens.

Great writers, like JK Rowling or Roald Dahl, can even get children reading,

Wedge bodysurfing event

which attracts the country's

best bodysurfers to the Sun-

Ninderry MP Dan Purdie

said the fact that Coolum will

host an international event at

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"We already know we have

the whole region.

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not only willingly but with great excitement. When you break these authors down, it's not so much the story but the way it's told. Their sentences are phenomenal – each one crafted with great thought and

And books brought us ideas that we'd never known. Some ideas are good, some not so, but all are important as we grow and evolve. Books underpin the learning of things like science and history. Great books of learning, like 'Gray's Anatomy,' are not readily forgotten. Some of them can last forever. Who learnt

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petitors and their families will

buy," Mr Purdie said.

COOLUM SET TO HOST INTERNATIONAL BODYSURFING COMP

Biology from 'The Web of Life?

There is no doubt that all of us are drawn to the use of technology these days and how technology can offer us fast and free access to knowledge; but there's something about books and all the things that books have done over the centuries to grow our knowledge and curiosity that just can't be replaced. Schools owe everything to books and I hope that in this technological, fast-paced age that books never die. Great books need to remain at the centre of a great education!

Observations

TONY GIBSON

A MARCOOLA RESIDENT WHO IS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

LIVING WITH AN OPEN HEART

I HAVE just returned from a Yoga Retreat in the Sydney area and was able to enjoy lunch at a Vietnamese cafe across the road from the Prime Minister's electoral office before heading to the retreat in the Royal National Park south of the city. The PM's office is in suburban Marrickville with wonderful Greek and Vietnamese cafes, an old Town Hall, large ultramodern Library, churches and schools in a very multicultural area of the city.

PM Anthony Albanese was not at this office that day, however, there was a Gaza-Palestine protest in place at the front of his offices that had been camped there for some time. The demands for a ceasefire and other demands to save lives and provide humanitarian aid in the war between Israel

Australia is a multicultural country and has seen the population grow with the waves of the Russian Revolution, World Wars, Vietnam War or the latrequiring us to show compassion and open hearts for the

This past week we celebrated across Australia Harmony Day and Week for the diversity and inclusiveness in our community. Schools, early learning centres, and community centres like the Nambour Community Centre (NSC) had events. We attended the Russian community event at the NSC where we enjoyed the Russian and Ukrainian folk songs and dancing by adults and children of those communities.

In the book "Living With An Open Heart" by psychologist Russell Colts and Buddhist nun Thubten Chodron they provide everyday lessons for cultivating compassion in your life. To me it seems obvious we need compassion, love and forgiveness across our community and this book provides guidance to achieve this.

It is Easter and with it comes the messages from the Christian community of love and forgiveness as recognised in the life of Jesus Christ. By embracing the principles of love and forgiveness, as Jesus taught, we mirror love and contribute to a more compassionate world.

Enjoy your Easter.

and Hamas were posted up.

refugees arriving to become citizens of this great land. Many of the refugees have been escaping from wars like est war in Ukraine. These conflicts continue to happen



Coolum bodysurfer Darren Verrenkamp who is also one of the founders of the Coolum Wedge Bodysurfing comp which will run again this year from April 26-28. File Photo: Contributed

tors, with flow-on effects to every other small business in the food chain."

Coolum Wedge co-founder Darren Verrenkamp said the growth and success of the Festival, now in its fourth year, was the cornerstone to being awarded the world titles.

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"This is largely thanks to the efforts of Dan and especially Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola who has been our anchor sponsor since inception and shares the same community spirit as bodysurfing."

This year's Coolum Wedge, which is also a qualifier for next year's championships, will be held from 26-28 April. The Wedge is known for its all-inclusive vibe, hosting additional divisions for ages from 10-85. People of all abilities, from the casual body surfer to salty veterans love the competition and cheer each other's waves in the heats. Registrations close April 19 and for more information visit coolumwedge. com



PM's Electoral Office, Marrickville, Sydney with a Gaza protest camp signage. Photo tony Gibson.

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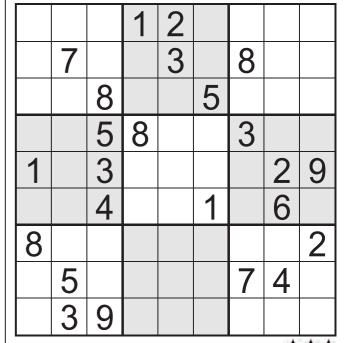
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MEALS ON WHEELS ROSTER Monday, April 1

Kitchen: L Corey, Y Webster, J Hughes, J Somylay, K Ho, T Abraham and J Katz

Run 1: T Moore and D Casey Run 2: J and J Beath Run 3: N Hennessy and P

Napper Run 4: L Jones and D Lawson

Run 5: L and J Rynne Run 6: P McCarthy and N Armstrong

Run 7: R and V Clark

Wednesday April 3 Kitchen: P Carden, R Price, T Johnstone, J Jacobs and P Croughan

Run 1: L and J Taylor Run 2: D Homan and K Naylor

Run 3: L and V Morgan Run 4: R Clark and G Bullingham

Run 5: D Osland and K Hodge Run 6: F Westera and L Curtis

Thursday April 4 Kitchen: L Davis, C Tay-

lor, G Watt, K Schrampf and J Ivankovic Run 1: D Osland and J Nicholas

Run 2: G and M Fraser Run 3: B Jackson

Run 4: K Wrangle and B Hamilton

Run 6: K Berry and B Green Friday April 5

Kitchen: J Katz, L Corey, J Fawkes, R Tainton, J Johnston, S White and W Vowles

Run 1: T Moore and A Gillard Run 2: J and L Taylor Run 3: T and J Martin

Run 4: V Therkelsen and B Mendes

Run 5: R Bingham and W Hamilton

Run 6: D Stone and K Ward

If you are unavailable on your rostered day – please phone MOW kitchen on 5446 1000 or

Anne on 0468 446100

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

We are holding Beginner's Classes for 3 sessions on Wednesdays 17th, 24th April and 1st May from 9:30am to 3:30pm. There will be lectures in the morning with hands on follow-up in the afternoon. Cost is \$15 per full day for members and \$25 for non-members. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. Please check the website for booking information.

QUOTA CLUB OF COOLUM BEACH

Quota Club of Coolum is a group of dedicated women who have been raising funds to support disadvantaged people in the local community for 30 years. If you would like to join, we would love to hear from you. For information contact Sandra Verrall on 0457 355 734 or secretary@quotacoolum.com.au.

SUNSHINE STATESMEN BARBERSHOP WORKSHOP

The Sunshine Statesmen Barbershop Chorus is conducting a free 5-week Barbershop Workshop for men of all ages commencing Wednesday 24th of April. The venue is Buderim Uniting Church Hall, Gloucester Road Buderim, commencing 6.30pm. The workshop will be conducted by our Musical Director Brian Martin. The Statesmen have been performing for over 30 years on the Sunshine Coast and their unique blend of all things musical delights audiences everywhere. To register your interest please call Jeff on 0438685639 or Gary on

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS/MUDJIMBA SURF

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ANGLICAN CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Free coffee and delicious toasties along with a friendly chat are available every Thursday from 10am to noon on the back lawn of the Anglican church, 25 Beach Road, Coolum Beach. Everyone is welcome to join us in caring for each other and connecting with others in the community.

MAROOCHY RIVER COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

The Maroochy River Country Music Club will hold their April Concert on Sunday 14th, commencing at 12 noon. Entry Fee is \$8 Members, \$10 non-Members. Free tea and coffee available and great raffles. Twenty singers plus a Featured Performance.

Performance.
Venue is A.C.M.A. Hall of Fame on Steggalls Road, Yandina. All welcome.

Inquiries phone Darryl on 0458

AUTHOR DISCUSSIONS

If you are interested in contemplative discussion and meditation on the writings of Richard Rohr, Thomas Keating and Thomas Merton, contact Barb on 0476 528 992 for further information.

We are a not-for-profit organisation and the proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the hall.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Parkinson's Support Group meeting for March has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be on April 15th at the Coolum Surf Club. Meetings will then continue on the third Monday of the month. Members share experiences, hear from guest

speakers and researchers on videos about how to live better with Parkinson's Disease and to slow its progress. For more information phone Peter Wylie on 0429361301.

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. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday the 2nd of April @ 9.15 am sharp at The Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach. A generous morning tea is provided (small fee for guests \$3.50). 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 or Coolum Surf Club for those interested @ own expense. Visitors are welcome. For more information phone: Faye 0419 644 651.

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge lessons are being provided by the Noosa Bridge Club beginning 8th April 2024, for 8 weeks. This is a twice yearly offering, held in the clubrooms at 3 Wallace Street, Noosaville.

Cost is \$80 which includes a copy of Paul Marston's "Introduction to Bridge". This beginner's course will cover all the basic concepts of bridge and includes sessions of supervised play where your teacher will be available for help.

For more information or to register phone 54471341 or

email info@noosabridge. com or visit our website www. noosabridge.com

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.

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.

COOLUM BRIDGE CLUB - YAROOMBA MEETING PLACE

Enquiries info@ coolumbridgeclub.com Sessions as follows: MONDAY - 9am for Start 9.15 - 12.40 TUESDAY - 12.45 for 1 pm start

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BURIAL AND CREMATION

CREMATION, rather than burial, is the choice of a vast majority of clients getting their wills done at Ray Barber Solicitor. Some clients add their wishes regarding scattering or interment of the ashes. Others just want to ensure the cremation part gets done. For a practice which has become so common in many local communities, the law still treats it very much like an exception to the rule.

At common law the executor, if there is a will, or the next of kin, if there is no will, has the responsibility of deciding how to dispose of the deceased person's body, in real terms either to have them cremated or buried.

But in Queensland the Cremations Act (2003) requires an application for cremation to be made to an independent doctor or coroner. An application for cremation must not be allowed if there is a 'cremation risk' (eg the deceased person had a cardiac pacemaker) or if any of the deceased person's spouse, adult child, parent or personal representative objects to the cremation.

Objections to cremation can only be overcome if the deceased person left signed instructions saying that their body is to be cremated, in which case the executor or next of kin is duty bound to make it happen.

The will is obviously a great place for signed instructions about cremation. But sometimes the will isn't even located until after the funeral. So, while not strictly the right place for it, we like to include cremation instructions in Enduring Powers of Attorney, as those documents may be more accessible at the time of the decision.

Cost seems to be a big factor in people's choices, with cremation being significantly cheaper. A desire to avoid waste appears to be another factor. While cremation is better overall for the environment, it's not by as much as you would think due to the amount of carbon dioxide created. There are definitely people who still just prefer the idea of burial, and sometimes religious grounds are a factor in this choice. Interestingly, whilst there are certainly religions which forbid cremation, there are others that positively require it.

With human Composting or 'terramation' growing in popularity in the Unites States but not yet legal in Australia, it feels like time our laws about the disposal of deceased remains changed to reflect the diversity of thinking about this sensitive issue.



Mudjimba RSL Sub Branch ANZAC DAY THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2024 The Cenotaph at Power Memorial Park, Mudjimba Esplanade

The Dawn Service will commence at 05:30am. Assemble from 5:20am.

A Gunfire Breakfast for serving and past ADF members wearing medals, their immediate families and Mudjimba Sub Branch members will be held at the RSL Sub Branch, 43 Cottonwood St Mudjimba following the Dawn Service.

The March will assemble at the corner of Coolibah St and Mudjimba Beach Road at 10:30am and step off at 10:45am, down Mudjimba Beach Rd to the Cenotaph.

The Community Service will follow at 11:00am on completion of the march.

Wreath Laying Representatives of ADF, ex-service and community organisations who wish to participate in the wreath laying during the Services are asked to register with the Sub Branch by email mudjimbarsl@hotmail.com or leave a message by phoning 0754588320.

The public will be invited to lay tributes at the Cenotaph at the end of each Service.

Reception at Sub Branch premises: At 12pm following Community Service; light refreshments for those invited to the service. Bar is open until 1:00pm. Then closed until 1:30pm

Anzac Day Entertainment - 1:30pm until 5:00pm. The RSL Sub Branch, at 43 Cottonwood Street will open to everyone for an afternoon of entertainment featuring Sunshine Coast Band **FONIX** from 2pm - 5pm.

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PM, this is a fight for the future of news and democracy. This is fight against fake news and a fight for a fair go for all journalists who hold the powerful to account, all around the world.

Let's make sure Australia shows Facebook what a fair go is.

The world is watching.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Schreiger Andrew Schreyer

President

Country Press Australia



Tuesday, 12th March Social Bowls

1st G Torbitt, M Wilson +29 2nd D Layden, G Stevens +9

Friday, 15th March Social Bowls

1st V Coyne, C Jamieson +23 2nd U Ford, P Teale +18 3rd M Wilson, G Green +14 Tuesday, 19th March

Social Bowls 1st R Klim, B Burkett +23

2nd S Clarke, G Box +21 3rd M Corcoran, P Bain +17 **Great 8's Bowls Challenge**

Semi-finals, 16th March

Men's Alpha

COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

Coolum Beach def Pelican Waters

Ladies' Alpha

Coolum Beach def by Bribie Island

Finals, 23rd & 24th March

Men's Alpha

Coolum Beach def Darra

Coolum Beach def Windsor Coolum Beach def by Club Maroochy

Congratulations to all players who participated in this year's event. It culminated in the Alpha Men losing to Club Maroochy by 1 shot in the last of the round robin games on

2024 Club Championships Ladies' A Singles

C Belsham 25 def S Weatherby 23

C Belsham wof L Hitchcock K Mackenzie 25 def M Moss T Coyne 25 def M Bartley 10 J Beattie 25 def S Moss 6 Semi-finals

C Belsham 25 def K Mackenzie 12

J Beattie 26 def T Coyne 7 Upcoming Games

Men's Fours Final – Saturday, 30th March at 10.15am

J Membrey, B Williams, A Michaels, M Japundza v R Weatherby, C Johnston, S Giles, A Buck

Men's Pairs Semi-final - Saturday, 30th March at 1pm G Brown, S Burke v B Shorter, J Thomas

Men's Pairs Semi-final - Sunday, 31st Match at time TBC A Michaels, M Japundza v R

Ladies' A Singles Final - time

C Belsham v J Beattie Please Note: Club Championship latest results now

Weatherby, C Johnston

available on club website at https://coolumbeachbowls.com. au/club-championships/.

Weekly Bowls Program

- Social bowls every Tuesday 1pm, Thursday 1pm, Friday 1pm and Sunday 9am.
- Register at https://coolumbeachbowls.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.
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Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au

FRI 5th Apr	1.89m	0.45m	1.49m	0.4m
Coolum	5:18am	11:57am	5:41pm	11:39pm
Maroochy River	6:56am	2:26am	7:19pm	
SAT 6th Apr	1.99m	0.32m	1.66m	
Coolum	6:06am	12:37pm	6:29pm	
Maroochy River	7:44am	3:06pm	8:07pm	
SUN 7th Apr	0.3m	2.03m	0.21m	1.82m
Coolum	12:31am	6:50am	1:15pm	7:15pm
Maroochy River	3:00am	8:28am	3:44pm	8:53pm
MON 8th Apr	0.24m	2m	0.15m	1.95m
Coolum	1:21am	7:32am	1:52pm	8:01pm
Maroochy River	3:50am	9:10am	4:21pm	9:39pm
TUE 9th Apr	0.25m	1.9m	0.4m	2.02m
Coolum	2:09am	8:14am	2:28pm	8:46pm
Maroochy River	4:38am	9:52am	4:57pm	10:24am
WED 10th Apr	0.31m	1.76m	0.17m	2.04m
Coolum	2:58am	8:56am	3:05pm	9:31pm
Maroochy River	5:27am	10:34am	5:34pm	11:09pm
THU 11th Apr	0.42m	1.58m	0.25m	2.01m
Coolum	3:48am	9:37am	3:42pm	10:18pm
Maroochy River	6:17am	11:15am	6:11pm	11:56pm

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WHAT'S ON AT THE BOWLO

MONDAY

4PM - 8PM

POINTS PLUS - MEMBERS PROMO

Play any gaming machine from 4pm to 8pm and receive double points. Membership card must be inserted correctly to earn points.

TUESDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

CAGED CASH - 2 DRAWS

Purchase a drink from 4pm and receive a ticket into the draw for a chance to win cold hard cash.

5:30PM

APL POKER

5:30pm registration. 6:30pm start. \$16 buy in. One rebuy \$10 if needed. \$10 add on. New players welcome.

5:45PM

500 CARD CLUB

WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM

Under cover area next to green #3.

New players welcome

2PM - 5PM

HI VIS PROMO Tradies welcome. Prize draw end of month

4PM - 7PM

MEMBERS PROMO NIFTY FIFTY

Swipe your card to win.

7PM

TRIVIA NIGHT - Last Wednesday of the month. 7pm Register for a 7:15pm start- Free to enter!

THURSDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

JAG THE JOKER

MAX'S HOOPS

Enter from 4pm. Jackpot increases by \$100 each week.

5:30PM - 6PM

Register by 5pm

\$2 entry. You must be a Social member to play.

FRIDAY

TGIF RAFFLE IS BACK

5PM

6:30PM

Tickets on sale from 5pm prizes are \$100 meat tray, carton of beer, breakfast tray then a 6 pack of beer. Drawn around 6:45pm.

SATURDAY

10AM - 2:15PM

THE BOWLO BIG SPIN

4 lucky gaming members will be drawn for a chance at \$200.

11:30AM - 1:10PM

LIONS CLUB SATURDAY RAFFLES

Mega Meat Raffle.

1:30PM

1:30pm registration. 2pm start. \$16 buy in. One rebuy \$10 if needed. \$10 add on. New players welcome.

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