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Graffiti no match for new wave mural with elevated secure home



Local artist Owen Cavanagh has been busy of late and is proud of his new wave mural, which is located on the Sunshine Motorway, just over the bridge facing southeast and visible to those travelling north. Owen was the artist behind the other wave mural which was painted on the back of a shed near the airport, however that piece was graffitied many times and was on private land. In conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council who saw the merit in the work, a new site was found and funding for the work approved. "I'm pinching myself that this has happened," Owen said. "The response from the public has been great and this mural is on a billboard that is three metres off the ground - it has lighting, and it has a future which shouldn't have any problems." The mural is also exactly the same wave as the previous art piece. "The mural is called 'Yaroomba' and the photo that I took is of a wave that I saw when I lived at Yaroomba." Photographer Alex Polizzi happened to be driving past and saw Owen painting and snapped the artist at work. "I remember the original mural and it's so great that Council is putting this back up - it's so important to have creative work and art visible." You can check out more of Alex's work at www.polizzistudio.com and more of Owen's work can be seen at his studio at 53 Quanda Rd, Coolum. Photo: Alexander Polizzi.

TEAL INDEPENDENTS LOOKING TO MAKE INROADS INTO THE SEA OF BLUE ON THE COAST

VANESSA HALL
EDITOR

WITH the upcoming federal election yet to be called the campaigning has well and truly unofficially kicked off with independent candidates across the region stating they are here to try and offer something different within safe Sunshine Coast conservative seats such as Fairfax.

Using the colour teal to differentiate themselves from the traditional blue and red of the major parties, the 'teals' have hit the ground running in 2025 and candidate for Fairfax Francine Wigg wants to firmly state that she is truly independent.

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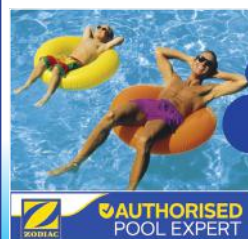
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Urgent call for blood donors as cyclone disrupts supply

AUSTRALIAN Red Cross Lifeblood urgently needs an additional 6,000 people to donate blood this week to replenish supplies depleted by ex-Cyclone Alfred.

An unprecedented number of donor centre closures and a surge in hospital orders preceding the Queensland emergency has drastically reduced the organisation's blood stocks this week.

A major boost in donations is urgently needed now to ensure blood continues to be available for patients in need.

Almost 4,000 bags of blood are needed by hospitals every day across Australia to help patients in times of trauma, major surgery, cancer treatment, childbirth, and for a range of other medical conditions.

Lifeblood has reopened most donor centres in Queensland with the Maroochydore Donor Centre located at L1, 144 Horton Pde, Maroochydore.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Chesneau said Lifeblood was particularly focused on replenishing stocks of platelets, which are made from blood donations and have a shelf-life of just five days after they're tested.

"We pre-emptively sent extra supplies of blood products, including platelets, to hospitals in the impacted region ahead of Alfred landing, but many of those platelets are now close to expiring," Stuart said.

"They are used to help people undergoing chemotherapy or to stop bleeding during surgery or after a major trauma."

Lifeblood was forced to cancel 3,500 appointments with the closure of 22 donor centres in Queensland and northern New South Wales from Thursday to Sunday. A further 330 appointments had to be cancelled earlier this week.

"Between the shortfall in

donations, combined with the pre-emptive drain on our blood stocks, it means we now urgently need to replenish blood supplies right across the country," Stuart added.

"We're asking anyone who may be eligible to donate to book an appointment now, and we also need new donors to step up. Our regular donors have seen us through the Christmas and New Year period, and many won't be eligible to donate blood for a while.

New donors will be needed to see us through the coming weeks.

"If you've been waiting to find a reason to become a donor or have been thinking about coming back to donate, this is the time to act," Stuart said.

To book a donation, call 13 14 95, visit lifeblood.com.au or download the Donate Blood App or visit the Maroochydore Donor Centre at L1, 144 Horton Pde, Maroochydore.



White's IGA takes out prestigious 'Store of the Year' award win

LOCAL food retailer White's IGA has taken out a series of awards at the 2025 Queensland and Northern NSW (QNN) IGA Awards of Excellence, further showcasing their commitment to quality and excellence in the retail sector.

With six stores across the coast including Peregian Beach, Mt Coolum and Bli Bli, the White's IGA group were honoured for their exemplary retail work in front of their peers and took home some of the most coveted honours of

the night.

At the heart of the celebrations was White's IGA Forest Glen, which proudly secured the prestigious "Store of the Year" title. This recognition is a testament to the store's commitment to quality, customer service, and innovation in retail.

Adding to the nights triumphs, White's IGA Baringa was awarded 'Large Bakery Department of the Year', further cementing the White's IGA brand as a leader in fresh,

high-quality baked offerings.

A particularly special moment was the recognition of Karen Baker, Manager at White's IGA Forest Glen, who was awarded the 'Rising Star Award'. This honour highlights her dedication, leadership, and the positive impact she has on both her team and customers.

These awards are not just wins for the stores but for the entire White's IGA family - a team of passionate individuals who work tirelessly to create exceptional shopping experi-

ences for their customers.

The QNN IGA Awards of Excellence showcased the incredible talent and commitment within the independent grocery industry, reinforcing the importance of local supermarkets in communities across Queensland.

The White's Group is now looking forward to representing IGA at the National IGA Awards on the Gold Coast in July.

Noosa MP 'Quick Start' Grants now open

THE INDEPENDENT Member for Noosa Sandy Bolton MP has opened her Quick Start grant program and applications for a helping hand need to be in by 12pm March 31.

"Since 2017, we have aimed to distribute as much as possible of our office operating budget back into the community," Sandy said.

"In previous years, these funds have assisted our young Noosans access sports, major initiatives such as the all-abilities mat at Noosa Main Beach,

provided emergency accommodations and the 'Be: Noosa Connect-SCUH Transport Pilot' which resulted in transport for vulnerable residents to hospital treatments."

This latest grant program is for community groups in need of up to \$1000 for a small project/initiative (Project) or up to \$500 for a 'helping hand' (HH) to assist with increased costs.

"This funding is via a simple application process, however, please include which grant you are applying for by indicating

'Project' or 'HH'," Sandy said.

Organisations should also note the following eligibility guidelines:

- Must be a not-for-profit organisation or group based within the Noosa Electorate
- The initiative/payment must benefit and meet the needs of the Noosa Electorate
- The purpose of the funds should be realised within six months of the funds being transferred, unless the office of Sandy Bolton MP has granted an extension.

• Should your application be successful, an invoice is required to be submitted to noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au for the agreed grant amount including the relevant BSB and Account Number before funds are transferred to the successful organisation.

Further information including the criteria and application lodgement can be found at www.sandybolton.com/mp-funding-partnerships.

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Teal Independents looking to make inroads into the sea of blue on the coast

FROM PAGE 1

Claims that the teals are actually just an unofficial party backed by climate change group 'Climate 200' have been denied with Ms Wigg stating the group provided initial start-up funding but that is all.

"Climate 200 does not control my policies or decisions—I am accountable only to the voters of Fairfax."

"I am an independent candidate, not a member of any political party or movement."

Founded in the lead up to the 2019 federal election, Climate 200 state that they are a "community crowd-funded initiative that supports political candidates committed to a science-based response to the climate crisis; restoring integrity to politics; and advancing respect and safety for women."

Their 'team' is made up of well-known names such as

Convenor Simon Holmes a Court and Advisory Council members including former Liberal Member for Wentworth John Hewson and former Independent MPs Tony Windsor and Rob Oakeshott, and former Australian Democrats Senator for SA Meg Lees.

Climate 200 clearly state that they are not a political party and do not select candidates or speak for candidates or dictate policies.

"We simply give strong community campaigns a leg up with funding and support," the Climate 200 website states.

Ms Wigg says that her campaign is funded by many.

"I adhere to strict donation policies, going above and beyond the Australian Electoral Commission's requirements to ensure transparency and integrity. I have over 250 people in the electorate who have donated to the campaign."

NUCLEAR?

A likely big issue at the next election will be meeting zero-emissions energy targets and the use of nuclear as a viable form of clean energy.

Ms. Wiig called out sitting Fairfax Member and Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy Ted O'Brien's push for nuclear energy, saying it lacks proper consultation with Fairfax residents.

"Ted O'Brien has been spruiking nuclear energy nationally without engaging our community."

"Where was the consultation or opportunity for locals to express their views? I am open to supporting any policy that delivers real solutions to our energy and climate crises, but we need cheaper, cleaner energy now."

The LNPs public nuclear policy states, "on coming to government, the Coalition will lift the moratorium on nuclear technology and

establish a civil nuclear programme in Australia."

A spokesperson for Ted O'Brien said that they want to use all forms of energy.

"Our plan is for a balanced energy mix including more renewables and more gas, and as coal retires it will be replaced with nuclear."

The LNP website further states, "zero-emissions nuclear plants will be owned by the Federal Government, and we will form partnerships with the most experienced nuclear companies in the world to develop and operate the plants."

"Our zero-emissions nuclear energy programme will consist of two phases: starting with two establishment projects in the mid 2030s followed by a buildout of projects though to 2050."

The plan shows seven proposed locations across Australia including the Tarong Power Station which is 200kms southwest of the Sunshine Coast.

The LNP states, "these locations are sites of former or current coal plants, and they have the technical attributes needed for a zero-emissions nuclear plant, including transmission infrastructure, cooling water capacity and a skilled workforce."

Ms Wiig shared concerns about a proposed reactor two and a half hours from Cooloom.

"Our region deserves a thorough assessment of the risks and impacts before any decision is made."

LOCAL TEAL SUPPORT

People are now showing their support for Francine via a teal-coloured bird.

"One of our most active supporter groups, the Cooloom Hub, is deeply engaged in the local community and they have been instrumental in grassroots initiatives such as Bike Ride for Francine and were the driving force behind the creation of our campaign

mascot - Emmaline the Egret, which is making a splash across the Sunshine Coast," Francine said.

Ms Wiig believes that with independent representation the region can prosper and have a safe, and clean energy future.

"Independent representatives have already achieved great outcomes for Australians, including billions wiped off student debt, strong climate action, better wages for childcare workers, and new rules to stop multinationalals from avoiding tax."

"Our region is diverse and full of potential, but political games and neglect have held us back. As an independent, I will answer only to the people of Fairfax."

What are your thoughts on the upcoming federal election? Why not share those thoughts via a letter to the editor. Please email – editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au



Francine Wiig who will be running as a teal independent at the upcoming federal election for the seat of Fairfax.



Volunteers for Francine Wiig hit the streets in Cooloom on their bikes. Photos: Contributed

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Letters to the editor

SAVE STUMERS

Dear editor,

On behalf of the Save Stumers Creek Off Leash Dog Beach Committee we would like to thank the community so much for their dedicated support signing petitions, completing the council and local surveys, and for showing up and helping create awareness of council's Draft Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint.

Our first Stumers Creek-specific petition was submitted on February 26th gathering 92

signatures in two days. Then on the 5th of March we submitted a much larger petition for the broader Sunshine Coast (including Stumers Creek) with 2368 signatures, and our digital petition (Stumer's Creek specific) with 3,899 signatures.

We will now await feedback from council and follow due processes as we await further feedback and outcomes. The community can follow along at the next council meeting scheduled for the 27th of March, and view recordings of both meetings on council's web page at (<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/council/council-meetings/meeting-schedule-2025>).

In the meanwhile, our team of dedicated and learning volunteers will continue to provide updates, and create awareness through our Facebook page

@savestumerscreekoffleash-dogbeachcommittee. We will also look at ways we can work more closely with our local Councillor Maria Suarez, and Sunshine Coast Council to achieve positive outcomes that benefit our entire community.

Behind the scenes we still have surveys to collate, reports to write and conversations to be had with council, and local stakeholders. We hope that we can continue to be a voice for our community, and once we have the data we have requested, work with council on an adaptive management plan for Stumers Creek.

Thank you so much again to everyone involved. Our journey has only just begun.

Bree Logie,

On behalf of Save Stumers Creek Off Leash Dog Beach Committee
Coolum Beach.

NO NEWS

Dear editor

Sad news for the Peregian Village as it seems that the Peregian Newsagency is about to close. Apparently the landlord has increased the rent which makes it impossible to carry on. After we lost the post office and supermarket for the same reason it is very concerning.

These businesses are the lifeblood of a neighbourhood shopping centre and losing them will affect the viability of all the other traders.

Rod Stringer,
Coolum Beach.

RATE CUT

Dear editor,

The RBA's decision to decrease interest rates by 0.25 percent was welcome relief to many. After three years of astute economic management, inflation is falling, from 6.1 percent and rising in 2022 to 2.3 percent now.

After stagnating under the previous LNP government, wages are growing again, and the ALP's tax cuts mean workers are keeping more of what they earn.

After being left with an almost trillion-dollar debt by the Morrison Liberal/National government, and due to Treasurer Jim Chalmers' diligent and astute economic management, we are seeing strong and sustainable growth. It has been a slow process to turn our economy around, however it is happening even with the headwinds from overseas impacting on Australia.

The Dutton Liberal National Coalition has voted against all of Labor's cost of living initiatives and delayed housing policies in the Parliament.

Peter Dutton said the rate cut was too soon, his shadow Treasurer Angus Taylor said it was too little too late. If they can't agree on something so fundamental as interest rates, how will they manage the complexities of government?

With the Albanese Labor government, the nation is heading in the right direction to a better economic future, why would we want to get "back on track" to the economic mess left by the previous government?

Robyn Deane,
Nambour.

FRANCINE SUPPORT

Dear editor,

In the forthcoming federal election, I am throwing my support behind Francine Wiig for the electorate of Fairfax. The beauty of having a community independent candidate is that all legislation presented in parliament will be considered and voted on by Francine according to what she gauges to be in the best interests of the electorate and the best interests of Australia. The two-party system has failed us. Look at the ALP's failure to ban gambling advertising, to legislate Australian Environmental Protection, to assess the problems with salmon farming in Macquarie Harbour in Tasmania.

Look at the LNP in wanting to diminish the Public Service by 35,000 - who is going to do their job? Of course, likely consultants tied to the Liberal Party which will cost the taxpayer more in the long run.

Both parties are beholden to vested interests. They don't vote for what is best for their electorate, but what is in the party's interest to get re-elected. This election will probably be the last chance we have to get independent candidates elected because both parties have stitched up funding so only they benefit.

Teal is not a party, it is a colour chosen by many, but not by all community candidates.

With Fairfax being a safe Liberal seat nothing substantial happens for the benefit of the community. Our current member seems to be more interested in promoting nuclear power, rather than looking at the issues of climate change, infrastructure and housing - all so hugely affect our community.

Mike Hession,
Coolum Beach.

WIIG REPLY

Dear editor,

In response to the letter to the editor, "Francine Wiig?" by Mr. C. Caudell (26.2.25), it is incorrect to state that the nearest proposed nuclear reactor site to the Sunshine Coast is six hours away in Callide. Tarong, just two and a half hours from Coolum, has also been identified as a proposed location.

Secondly, I am a proudly independent candidate, answerable only to the people of Fairfax. Climate 200 is one donor among many supporting my campaign, alongside

hundreds of local community members who have contributed what they can. The poll mentioned in their letter was not commissioned by me nor my campaign.

The people of Fairfax deserve accurate information and honest representation. That is exactly what I intend to provide as their independent voice in Parliament.

Francine Wiig,
Independent Candidate for Fairfax
Suite 8, 84 Wises Road
Maroochydore Qld.

ALP SAVINGS?

Dear editor,

After three disastrous years in power, with promises not honoured, Federal Labor is promising even more election sweeteners, to attract more votes. We are all still awaiting \$275 electricity relief payment, although some, having seen the light. Australians have moved onto a more reliable alternative, and it's not Palmer!

So far, no action has worked to change current poll predictions. Labor's approval rating is slowly dropping, like snow in a heatwave. Its latest is to build [in the short period, after the imminent Federal election date] additional medical centres, most of which are in Labor seats. It appears they wish to hang onto present Labor faithfuls. Labor has had three years to improve the status quo.

Calm before the storm. No, freezing the 1c excise tax for two years, supposed relief for draught beer drinkers, is political blackmail, hardly enthralling them to "shout" their mates! Read between the lines. This will go down in history as the weakest election sweetening attempt to bring in more votes, Labor has committed. It is directed at a small percentage of the population, ignoring the real issues affecting inflation for the whole crowd.

A freeze on very lucrative fuel taxes: excise and the unethical G.S.T., imposing over 50% taxes on cost at the pump, creating bonuses for both State and Federal Governments, would drastically reduce the cost of living across the board. Taxes on fuel are the most devastating impost motorists are forced to endure at the pump, initially created by Labor's Federal Prime Ministers, Keating and Hawke, exacerbated by the two C.P.I. rises annually. The

cost of all goods and services are dearer as a consequence. There is no relief now, or in the future. With a 1c saving on a pint, hardly a drop in the tax ocean - Australians are immune to their empty promises after three years!

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

ORIGINAL 'ORIGIN'

Dear editor,

Now that the Las Vegas hoopla is over, Queensland can get on with the serious business of winning State of Origin.

The intense rivalry with the original colony of NSW started in 1859 when the NSW Government left our new colony "broke" with the first governor, Sir George Bowen, finding only seven pence halfpenny in the till.

When a thief broke into the Treasury and carried off those few coins, the bewildered Bowen had to rely on his personal accounts to pay the state's first public servants.

Knowing the convict would have originally come from NSW, the flabbergasted Governor said, "The man is a fool as well as a rogue, or he would have waited a better time until some revenue was collected."

Revenue was raised at Queen's Wharf with duties on imports by sea and coal shipped down the Brisbane River from Ipswich plus excise on rum.

This was a practice inherited from NSW and its Rum Rebellion.

But Queenslanders could soon make their rum from bountiful sugar cane and today they have our Bundy to celebrate with when the Maroons beat the Blues after all those years since being shortchanged.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

NUCLEAR?

Dear editor,

Just asking if, on the driest inhabited continent, Snowy Hydro 2.0 will be finished in time to provide water for the seven cooling towers for 'nucula' power plants which will supposedly provide cheaper electricity in 2050? More details needed about waste dump sites.

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

FAIRFAX INDEPENDENTS

Dear editor,

With the looming Federal Election, it is interesting to note we now have a number of candidates running as Independents.

At least six of them seem to have a few things in common. They are allegedly independent and say they aren't 'Teals' yet their election signs are a shade of Teal. They have all accepted at least \$20,000 in funding from left wing businessman and the person behind the Teals down south, Holmes a' Court, and they are all running in seats currently held by the LNP.

Yet, despite all this, they are saying they are independent. Holmes a' Court doesn't give money out unless he believes these independents will support his left-wing ideology.

The current "Independent" Teals have voted with the Greens between 73% and 81% of the time. Who's to say this group of "Independents" in SEQ won't do the same. It's worth considering whether the risk of voting for these independents is worth it.

Des Deighton,
Coolum Beach.

DEFENCE NEEDED

Dear editor,

Recent events in the Tasman Sea highlight that many things matter to Fairfax residents but no more than a sleeping issue being Defence, or lack thereof, as highlighted in recent days.

Three little war ships of the coast of Australia armed with nuclear weapons could have easily wiped out, Canberra, Sydney and Coolum Beach in under one hour.

Where were our political masters?

Where was America on this issue? They were busy imposing tariffs and making land grabs on Greenland, Gulf of Mexico and Canada. What benefit is Aukus? Where was Anzus?

The NZ navy was there but we were nowhere to be seen.

This was a warning from China, stay out of the South China seas or we will come and visit you in the Tasman sea.

Let's make our defence or lack thereof an issue because America won't.

Colin Caudell,
Coolum Beach.



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7 Ann Street
COOLUM BEACH

4 2 2

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24 Kurrajong Circuit
PEREGIAN SPRINGS

4 3 2

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54 Marakari Crescent
MOUNT COOLUM

4 2 2

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2 Grange Place
PEREGIAN SPRINGS

5 3 2

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196 Ocean Vista Drive
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3 2 4

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Grounded and Humble

The challenges we experience in our lives means that being grounded and possessing humility are important for our health and wellbeing. We have seen the power of nature recently with Cyclone Alfred being a very humbling experience. Being humble you learn by being patient, listening, and being fully conscious and in the moment.

Yoga teacher Nancy Jackson writes on “recognising our earth roots, and the earth roots of everyone else, knowing that we are not, in essence, greater than, lesser than, or even separate from, the rest of life”. While being “grounded is to be fully conscious, to be aware of your body and where you are while also being aware of your state of mind and levels of feeling secure and peaceful”.

With grounding skills, you can manage overwhelming emotions or intense situations. When you are grounded, it is easier to challenge yourself taking on new experiences while being calm and at peace.


If you are feeling you need some techniques for being grounded and humble there are postures, flows, meditative practices, and experiences in nature. For me getting out in nature includes walking on the beach or in the bush enjoying the beauty of our natural environment. A complete practice like Oriental Yoga Chi Gung (OYCG) will give you connection and techniques.

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A slow transit time can result in constipation, fermentation, stagnation, increased exposure to toxins/bacteria, and damage to intestinal flora.

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- Karen Johnston

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Event Showcase

COOLUM MEN'S SHED & WOMEN'S SHED

JAZZ LUNCH

THE COOLUM Men's and Women's Sheds have joined forces with their 'Shed Jazz: Music for Health' initiative and will be hosting their second Jazz Lunch on Sunday March 30 at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club.

The first Jazz Lunch sold out with people having to be turned away, and the organisers were so happy to see a great crowd of jazz enthusiasts who came along and supported live jazz. The proceeds of which go on to

support the work the sheds are doing by way of music.

June Garber and Second String will be back on Sunday March 30 for a very French flavoured gig and bookings can be made by calling the Bowls Club on 5446 1153.

The club will be getting in on the act with French lunch specials and people are encouraged to wear their best beret and French colours!

Second String will see the return of Garry Buckley on trumpet and flugelhorn along with multilingual singing

soundman Dai Harris. The very fabulous June Garber will again headline the show – it is going to be a great gig!

Music will be from 1 -3 pm with lunch from 12pm. Cover charge is only \$10 for the afternoon of great jazz.

It is hoped that the event will become a permanent Coolum Jazz Friends lunch, featuring multiple Sunshine Coast jazz bands.



The first Jazz Lunch which was held at the Coolum Beach Bowls Club recently. Photos: Contributed

Second String with June Garber



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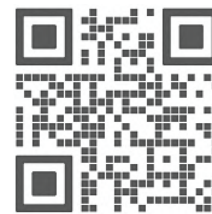
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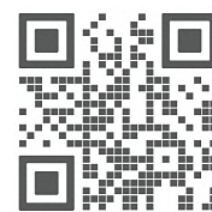
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Locals called on to shape Wilkins Park at Pacific Paradise

DO YOU have a great idea for Wilkins Park in Pacific Paradise? If you do then Sunshine Coast Council wants to hear from you as they make provisions for the future of the much-loved park.

Share your ideas on potential improvements for this well-loved local park.

Known for its skate park, basketball half-court, playground, and mature trees, Sunshine Coast Council wants your ideas to help plan for the future of this shady community park.

Sunshine Coast Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag said he'd heard from the community that the park could use some love.

"To ensure any future upgrades align with what community needs and Council's guidelines, we are engaging with residents to gather ideas and develop a

concept plan," Cr Bunnag said.

"We want to hear from you about how you use the park and seek your opinion on what improvements might be possible in the future.

"There's a range of ways you can get involved between March 3 to 28.

"You can complete an online survey and contribute to our online ideas board where you can suggest improvements, comment on other ideas, and help shape the vision for the park.

"You can also join us at a community pop-up event to chat with the project team and join in some fun activities.

"This is another great way we're connecting and engaging with our communities to build a better future for everyone."



What would you like to see at Wilkins Park in Pacific Paradise? Have your say on the future of this park by March 28. Photo: Contributed

Get Involved

Visit the www.haveyour-say.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au webpage to:

- Complete the online survey and share your thoughts on how Wilkins Park can be improved.
- Contribute to the online ideas board and suggest improvements, comment on other ideas, and help shape the vision for the park.

Join the project team at a community pop-up event at Wilkins Park:

• **Wednesday, March 19** (3.30pm-5pm) event with Clippers Basketball

• **Saturday, March 22** (9am-11am).

All community feedback will be reviewed and used to develop a draft concept plan for the park.

Next Steps

Your input will help shape future improvements for Wilkins Park. Once the engagement period closes, Council will review all community feedback to identify key themes and priorities, and develop a draft concept plan informed by this community input.

Council will share the draft plan with the community for further feedback before finalising. The final concept plan will guide future improvements and funding opportunities for Wilkins Park.

"Your input is crucial in shaping a park that meets the needs of our community so we can explore future investment opportunities," Cr Bunnag said.



Party pooch Max set to raise funds for RSPCA

THE ENTIRE community even the four-legged members, are invited to the biggest birthday celebration of the year – Max's 70th birthday on Saturday March 29 from 7pm.

Max the staffy is the sidekick to local artist Owen Cavanagh and is always on hand to greet visitors at Owen's studio out in the Quanda industrial estate.

An animal lover and all-round great community member, Owen saw Max's 70th birthday (that's 10 in human years) as the perfect opportunity to throw a party at his studio and raise some funds for the local RSPCA.

The party will be hosted within the grounds of Owen's Studio at 53 Quanda Rd, Coolum and will feature live

music by 'The Remains of Mr Thompson' (check out their YouTube!) and special guest and there will also be coffee, beer, wine, a food truck, and most importantly dog treats!

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Officially recognising Coolum High's School Leaders

WITH the 2025 school year well and truly begun the school leaders at Coolum High were officially recognised in a formal ceremony in front of their peers,

teachers, families and special guests recently.

The Investiture for the 2025 School Leaders was all about celebrating these young people

and their commitment to step up and lead. No doubt they will set the very best example throughout the 'year of possibilities'.
Photos: Coolum High



Are you feeling better off today than you did three years ago?

For many people I speak with across the electorate, the answer is a resounding 'no'.

While this is tragic, it's unsurprising as over the last few years Australians have had the biggest fall in disposable income in the developed world.

And the real-world impacts for Sunshine Coast residents are awful:

- Electricity prices are up 32%;
- Food prices are up over 13%;
- Education costs are up over 12%;
- Rents locally are up 27%; and
- Mortgage payments, after 12 interest rate hikes, are up \$50,000.

As an election fast approaches, the choice is clear: ongoing fuelling of inflation and price hikes under Anthony Albanese and a Labor-Greens-Teal minority

government OR an easing of cost-of-living pressure under a Dutton-led LNP Government focused on getting Australia back on track.

Under a weak Anthony Albanese, Labor has been consumed by the polls and the politics.

Under a strong Peter Dutton, the LNP has focused on policies and the priorities that matter to you, your friends and your family – in particular, tackling Labor's cost-of-living-crisis head on.

We will get Australia back on track by:

- Increasing housing supply to make buying and renting more affordable.
- Reigning in wasteful government spending and reducing inflation;
- Delivering cheaper energy bills with our plan for a balanced energy mix;
- Putting downward pressure on grocery prices through new competition policy, including divestiture powers; and
- Investing \$9 billion into Medicare to restore bulk billing.

Together with your support, I will continue fighting for what's in the best interest of our local community as part of a Dutton-led LNP Government focused on getting Australia back on track.

For more information please take the time to read our plan here:

www.liberal.org.au/our-plan

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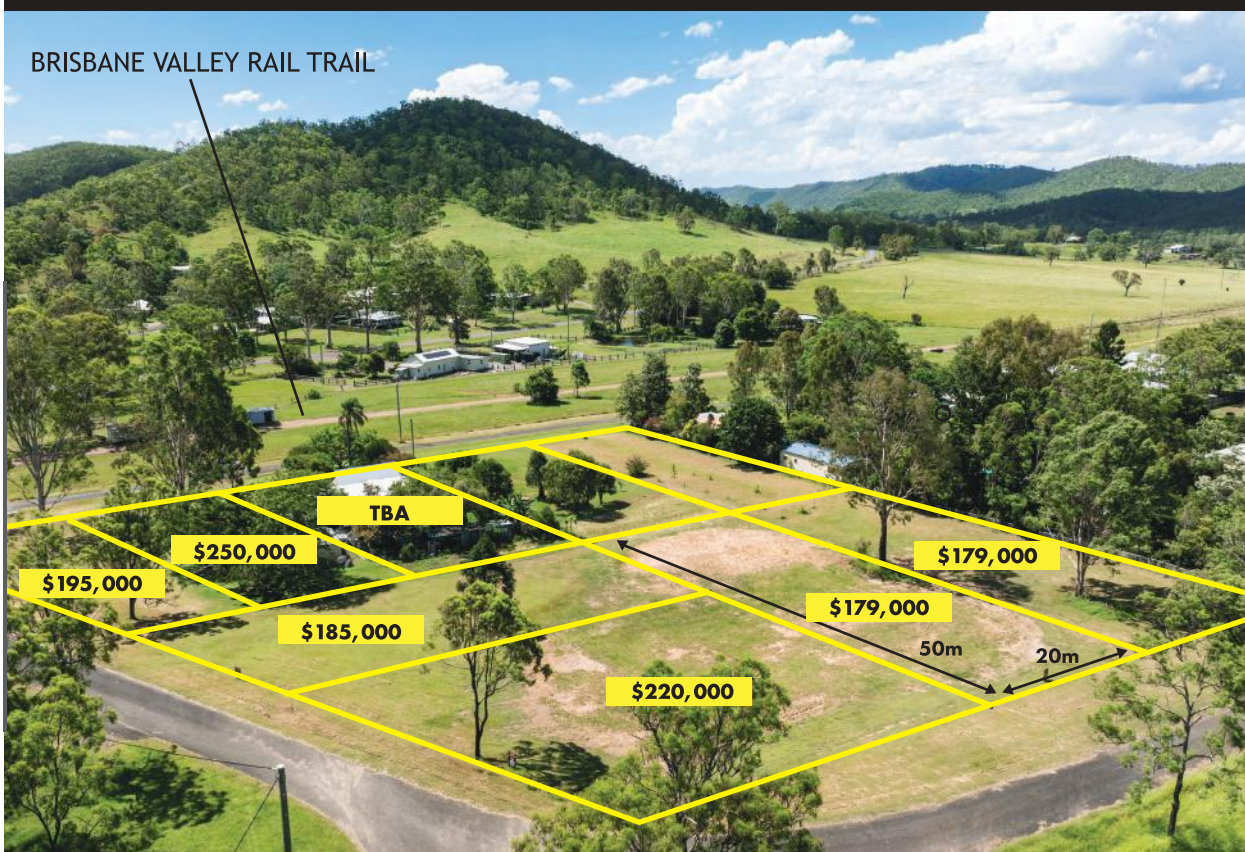
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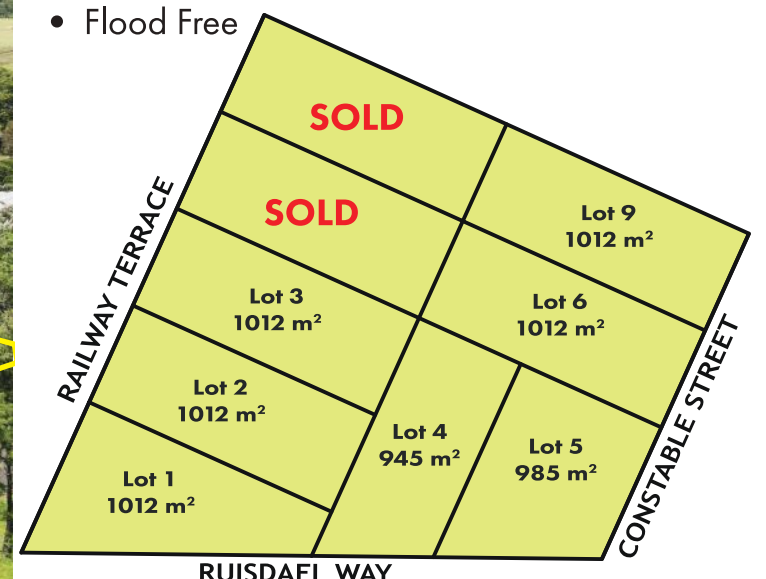
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ELECTION COMMITMENT

OVER the past few weeks, I have once again been on the ground speaking directly with locals across the Sunshine Coast about matters important to them and their community.

The message I am hearing is loud and clear. Good, hard-working local people are facing the challenge of rising costs every day.

Over the past two years, Australians have experienced the biggest collapse in their living standards (disposable income) in the developed world.

Despite the challenges facing everyday local people, I also hear an enormous amount of empathy and concern for our most vulnerable in the community.

It's this sense of community and goodwill that has always made me proud to call the Sunshine Coast home.

I have listened. I have fought. And I have taken action.



To this end, I announced last week that I had secured over \$200,000 to support three local organisations who are on the front line of the cost-of-living crisis.

If elected, a Dutton led LNP Government will provide the funding support to SunnyKids, Kyabra and Coast2Bay to improve low-cost housing options for local families and help our community's most vulnerable.

These organisations play a critical role in supporting those in need across the Sunshine Coast.

One of the organisations told me their accommodation has predominantly been for short term stays, however, in the past few years the average stay is much longer because it is much harder to find adequate and affordable rental properties.

GET IN TOUCH

If I or my office can be of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out on (07) 5479 2800 or at ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au.



Got a comment?

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Maria Suarez CR

DIVISION 9
SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

TROPICAL CYCLONE ALFRED

AT THE time of writing, Council is working with other emergency services providers to prepare for the effects of Tropical Cyclone Alfred. While we don't know exactly how impactful it will be on our region, we know there will be a lot of work required after TC Alfred has passed through. Please stay safe during this time and allow emergency services to complete the work that will be necessary to recover from this event. Be kind and look out for your neighbours.

COOLUM TREE VANDALS

You may have seen the new sign at First Bay to warn the community of the vegetation damage that has occurred there. Testing has come back positive for herbicide poisoning, with another site nearby also under investigation.

It is deeply troubling to see deliberate damage to our precious native vegetation. Especially vegetation that also stabilises our foreshore and protects communities from tidal inundation.

Council is committed to preserving our natural environment, and we will take all necessary steps to hold those responsible accountable. The destruction of vegetation not only harms the environment but also affects the entire community, including BushCare volunteers who spend hours



each year taking care of our foreshore reserves.

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

COOLUM BATS

Council is aware flying foxes are roosting in the Elizabeth Street drain. These are wild, seasonal native animals that come and go from roost sites, looking for food. Eucalypts and paperbarks near Coolum are flowering now, providing nectar.

Flying foxes are also noisy as it's breeding season. It won't last long, and they will soon be off looking for food elsewhere. We are watching the roost closely and understand it can be difficult living near flying-fox roosts in urban areas. We have a long-term aim to entice flying-foxes to a more suitable home.

We conduct research to better understand how they choose their roost sites and are rehabilitating more appropriate reserves with trees they like to live in and food they like to eat. To find out more about our long-term plan visit <https://www.sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au/environment/native-animals/flying-foxes>

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any other issues or suggestions to discuss, please contact me on 5475 9810 or maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Dan Purdie MP

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

TC ALFRED

I WOULD like to thank the community for heeding warnings and following preparation advice during the Tropical Cyclone Alfred weather event.

In particular I thank our hard-working SES, RFS and QPS for keeping us safe. It has been a harrowing and anxious time especially for our vulnerable members.

FREE FLU VACCINE

Protect yourself and your loved ones by getting a state government funded flu vaccine, available to all Queenslanders aged six months and older until September 30, 2025. Thanks to \$25 million funding allocation, flu shots are now available at GPs, pharmacies and community vaccination centres.

COST OF LIVING RELIEF

The Crisafulli Government has axed stamp duty on new builds saving eligible first home buyers \$9,096 on a median-priced house-and-land package.

SCHOOL FUNDING

The Crisafulli Government is delivering a \$44 million boost to help tackle bullying and violence in schools. Every state school will receive funding to go to teacher aides, speech pathologists, physiotherapists, and occupational therapists. It can also be used for professional development for teachers and teacher aides.



CONNECT KIDS MENTORING PROGRAM

Help change the direction of a young person's life and increase your own sense of purpose by spending two hours a fortnight with one of 80 children that need a positive role model. If you think you can offer friendship and encouragement call 1800 367 543 or visit www.connectkids.com.au.

'JOURNI' FOR KIDS

Did you know that road trauma remains the leading cause of death for children aged 1-14 years? Primary students aged 11 and 12 years, will learn about safety on and around roads, including e-scooter and shared pathway education, via an animated interactive video platform, called 'Journi'.

POLICE RESOURCING BOOST

More than 12,000 Queensland Police officers on the frontline will be supplied with body worn personal first aid kits including tourniquets, increasing their ability to respond quickly to medical situations before other emergency services arrive. The Crisafulli Government has also delivered \$31.1 million for high-visibility police operations in crime hotspots with extra patrols, more marked cars, mobile police beats, and foot patrols.

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Of course, it's not that simple, or that easy to get one. Restricted Licences, which relate to drink driving only, have numerous criteria, particularly requiring you to prove with affidavit evidence that you will definitely lose your livelihood without the ability to drive. If you are an employee, this must be an affidavit from your boss! You can only get a restricted licence if you are in the low range of .05 to .15 blood alcohol reading and have kept your nose clean for five years prior.

Special Hardship Orders (SHO's) are a different category of orders, which can be obtained not only because of likely financial hardship, but also other types of hardships – carers for sick family members needing to be available for emergency assistance, parents of kids in remote areas needing to get them to school etc. Again, no similar allowances can have been made in five years. SHOs are only available in circumstances where you have lost your licence immediately for a single high-speed offence or have elected the option of a 12-month two-point 'good behaviour license' after accumulating 12 points and blown that chance with another points offence.

It is rare for either type of order to allow a blanket right to drive. The Magistrate is entitled to get into minute detail about when, where and why. Police, rightly, take a keen interest in supervising compliance and busting those who take advantage.

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
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THERE'S nothing like a cyclone to bring out the best in our community. While a cyclone is a terrible, destructive and damaging thing that leaves a trail of destruction in its wake, it is in times of doubt and trouble that we learn so much about ourselves and our community.

The first thing I love, like most people here, is the sheer natural beauty of where we live. In the lead-up to the cyclone, the sight of the ocean itself is a spectacle, full of nature's fury but captivating in its own way. For the talented, the cyclone offers up waves for the serious surfers with a force and power that won't be seen here again, in all likelihood, for some time. What a thrill for those with the skill to ride these monster waves!

The most valuable thing, though, the silver lining within the dark clouds of the storm, is the way that people pull together. Neighbours look out for neighbours, friends look out for friends, and most importantly, strangers look after strangers. It's because that's what

we do around here. I haven't met many Coolum people who wouldn't help you in your time of need! This includes those Coolum High students, still in uniform, spotted filling sandbags for anyone who came along last Friday afternoon.

How lucky are we to live in a country like this and in a community like this. When we see a world divided, when we see neighbours who can't get along, how lucky are we to live somewhere we can be safe, with a true sense of community, and where the vast majority of people would bend over backwards to help the person next door.

That's what Coolum High is – it's the community's school, and everyone in our community wants to see its students succeed. That's why we're never short of a helping hand or advice, or our wonderful community coming out to give our students an opportunity of work experience! Sometimes, it takes a natural disaster to really show our true colours. The Coolum High community sure is a special one!

Observations

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



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

AS I write this column a tropical cyclone is bearing down on the Sunshine Coast and I like many of you, I am heeding the warning to be prepared. Preparation makes perfect has been one of my sayings and this is my approach in times of challenge and for life generally.

The unwanted arrival of Alfred gets many of us into overdrive as we hope for the best possible scenarios for our community, family, neighbours and friends.

Like many of us living on the Maroochy River flood plain and the coastal lowlands we are aware of the potential for flooding and coastal inundation from storm surges. These are the challenges of living with remnant vegetation and magical wildlife adjoining world class conservation reserves.

Well, my preparation included visiting the Coolum Cricket Club sandbag pick up area to help keep the expected waters at bay. I was met by Jess from the Yandina Rural Fire Brigade who helped me shovel 10 bags of sand and load them into my car.

I quickly assessed humble

and peaceful Jess to be an inspiration being a veterinary nurse working at wildlife hospitals and a member of Coolum and North Shore Coast Care. Jess was helping out with sandbags as another of her wonderful community spirited volunteer endeavours.

Adversity like threats of a fierce storm are times when our community comes together with kindness and compassion. We need to accept life is full of uncertainty and while we can plan and prepare, the next step is to be of service to the wider community and nature.

I must have been meant to meet the wonderful Jess and tell a story. I am sure there are a number of people like Jess out there who are showing leadership that many more could emulate.

Thank you, to all the community and nature environmental volunteers that have my back and your back, it is a pleasure to meet you! We can meet adversity together and

we will need to work together to rebuild, connect and sustain our community and natural environment after this storm. We can best do this as a unified and kind, caring and compassionate community.



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Event Showcase

HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN HERMITS

GET READY to witness a truly great night of bluegrass folk music with twangs of country as the unique and talented multi-award-winning Haystack Mountain Hermits stop by Coolum on Saturday March 22 from 7pm.

Hailing from Southeast Queensland, this family band have shared the stage with Australian legend Paul Kelly and performed at iconic festivals such as the National Folk Festival, Tamworth Country Music Festival, and Woodford Folk Festival.

Known for their extraordinary vocal harmonies, impeccable musicianship, and their seamless blend of traditional and original bluegrass and folk songs, their performances are full of energy, warmth, and the kind of genuine connection that can only come from family.

The line-up features siblings Ella, Lachlan, Marcus and Jackson along with Dad - Dave Church, and Mum - Kerrie Gambley. They play an impressive array of instruments: bass guitar, banjo, ukulele, accordion, mandolin, and upright bass. Together, they craft a sound that's as raw and honest as their lives touring Australia's festival circuit.

They have been praised by critics for their impressive musicianship and their latest release is a stunning commemorative video for "The Horses Stay Behind (One Last Ride)" filmed with the assistance of the Australian Light Horse Association, it was a 2024 semi-finalist in the prestigious International Songwriters Competition.

Haystack Mountain Hermits are rooted in tradition, but their gaze is fixed firmly on the future. This family can really sing, and they can really play – a show not to be missed.

Tour Dates:

- The Events Centre, Caloundra
Wednesday 19 March, 7.30pm
- Maleny Community Centre
Thursday 20 March, 7pm
- Majestic Theatre, Pomona
Friday 21 March, 7pm
- Coolum Civic Centre
Saturday 22 March, 7pm
- Eudlo Hall
Sunday 23 March, 4pm
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CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2025 AT YAROOMBA



The Friends of Yaroomba hosted Clean Up Australia Day event at Birrahl Park on Sunday March 2.



The many forms of litter which was collected.



Due to the gnarly weather conditions the beach was off limits this year, however the dunes and surrounding reserves were 'cleaned up'. Photos: Contributed

DESPITE the inclement weather on Sunday March 2 a group of committed locals and Councillor Maria Suarez joined the 'Clean Up Australia Day' event at Birrahl Park which was hosted by Friends of Yaroomba.

Angela from Friends of Yaroomba said that it was a great morning despite the weather.

"We had to stay off the beach

which was a bit of a shame as Cr. Suarez arrived with a sieve, ready to tackle micro plastics!"

While the beach was pretty washed out, there was still areas that benefitted from a walk through.

"I filled up a bucket on a walk through the Yinniburra track through to Pt Arkwright and back," Cr Suarez said.

"Thanks to Angela for or-

ganising the event and it was great to see so many people join in."

This was the fifth year in a row that the Friends of Yaroomba group participated in Clean Up Australia Day by organising an event in Yaroomba.



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EX TROPICAL CYCLONE ALFRED

Caution urged during flood clean-up to limit soil born bacteria infection

QUEENSLANDERS across the state are being asked to be vigilant as they start the clean up after heavy rain and flooding with a deadly soil born bacteria potentially lurking across south-east Queensland.

University of the Sunshine Coast microbiologist Associate Professor Dr Erin Price stated that Melioidosis is a potentially serious infectious disease caused by the bacterium *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, which lives in the soil and groundwater and rises to the surface

during heavy rain.

It can cause non-healing skin abscesses and sores, and if not treated quickly can lead to life-threatening pneumonia or septicemia in half of all infections.

Over 100 melioidosis cases, including sixteen deaths, have been recorded since the start of the year in north Queensland.

"Although far less common across south-east Queensland, the pathogen is endemic here, so people need to be aware of the risk it potentially poses to

them, especially during post-cyclone clean-up efforts," Dr Price said.

Exposure to the pathogen which leads to infection usually occurs via contaminated soil through skin cuts in the feet, hands and calves.

"People can also be infected by inhaling dust and droplets when windows and doors are left open during squally weather, or when using high-pressure hoses to clean dirt from driveways, cars, equipment, or homes."

Dr Price said most people who come into contact with the bacteria will not get sick, and there was an extremely low risk of person-to-person or animal-to-person transmission.

"Accurate melioidosis diagnosis is important, because only a handful of antibiotics are effective against the pathogen, and it can cause death in up to 40 per cent of cases if left untreated."

Symptoms include cough, lethargy, nausea or vomiting, non-healing skin sores or ul-

cers, loss of appetite, fever, sharp stabbing chest pain, breathing problems, rapid and shallow breathing, light sensitivity, pain or discomfort, feeling cold, high heart rate, or low blood pressure.

"Melioidosis presents in myriad ways, and mimics many other diseases, so diagnosis cannot be made based on symptoms alone and it can also take up to 21 days from infection for symptoms to present."

Reducing exposure risk is

key in avoiding an infection.

"People should wear close-toed and waterproof shoes, and rubber or nitrile gloves when cleaning or gardening, and wash their skin thoroughly with soap and water after any exposure to water, mud, or soil.

"Also wear a respirator when cleaning, ideally an N95, to avoid inhaling dust and water particles that might be harbouring the bacterium, especially when using high-pressure hoses."

What to do with all those unused sandbags

CLOSE to 200,000 sandbags were collected by residents from SES locations across the Sunshine Coast in preparation for Tropical Cyclone Alfred and thankfully many were not needed or used.

And for that preparation, Sunshine Coast Council and emergency services thank you.

Council is now urging residents to put their unused SES sandbags to good use at home by topdressing your lawns, giving them to a neighbour, family or friends who can do the same, or if that's not possible, taking them to a sandbag disposal location where they will be used around the region.

Sunshine Coast Local Disaster Management Group Chair and Sunshine Coast Mayor Rosanna Natoli commended the community for proactively preparing for Cyclone Alfred.

"We feel incredibly fortunate to be through the worst of the severe weather," Mayor Natoli said.

"We know that many people have unused SES sandbags, and we are calling on our community to put them to work.

"When the time comes to dispose of sandbags, please use the sand to top dress your lawn then place the bag in your general waste bin or keep it handy for future use. The bags may last up to 12 months.

"From 7am to 3pm each day until Friday March 14 residents can take their SES sandbags to a number of Council-staffed locations between Caloundra, Nambour and Coolool so we can reuse the sand where it's needed most."

Sandbag disposal locations are at:

- Meridan Fields Sports Complex - Entry via Western gate

off Meridan Way (until 3pm Friday - no weekend access)

- Eudlo Rural Fire Brigade (until 3pm Friday - no weekend access)

- Caloundra Indoor Stadium - Southern side of the end carpark (until 3pm Friday and on Sunday only - no Saturday access)

- Parklakes Sports Complex, Bli Bli (until 3pm Friday and on Sunday only - no Saturday access)

- Nambour Showgrounds - Enter via main entrance off Coronation Avenue (including Saturday and Sunday)

- Palmview Estate - Flintwood Crescent Park (Including Saturday and Sunday)

- Coolool Sports Complex (including Saturday and Sunday)

Council is unable to take sandbags collected from outlets other than SES as the contents cannot be verified as safe to use across coast fields.

Mayor Natoli also encouraged the community to keep an eye on community social media pages as there were many residents and businesses advising they would collect sandbags as well.



Michael Burrows Sunshine Coast Council Parks Field Leader demonstrates how to reuse sand from sandbags as top dressing for your lawn. Photo: Contributed

TORRENTIAL RAIN INUNDATE COAST HINTERLAND

AS THE weekend closed the Sunshine Coast appeared to have escaped the ravages of Tropical Cyclone Alfred however, during Sunday night and into Monday morning falls of over 400mm were recorded across the coast.

Most of the rain was recorded in the hinterland region which led to widespread flash flooding, as well as localised rapid creek and river level rises.

Towns such as Yandina and Bli Bli experienced torrential

rain and flooding which came about very quickly. - Yandina recorded just over 300mm.

Nambour experienced flooding throughout the town and the SES received some 77 requests for help during the peak rain activity due to homes impacted by the rain.

Power outages were noted in the southern hinterland towns and more than 100 roads were closed across the Sunshine Coast Council region due to flooding.



Flooding across the Sunshine Coast inundated parts of the hinterland with areas such as the Connection Road at Glenview cut off. Photos: Contributed



Flooding in Bli Bli on Monday March 10. Photo: Maria Burns

Beaches to be cleaned up in wake of Cyclone destruction

PLANS to clean up local beaches in the wake of Ex Tropical Cyclone (TC) Alfred are already underway, with the community invited to help in a coordinated operation once safe.

Sunshine Coast Council Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) Chair Rosanna Natoli said our communities would be keen to help with the cleanup efforts.

"We understand there are so many volunteers and community groups who want to do their part to help with the cleanup, including our beautiful beaches," Mayor Natoli said.

"We ask that you wait until

it is safe to do so, and so we can all work together to effectively protect wildlife and natural areas from litter pollution.

"Conditions will continue to be dangerous along the coastline in waterways for several days with potential for flooding.

"Our top priority is safety, and as Ex TC Alfred passes we urge the community to stay safe at home or at your place of refuge."

Similar to Clean Up Australia Day, Council will work to support volunteer groups involved in the cleanup, ensuring a coordinated and efficient cleanup operation.

This operation is expected to begin in the coming week and information on how to

register will be advised via council's website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au



Cleaning up beaches after Cyclone Alfred will begin once it is safe to do so. Photo: Contributed

State and Federal Gov makes funding available for clean up

THE COMMUNITY Relief Fund, jointly funded by the Albanese and Crisafulli Governments will provide councils up to \$1 million to undertake essential immediate clean up and restoration activities.

The funding is part of

a \$15 million emergency assistance package.

Councils can use this funding for waste and debris removal from streets, properties, and community assets, and activities to restore public assets.

Support has been

made available under the joint Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The Commonwealth Government is working closely with both the Queensland and New South Wales Gov-

ernments to ensure appropriate recovery support is ready to go for impacted communities over the coming days.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the Community Relief Fund was essential to kickstart clean-up and recovery in

the south-east.

"In the wake of such devastation, it's crucial affected communities know we have their back," Prime Minister Albanese said.

"Early focus on clean-up is the first step to returning life to an even

keel."

Queensland Premier David Crisafulli said recovery planning was well advanced to unlock immediate support for south-east Queenslanders, as soon as it was required.

"Delivering this sup-

port now means no delay and no time between response and recovery," Premier Crisafulli said.

"Just as work continues in the north and far north, we'll walk side by side with local governments during the next phase of recovery."

Community News

Embrace diversity on the Sunshine Coast

The Sunshine Coast is home to migrants from 150 countries. Everyone is welcome - racism is not. Let's take action against racism. Start conversations with a simple "G 'Day!" and get to know your neighbours, teammates and colleagues. Do the work and Shine a Light on Racism. There are three things you can do right now: Pledge, Learn and Celebrate. Visit Council's website today to learn more and show your support.

Time for turtle hatchlings to emerge from their nests

From now til May, we encourage everyone to help reduce light pollution on our turtle nesting beaches. Please turn off any unnecessary external lights or position them to face away from the beach, plant vegetation buffers and use low wattage lighting where possible. Whether you're a local or visitor - you can make a difference to our turtle population with just the flick of a switch!

Great news - cheap fares!

If you haven't caught public transport for a while, now is the time to give it a go. Council encourages you to take up the State Government's 50c public transport fares. What better time is there than now to #ThinkChange, try public transport, and play your part in reducing traffic congestion? Plan your journey at Translink's website.

Calling all Australian artists

Enter the prestigious Sunshine Coast National Art Prize 2025 for a chance to win the major prize of \$25,000! Submit your 2D or new media artwork online at the Caloundra Regional Gallery website. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your talent and be part of a vibrant arts community. Entries close May 11.

Looking for a way to stay active, feel great and give back to nature?

Join your local BushCare group. It's the perfect outdoor activity to de-stress and boost your fitness and mental health. Imagine pulling weeds, planting trees, soaking up fresh air, listening to birds singing, all while making friends and helping our beautiful bushland thrive. So why wait? More than 30 groups hold regular working bees across the Sunshine Coast. No commitment necessary, just join in when and where you can. Visit Council's website to learn more.

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting

View online on Council's website or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers on Thursday 27 March at 9am.

Nominate your hero today

Nominations are open for the Sunshine Coast Biosphere Community Awards. This is your opportunity to recognise those individuals, businesses and organisations striving to make our region the very best it can be. There are eight categories in which to nominate. It's an easy way to say well done and thank you, so head online to Council's website and nominate a community hero today. Nominations close April 30.

Horizon Festival 2025 is coming!

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A look back in time

FRANCES WINDOLF
A LONG TIME COOLUM RESIDENT WITH
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WHEN COOLUM WAS AN ISLAND

IN 2014, when my late husband and I published a history of Coolum, we titled it "An Island Surrounded by Land". That puzzled many people, but readers soon realised that the history of European settlement in this area was bound by the ocean and streams which surrounded the area now known as Coolum.

From 1882, the lower end of the Maroochy River and Coolum Creek were regularly visited by the steamships "Tadorna Radjah" and "Gneering", which would travel up Coolum Creek to Mark Blasdall's selection to unload incoming supplies and occasional passengers, and load timber for southern markets. However, after the railway from Brisbane was extended to Yandina in 1891 and huge floods in Brisbane and surrounds were experienced in today's southern Queensland area in 1893, the shipping service ended, leaving the Coolum area only accessible by horse or the river.

In 1909 William Coulsen established a mailboat service along the Maroochy River from the railhead at Yandina to Maroochydore on the coast, and a wharf was constructed at Coolum Creek in 1911. By 1917, his new boat - the "Ariel" - would leave Yandina six days a week, carrying meat, bread, newspapers, waterproof "Vesta" matches, and items of every sort to timber jetties along the way.

It is interesting that some of these jetties are still in existence - until the late 1950s the small "boat houses" along

Bradman Avenue in Maroochydore received most of their needs by the boat from Yandina, because there was no road access to that area.

In the 1920s and 1930s, Coolum resident Jean Ross [later Mrs George Warren] drove her horse and buggy to Coolum Creek wharf three times a week, to deliver outgoing mail and collect mail and goods from Coulsen's boat. In one extremely wet period the flood water was higher than the floor of Jean's buggy, and as she turned to see that all was well, the tin trunk floated off and was fortunately rescued by a helper!

The swamps around Coolum largely precluded motor transport north and south of Coolum, but in 1922 Aug Stumer and Chris Wintzloff - both Coolum residents - obtained contracts to carry out work on a "Corduoy road" from Coolum, across the Big and Little Swamps, near today's Solar Farm. "Corduoy" was the term for a road composed of hundreds of ti-tree logs, cut to length and laid on the ground to give a firm surface for cars.

Even in 1927, the Brisbane Courier declared that "The Coolum-road from Yandina is used only under compulsion", and it was often unusable, right up until the 1960s. We are lucky that Coolum now has great, weather-proof roads, and is no longer "An Island surrounded by Land".



Jean Ross mail run 1929. Photo: Windolf collection.

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POTTED GIFTS

IT'S estimated hundreds of millions of roses get sold for Valentines Day.

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However, because of the high cost of living nowadays, people are starting to look for a more inexpensive and practical way to show their affection, and there has been a trend to give a potted plant instead.

Top of the list is the pretty English Lavender.

The Lavender symbolises love, serenity, and devotion, and the glorious perfume is said to promote calmness. Additionally, English Lavender is handy in the kitchen, and when planted out into the garden will last for ages. A

thoughtful partner deserves top marks for that!

One of my very favourites is the Tillandsia - the 'pink quill' plant. Quite unique with bright pink quills producing dainty blue flowers. So good for a gift as it doesn't need much water at all and the blue flowers send out the most delightful musky perfume.

Eventually it will need to go outdoors, and should then stay healthy for next year - as long as it's not over watered.

Of course, we can't overlook the potted orchid which is a perfect gift which will last for years and is loved by all. There is always a steady supply of beautiful orchids available to us to buy, and it makes sense to give a gift that lasts. As much as we love receiving flower bouquets, their life span is usually no more than two weeks.

All pot plants and flowers should be kept in a cool place away from draughts and heat.

Happy gardening!

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7 Consumer

13 Expunged

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12 Lukewarm

17 Revise and correct

13 First public appearance

18 Rest

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19 Weary

15 Wanderer

20 Combined

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22 Examine

18 Of the kidneys

24 Make lace

19 Places of worship

25 Ripens

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Community news

COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Coolum Beach Combined Probus Club is for retired and semi-retired people looking for friendship and fun. For all enquiries please Phone Faye 0419 644 651

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS/MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Egg & Bacon Burgers/Sausage Sizzle (BBQ) Mudjimba Surf Club. **22nd March 2025 6.30am** to 1pm.

CAR BOOT & TABLE TOP SALE

There will be a Car Boot & Table-Top Sale on **Saturday 15th March 2025** at Coolum Beach Uniting Church garden/carpark and in the Church Hall, from 7.00 to 11.00am. Set up from 6am, \$15 per site/table. The S.O.S. will have a Sausage Sizzle with profits going to S.O.S. (Save Our Streets). For more information and booking of stalls, please phone Pam on 0418 610 423.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

Learn the basics of family history research with Nerida. Workshops commence on Wednesday 19th March for 3 consecutive weeks from 9:30-3pm. Cost is \$15/day for members and \$25/day for non-members. Bookings are essential. Ph. 5329 2315 or email to genealogysc@gmail.com with your details. Our rooms are in Petrie Park Rd., Nambour (opposite the swimming pool). Morning tea is supplied and bring our own lunch or purchase same at our premises. Use our computers and wifi or your own laptop.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels Coolum Beach has had a place in the hearts and homes of the Coolum Community for more than 40 Years. We prepare fresh nutritious meals and deliver them to people's homes to enable them to live independently. We also provide a social contact, a friendly smile and a chat to check all is well and make a difference to someone's day. Our volunteers are the core of our service – preparing and delivering meals as well as helping in the office. We couldn't do what we do without their help. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team. Can you spare a few hours a month to help keep the wheels running smoothly? Why not give us a call to find out more? It could make your day! Please call **5446 1000** to find out how to be part of our community.

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 We raise funds through our pop-up stalls, held in the courtyard at Pacific on Coolum, corner of Birtwill St and Heathfield Rd, Coolum Beach. The next stall for the year will be on **Thursday, 10 April** from 8 am to 12 pm.

COOLUM HeARTS

Coolum HeARTs offers low-cost

access to a range of activities to all in the community. We have great facilitators and volunteers ready to welcome you to art, djembe drumming, choir, ukulele, mosaics, meditation and gentle yoga. Our women's hub and men's resilience groups meet regularly. When you join as a member you will pay only \$5 to \$10 per session. Follow us on Facebook, on-line at www.coolumhearts.com.au or phone 0478 646 330.

ANGLICAN CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

Free coffee and delicious toasts 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 in caring for each other and connecting with others in the community.

CHEW & CHAT

This month's Chew & Chat will be on **Tuesday, 18th March 2025**. The theme will be St Patrick's Day so come dressed in Green. The venue is Coolum Beach Uniting Church Hall, cnr Elizabeth St & Heathfield Rd, 9.30am - 11.30am, with a delicious morning tea and quiz, followed by a sing-a-long and entertainment of duets, singers, bush poetry, jokes and verses. The morning finishes with the "Good Friends Chorale" singing popular songs, cost \$3. Look forward to seeing you there, for a fun morning.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings are at the Coolum Surf Club 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.

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 Melinda Dodds Ph. 0409 890 186.

COOLUM BEACH DISTRICT SENIORS CLUB

Mondays 11.30 - 3.30pm at the Coolum Civic Centre. Come along and join us.

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 first Thursday of the Month at 9.30 am. Coolum Salvos meets at Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. Enquires 5335-8500. 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 Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. 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 Patricia: 0403 017 247.

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

HOME LEAGUE COOLUM BEACH

Are you looking to make new meaningful friendships? This women's group meets every Thursday 9.30-11 at the Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. (We take a break during School Holidays). Come and check us out. Morning tea is a highlight. We'd love to meet you. Ask for Chris: 0478 584 573.

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.

NOOSA BRIDGE CLUB

Learn to Play Bridge: 8-week Beginners Course beginning at Noosa Bridge Club, 3 Wallace Street, Noosaville on **Monday 7 April**, 9.00-11.00am with follow-up Supervised Play, from Tuesday 15 April, 12.30-2.30pm. Cost \$80. Contact info@noosabridge.com or phone 07 5447 1341 to register or for more information. NBC provides a friendly atmosphere with lots of events and sessions including a relaxed Saturday afternoon session.

COOLUM BRIDGE CLUB - YAROOMBA MEETING PLACE

Enquiries info@coolumbridgeclub.com
Sessions as follows:
MONDAY - 8.30am for 9.15am start
TUESDAY - 12.30pm for 1 pm start (Contact Ali 0422 791 748 for more info).
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NOTICE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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1906 David Low Way, COOLUM BEACH Q 4573

On Sunday, 16 March 2025, 09.00am

NOMINATION FOR BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS 2025

Please contact Peter Lloyd at peter.lloyd@coolum.rslqld.net.au to request a form to nominate for board positions.



Coolum-Peregrin RSL Sub-Branch

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Volunteers Needed



Meals on Wheels

Our Mission: To contribute to the independence and quality of life of people living in Coolum and its surrounds by providing nutritious food, human connections and social support.



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than just
a meal

Want to have the contact with clients but don't want to drive?

Then perhaps you would like to team with a driver and deliver the meals to the client's front door?

You will need to:

- Enjoy meeting people
- Have attention to detail to ensure the correct meal is delivered to each person (Clients are depending on you to get the right meal to them – and no one wants to miss out on their delivery)
- Be able to get in and out of a car without too much difficulty.
- Have a National police check. If you already have one that was conducted less than 2 years ago, we can accept a copy, if not, we can run a check for you free of charge.

Delivery Volunteers starting and finish times : 10:45am – 1:00pm

Meals on Wheels has had a place in the hearts and homes of Australians for more than 70 years.

Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels prepare fresh nutritious meals and deliver them to people's homes to enable them to live independently in our community. We provide a regular social contact, a friendly smile and a chat to check all is well.

Our volunteers are the core of our service - cooking, delivering and helping to make a difference to someone's day. We couldn't do it without their help.

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers to join our team. Can you spare a few hours a month to help keep the "wheels" running smoothly?

Why not give us a call to find out more?
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COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

Tuesday, 25th February
Social Bowls
1st G Dysart, Y Walsh +23
2nd K & M Emerton +23
3rd R Blackburn, J Inglis +15

Thursday, 27th February
Social Bowls
1st T Spencer, M Bartley +28
2nd H Hancock, C Belsham +22
3rd B Peperkamp, L Cowie +22

Friday, 28th February
Social Bowls
1st J & A Jones +24
2nd B Burkitt, R Klim +24
3rd K & M Emerton +15

Tuesday, 4th March
Social Bowls
1st S Moss, R Wallish +17
2nd F Millard, M Wilson +16
3rd N Mellet, D Layden +15

Friday, 7th March
Social Bowls
1st J & K Wilson +24
2nd D Kelly, G Stevens +20
3rd B Griffiths, P Judge +20

Club Championship results available on club website at: <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/club-championships/>.

Club Honour Roll available on club website at: <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/championship-honour-roll/>.

2025 Great 8 Bowls Challenge
The 2025 Great 8 Bowls Challenge has concluded for this club other than hosting finals on Saturday, 15th March and Saturday, 22nd March. All results are available on the club website at: <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/2025-great8/>.

Weekly Bowls Program
• Social bowls every Tuesday Open Pairs 1pm, Thursday Open Pairs 1pm, Friday Open Pairs 1pm.
• 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.
• Coaching is provided free of charge every Wednesday morning commencing at 10am. For all coaching enquiries, contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0493 216779.

Sports News COOLUM HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS UNDERWAY



Coolum High's Junior Boys AFL squads competed in their first competition games recently with both teams securing a win. Oscar P and Ben V both kicked a number of super goals, including an incredible 40m goal!



Feb 25- A huge congratulations goes out to Year 12 student Sienna who represented Coolum High at the Wide Bay Interschool Queensland Regionals last week. Sienna, and her horse Thorn, aka Salvatore, placed 6th overall in CT (Combined Training), and 5th overall in the 90cm Showjumping. A brilliant result for Sienna who is a talented horseback rider.



The Brahminy Kite 7/8 Boys Rugby League Academy won their season opener against Good Samaritan Catholic College (64 - 0) which was an outstanding result from a great game of footy. A huge shout out to Coach Strachan and the 7/8 Boys Academy team!



The Coolum High Netball Academy teams were wished all the very best from the school community as they launch into the Sunshine Coast Secondary Schools netball competition. We can't wait to watch on as these players take their game to new heights. All Photos: Contributed

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TIDE TIMES 2025
MARCH 12, 2025 - MARCH 25, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au				
WED 12 MAR	0.4m	1.88m	0.47m	1.53m	WED 19 MAR	0.7m	1.41m	0.51m	1.63m
Coolum	12:43 am	7:08 am	1:33 pm	7:24 pm	Coolum	4:51 am	10:32 am	4:38 pm	11:19 pm
Maroochy River	3:53 am	9:23 am	4:43 pm	9:39 pm	Maroochy River	8:01 am	12:47 pm	7:48 pm	12:56 am
THU 13 MAR	0.37m	1.88m	0.43m	1.6m	THU 20 MAR	1.63m	0.79m	1.3m	0.58m
Coolum	1:21 am	7:41 am	2:01 pm	7:57 pm	Coolum		5:37 am	11:06 am	5:11 pm
Maroochy River	4:31 am	9:56 am	5:11 pm	10:12 pm	Maroochy River	1:34 am	8:47 am	1:21 pm	8:21 pm
FRI 14 MAR	0.37m	1.86m	0.41m	1.65m	FRI 21 MAR	1.57m	0.87m	1.19m	0.65m
Coolum	1:56 am	8:10 am	2:28 pm	8:29 pm	Coolum	12:06 am	6:39 am	11:49 am	5:53 pm
Maroochy River	5:06 am	10:25 am	5:38 pm	10:44 pm	Maroochy River	2:21 am	9:49 am	2:04 pm	9:03 pm
SAT 15 MAR	0.4m	1.81m	0.39m	1.69m	SAT 22 MAR	1.52m	0.91m	1.11m	0.72m
Coolum	2:28 am	8:39 am	2:53 pm	9:01 pm	Coolum	1:12 am	8:25 am	12:55 pm	6:57 pm
Maroochy River	5:38 am	10:54 am	6:03 pm	11:16 pm	Maroochy River	3:27 am	11:35 am	3:10 pm	10:07 pm
SUN 16 MAR	0.45m	1.73m	0.39m	1.7m	SUN 23 MAR	1.53m	0.86m	1.1m	0.73m
Coolum	3:02 am	9:07 am	3:18 pm	9:33 pm	Coolum	2:48 am	10:03 am	2:52 pm	8:29 pm
Maroochy River	6:12 am	11:22 am	6:28 pm	11:48 pm	Maroochy River	5:03 am	1:13 pm	5:07 pm	11:39 pm
MON 17 MAR	0.52m	1.64m	0.41m	1.7m	MON 24 MAR	1.61m	0.75m	1.18m	0.66m
Coolum	3:36 am	9:34 am	3:43 pm	10:06 pm	Coolum	4:04 am	11:03 am	4:18 pm	9:59 pm
Maroochy River	6:46 am	11:49 am	6:53 pm		Maroochy River	6:19 am	2:13 pm	6:33 pm	
TUE 18 MAR	0.61m	1.53m	0.45m	1.68m	TUE 25 MAR	1.73m	0.63m	1.31m	0.54m
Coolum	4:12 am	10:03 am	4:10 pm	10:41 pm	Coolum	5:00 am	11:45 am	5:14 pm	11:07 pm
Maroochy River	7:22 am	12:18 pm	7:20 pm	12:21 am	Maroochy River	7:15 am	2:55 pm	7:29 pm	1:09 am

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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

TABLE TENNIS

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 FIFTY 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

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

5:30PM - 6PM

MAX'S HOOPS

Register by 5pm.

6:30PM

DARTS

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

FRIDAY

5PM

TGIF RAFFLE

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

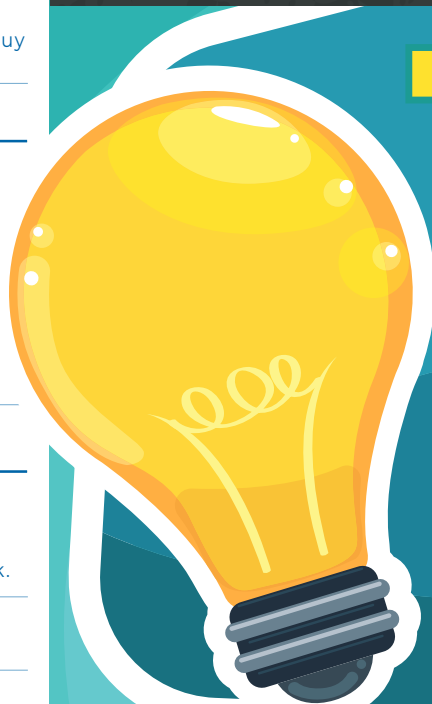
LIONS CLUB SATURDAY RAFFLES

Mega Meat Raffle.

1:30PM

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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