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With so many long weekends of late the great outdoors came to the party providing some epic waves and a decent swell for the Anzac Day long weekend. This wave was captured off Point Arkwright on the morning of Sunday April 27 by photographer Mike Drinkwater who was rather impressed by how well the "lucky dude" rode the "solid shore break barrel." With winter just around the corner these impressive waves are likely to make way for the flat winter conditions and those picture perfect endless blue days. The Advertiser always likes to see your pics and please send them in to us. Details are on page 2. You can check out more of Mike's photography at www.drinky.weebly.com Photo: Mike Drinkwater

NORTH SHORE FOOTBALL CLUB FUTURE IN DOUBT IF COMMUNITY DOES NOT 'REIGNITE THE ROAR'

VANESSA HALL
EDITOR

AN ELEVENTH-HOUR plea is being asked of the community to ensure the future of the North Shore Football Club with the club uncertain of its future beyond 2025 due to financial constraints and a lack of members and players.

The long-standing grass-roots club based in Mudjimba is calling for urgent community support as it faces a dramatic drop in player numbers and volunteers — putting its future beyond 2025 at seri-

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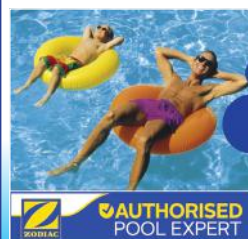
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North Shore Football Club future in doubt if community does not 'Reignite the Roar'

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ous risk.

To kick things off, the club is inviting all locals, past players, families, and supporters to attend a 'Community Chat' on Wednesday May 14 at the club on Nojoor Road, Mudjimba.

Secretary Nikole Cassin said the club currently only has 72 registered players and they were unable to field teams in many junior age groups for the 2025 season.

"We're not ready to let this club go.

"We're determined to bring back the energy, joy, and community connection that grassroots football is all about — and we need the community's help to do it."

In an effort to fight for their survival the club has launched a new campaign — 'Reignite the Roar' aimed at re-engaging local families, attracting new volunteers and rebuilding the community spirit the North Shore Football Club was known for.

"We need volunteers for the committee, and we also need coaches and managers," Nikole said.

"These volunteers give

around two hours a week for training and are also on hand for game days and the committee meets once a month."

Coaches do not have to have a child playing, the only requirement is a blue card and knowledge and passion for football.

The club is also feeling very real financial pressure with money needed for lighting upgrades to the field and memberships down due to money being tight with many families.

"There's no more Fair-Play vouchers and these \$200 vouchers helped many struggling families with membership costs and that then meant that for the juniors the only out of pocket expense was for uniforms," Nikole said.

"We are cheaper than many other clubs but it's still expensive and those vouchers really did help."

FairPlay vouchers were an initiative by the state government where parents, carers or guardians could apply for a voucher valued up to \$200 for their child, which could then be used towards sporting endeavours with a registered provider. There has been

no announcement if there will be more rounds of these vouchers.

Member for Maroochydore Fiona Simpson said that she would be meeting with the club at their Community Chat on Wednesday May 14.

"The North Shore Football Club is one of the Coast's grassroots football clubs which are so important to local community and families to keep children engaged and interested in sport — these clubs are jewels in the crown of the Sunshine Coast.

"I look forward to working with club members to get more community support and advocate for the help they need."

The Community Chat will be an opportunity for the community to come together and work on a plan as to how the club can survive.

"We need numbers," Nikole said.

"Our community is amazing and very family friendly and football is such a great sport.

"It's great for social and motor skills and we really want to be able to provide opportunities, but we need help to do that."

COMMUNITY CHAT DETAILS

Who: All locals, past players, families, and supporters are invited to the chat with both MP Fiona Simpson and Cr Taylor Bunnag attending

Date: Wednesday May 14 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Where: North Shore Football Club — Nojoor Rd, Mudjimba

What: This casual event will be a chance to hear the club's plan, offer support, and get involved — no matter how big or small.



The future for the North Shore Football Club is in doubt and with that little footballers such as these may have to find another club to play at from 2026.
Photo: Contributed

Coolum resort invests in solar for long term energy savings

THE COOLUM at the Beach resort which takes up a large block in central Coolum has made a sizeable investment in their energy future by spending \$400,000 on a solar installation for the entire complex.

The Coolum at the Beach Body Corporate Committee approved the investment and have stated that the project is "undoubtedly the most significant strata installation in the Sunshine Coast Local Government Area."

The complex straddles one whole block from David Low Way to Sunrise Avenue and is flanked by Margaret and Hewitt St. It has 95 apart-

ments and 14 villas with 30 permanent residents and a mix of both holiday and long term rentals.

The installation was not cheap and in order to secure the purchase the Body Corporate footed half of the bill via the sinking fund and the other half was obtained via a loan from the Macquarie Bank in a move that was seen as the most equitable for past and new owners.

However, a spokesperson for the Body Corporate said that the savings would soon be seen in a just a few years.

"We have four swimming pools here and two are heated and our power bill comes in at

around \$80,000 a year so we started investigating solar."

With the help of 'Zero Emissions Noosa' the group established that a large scale solar investment was the way to go.

"We voted for this at our AGM, and all voted in favour of this project and now we control our power ourselves."

At a recent afternoon celebration residents from the complex and invited members of the community were shown exactly how the system works.

"In our foyer we have a screen that shows very clearly how much energy we are

using and how much we are drawing and on sunny days we are providing all of our energy and it's very easy to see... it's a very interesting piece of technology!"

The environmental aspect of solar was also a priority for the resort as well.

"This is definitely good marketing for the resort, and we live in a beautiful coastal region that we want to preserve, and we are also looking at potentially installing charging stations for electric vehicles."

The solar installation took around six weeks and was completed by early April.



Residents and guests at the solar installation launch.



A presentation was given on exactly how the solar system for the resort works.



The large screen in the foyer of the Coolum at the Beach resort in Coolum which shows exactly how much energy the system is producing and drawing. Photos: Contributed

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Help design and connect link between beach and Jack Morgan park in Coolum

WHAT would you like to see in Coolum between Jack Morgan Park and the beach, and specifically along the little Park St road? Council is ready to commit to making this connection better and they want to know your ideas by May 12.

The Sunshine Coast Council 'Coolum Connections' project will deliver charming streetscape improvements to strengthen the local character and heart of Coolum.

Sunshine Coast Council Division 9 Councillor Maria

Suarez said the project aimed to improve access to, and use of, important links between the foreshore and main street, through to Jack Morgan Park.

"We're looking to really connect the spaces and places our community loves, and this will include making it easier to find and access the Coolum Library and Civic Centre, located next to the park," Cr Suarez said.

"The project will build on significant planning and community engagement undertaken over the past 15

years.

"This previous planning resulted in major streetscape improvements, park upgrades and other public realm improvements."

IMPROVEMENTS TO COME

Park Street has been identified as a key priority for improvement, and Council will deliver refreshed pavement, new landscaped areas with native and coastal planting, seating nooks, improved street trees with irrigation,

and renewed street lighting with overhead festoon lights.

"As part of the improvements, the new concrete pavement will be etched with a distinctive Coolum pattern and we are seeking your input on the artwork style," Cr Suarez said.

"We'll also be adding shade trees in Jack Morgan Park, and new wayfinding and directional signage."

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

"We're inviting our com-

munity to review and provide feedback on the Draft Coolum Connections Ideas Plan and the Park Street Streetscape Refresh before May 12," Cr Suarez said.

"We look forward to your feedback on this exciting project to enhance Coolum's heart and character."

To provide feedback please visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and search for 'Coolum Connections' and have your say via the link.

Here, you can view the Draft Coolum Connections

Ideas Plan, read more about the project, and see how the Park Street improvements will look and feel.

NEXT STEPS

Feedback received will help finalise the Draft Coolum Connections Ideas Plan and the Park Street Streetscape Refresh design, ready for construction. Construction is proposed for July 2025, with a project budget of \$400,000 as part of Council's Capital Works Program and Minor Capital Works Program.



Park Street in Coolum – what do you think should be done with this space?



The 'Coolum Connections' project will aim to connect Jack Morgan Park with the coastal region and to make both spaces more accessible to each other. Photos: Contributed



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Letters to the editor

VOTE HISTORY

Dear editor,

When USA voters remembered the first Trump government (2016), the next time they voted for the other side (2020). Then, forgetting history and believing the promises of the convicted criminal, they voted for him again (2024). Just asking if this a case of if you forget history then you're bound to repeat it?

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

RESPONSE TO NUCLEAR

Dear editor,

It's disappointing to read the diatribe of Prof Mendoza. His information is 50 years old and long superseded. The world has moved on and the much-touted science with it.

For example the "toxic waste" is not going to haunt us for 10,000+ years. Nuclear waste can be recycled and it's a key part of some nuclear fuel cycles. The process involves extracting and reusing fissile materials like uranium

and plutonium from spent nuclear fuel. This recycling reduces waste volume and can also provide a new fuel source for nuclear reactors.

Prof Mendoza is entitled to his antiquated opinion, but it is disturbing that this nonsense is taught as gospel in a university. Puts a bad light on Sunshine Coast Uni.

J Konrad,
Peregian Beach.

OUTBACK HOLIDAY

Dear editor,

Following the devastation of record floods in the outback, its isolated people implored coastal dwellers not to discount them from tourist plans.

Yes, things will not be quite the same as last year's glossy brochures, but what awaits is wonderful.

Last century's heritage photographs spring to life within the resilience of today's outback generations reviving devastated farms and the struggle streets of little villages that Noah-like survived.

Classic tourist towns such as Longreach and Winton are rejuvenating their offer-

ings with renewed passion to make tourists' experiences even more memorable with an added personal touch.

The authentic generosity of local people opening their hearts with dramatic insights into their lives and love of the outback comes through at every attraction and in the simple chats in the street, at the shop, or the café counter.

Nature is redeeming itself by painting the landscape green and nourishing a proliferation of bird and animal life.

While the countryside is blooming, we urban dwellers can set their economies booming.

Our country cousins want us to do ourselves and them a favour by getting out to the outback now while the climate is most welcoming.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

OZ HERITAGE

Dear editor,

With Australia's population at 27 million and counting, 8.2 million have added to become Australian citizens [as of 30 June 2023]. With just over 1 million since 2017. One fifth of Australian-born children have two parents born overseas and nearly half [48.2%]

have one parent born overseas [according to the 2021 census].

This displays our cultural diversity. We come from all four corners of the globe, to make our nation unique. There seems to be "something" uniquely Australian attracting immigrants to our "Sunburnt Country"! Lifestyle and weather may have much to do with it. The traditional occupants, with lineage back before 1788, have been integrated with incoming immigrants willing to share in Australia's beauty, wealth and freedoms, investing their multiculturalism; contributing to benefit all our countrymen. This, ideally, should be our common social modus operandi.

All immigrants add to the "flavour" of what it means to be "TRULY" Australian. Who are the traditional owners now? With no written records of original title-deeds, with many original tribal peoples scattered far and wide across this vast continent, integrating and assimilating with incoming new Australians, what percentage of their pre-1788 cultural tone would take precedence, when claiming heritage rights, another flag and "voice"?

We all invest in our nation, by living, working and assimilating, with our energy, work ethic and talents, to

make Australia the envy of the world. We ALL are entitled to belong; to "Call Australia Home", with one voice and one flag, because our multi-cultural roots contribute to a deep investment in the common Australian psyche, where our origins should not discriminate.

"We are one, but we are many" depends largely on our motives and willingness to be gracious, for the benefit of the whole nation.

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

COOLUM TOWN CENTRE

Dear editor,

Council is proposing to beautify the short strip between the library and David Low way (Park street). They are proposing festoon lighting, seats and pathways with a motive etched into it. I wonder whether we could look at the bigger picture.

Our recreational area consisting of the park and the beach is intersected by a two-way road to get to the cafes and shops (which support our local economy). Wouldn't it be a great asset to close off some of the road and turn it into a walking space?

It could have public art, alfresco seating, popup stalls for

craft, coffee, etc. Maybe even some education boards about our environment and heritage. Traffic could be diverted to Perry and Elizabeth street. This idea doesn't have to be a pie in the sky if it is gradually implemented and paid for.

Name supplied,
Coolum Beach.

POLITICAL THOUGHTS

Dear editor,

Costa Livven reports that the community has rejected buying the spud or any rancid, withered, leftover vegetables because they are too costly, cause indigestion and reflux and are not conducive to healthy living. Just asking if there will be any fresh ones on the market soon?.

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

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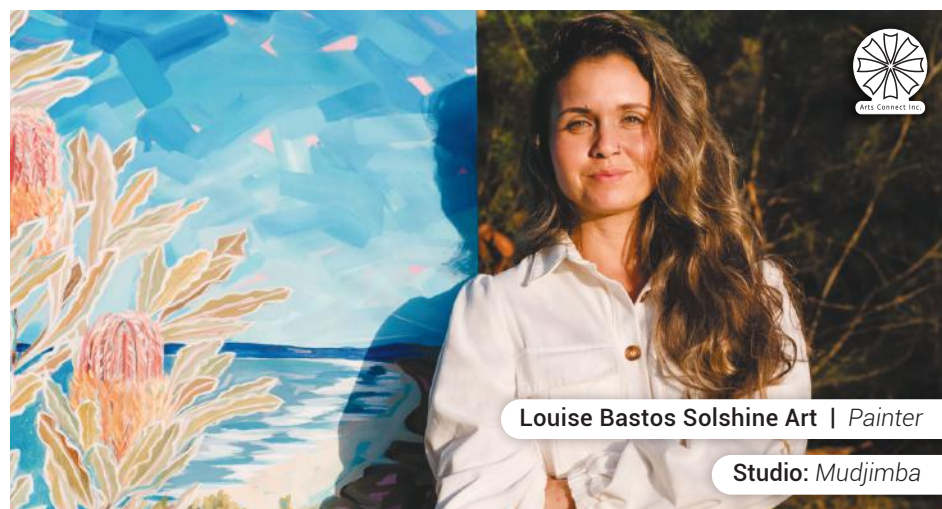
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Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

THE SEASONS are changing and, with that, so too is our students' focus. The warm days of summer are distant memories and as autumn turns slowly to winter, focus needs to be placed on upcoming assignments and exams.

At Coolum High, so many of our students are excelling at a wide range of fields. I wish I could show the community the complexity of many of the things we ask of kids these days. These assessments and exams aren't easy – they are complex and time-pressured, and students need to work hard to stay on top of their load and hand in quality pieces.

We are fortunate, however, in that our students are guided by expert teachers, many of whom are well-known within and celebrated by our community. Coolum High's teachers are second-to-none and have guided the increasingly well-known success of our students. Many of these teachers volunteer their time after school for additional tutoring, homework support and assistance. Unlike professionals from billed professions, teachers do all of this for free because they want their students to succeed – there is no overtime, no bonuses, no extra gifts. How lucky are we to have this body of gift-

ed people so willing to give their time so that their students may achieve their goals and their dreams?

Term 2 is a very important one for all students. Success in semester one exams sets up the year and, importantly, is used to calculate results for our annual Celebration of Excellence at which, amongst many things, our leading academic scholar (the 'Wandama Award' winner) is announced. Students strive to be part of the Celebration of Excellence, and some extraordinary year 12 students win a 'Platinum Award,' the reward for having been a 'Gold Award' winner in each year of their high school journey.

Coolum High has earned an enviable reputation for scholarship, after having six students receive ATAR scores over 99, placing them in the top one percent of the state in 2025. This year is no different with some remarkable scholars set to once again reach the highest benchmarks possible in Queensland. But now isn't the time for celebration, it's the time to settle in, work hard, review, revise, dream of possibilities and to put your best foot forward. At Coolum State High School, we know that above all things it is hard work that leads to success.



Legal News

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

ELDER ABUSE

THE WORST thing about the increasing prevalence of elder abuse in our society is that the great majority of it is perpetrated by the loved ones of those at the receiving end.

As the oldest members of our community enter their later stages of life, there is no doubt that they can be more vulnerable to manipulation, coercion and exploitation both financial and emotional. With the Baby Boomer generation far wealthier on average than their successors, rising living costs, unaffordable property and mortgage stress have made the temptation for their children to dip into mum and dad's estate considerable. This is especially so if the abuser is unlikely to get caught!

We routinely recommend appointing more than one child as financial enduring power of attorney, so they can 'keep an eye on each other'. Appointing another person again as executor in your will can increase the chance of discrepancies in the banking being picked up and reduce the chance of it happening in the first place.

But it's not just about steal-



ing money. We definitely meet wills clients from time to time who appear to have been coached to request a particular redraft or amendment to 'even things up' amongst the kids/ Often when the change appears to do no such thing. Money or assets will often have been gifted before death to a child who is taking the carer role. The beneficiary will justify this as an 'early inheritance' but will still take their allotted share of estate proceeds.

Of course, a lot of the things that add up to financial elder abuse are illegal, and there are various ways which abusers can be brought to justice. Being replaced as Enduring Power of Attorney is an obvious one, being prosecuted by the Public Guardian or Police is another.

But perhaps the most satisfactory remedy for honest family members is the ability to apply to QCAT or the Court for orders that an attorney is to compensate the older person, or their estate, for loss which results from a failure to comply with the duties of an attorney under the Act.

Observations

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



RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

THE RECENT passing of Pope Francis saw the activation of rituals and traditions that have been in existence for hundreds of years. However, rituals and traditions don't only have to be religious. A ritual is a sequence of activities involving gestures, words, actions, or revered objects, often prescribed by the traditions of a community or a religion.

One such ritual for Coolum and North Shore Coast Care is the 'Group Weed' held on the first Thursday of each month. The team comes together to plant, weed and share a morning tea. Recently, this was at a Mount Coolum Boardwalk Beach Access and some of the members had been busy baking and preparing goodies for consumption after happy toil. Everyone engages in conversation catching up and sharing stories building a supportive team.

Similarly, groups of all types of sporting persuasions come together like several tennis groups I participate in. The important conversations and rituals over a tea or coffee give everyone an opportunity to share their story which are important - we just need to be willing to listen and contribute.

Unfortunately, the dominance of social media and lack of those conversations in person has seen many people feeling lonely and isolated in today's world. A good ritual like getting together with friends over a coffee or tea can build strong, enduring relationships where you can support each other through the challenges and opportunities of life.

We have so many opportunities here in Coolum and on the North Shore and our wonderful Coolum and North Shore Advertiser in its pages and on its website is a great conduit for these important community conversations which are critical to our wellbeing.

We all need to realise that we are responsible for all humankind and live in a compassionate, loving and kind way, treating each other as equals and as sisters and brothers. This can start with a friendly chat.

The North Shore Community Centre is providing the opportunity to connect over coffee and cake with a free morning tea. The Community Centre is partnering with the Christian Church on the first Wednesday of each month and all are welcome.



Coolum and North Shore Coast Care Group Weed Team at the Mt Coolum Boardwalk. Photo: Contributed

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NEW PUMP TRACK FOR COOLUM

I'M VERY excited to share that construction of a brand-new pump track for Lions and Norrie Job Park will begin later this year. It will be a fantastic addition for our youth. This track will offer a safe and exhilarating space for young riders to hone their skills, stay active, and build a sense of community. Thank-you to those who took the time to provide valuable feedback. Your input has helped Council to refine the design, and I can't wait to see the fun our community with have! I'll keep you in the loop when I know more on the timeframes.

A BETTER TRAIL FOR OUR COMMUNITY

During May, work will take place to improve 300m of trail surface along the Yaroomba Coolum Foreshore Reserve, just south of the Third Bay carpark entrance. This will make the path easier to navigate by reducing the number and height of steps. Council hopes to encourage walkers to stick to the designated route to protect our beautiful vegetation. The trail will be temporarily closed during construction with signage in place to advise of the alternative routes available.

FIRST BAY SATURDAY WORK

Due to delays from Cyclone

Alfred and recent heavy rains, landslip repair works at First Bay, Coolum will now include ongoing Saturday works. These will involve site preparation for the following week's drilling, using an excavator and small truck, with minimal noise. This schedule aims to reduce overall inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding with these changes.

IDEAS TO CONNECT COOLUM

Do you have ideas on how to improve the connection between Coolum's foreshore and Jack Morgan Park? Council has put forward ideas for your feedback as part of the Coolum Connections project which include refreshed pavement, new landscaping, seating, improved street trees, and new lighting. Head to haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov to review the plan and provide your feedback before May 12.

JACK MORGAN PARK SAFETY

In response to the escalating issues at Jack Morgan Park I organised a joint meeting between Council, Dan Purdie, Coolum Police and some of the surrounding groups to discuss the issue and possible solutions. Thank you to those involved and for your suggestions and future actions.

Dan Purdie MP
MEMBER FOR NINDERRY



PREMIER'S ANZAC PRIZE 2026

I JOINED with you all to honour our returned service men and women on Anzac Day. Whether I hear the Last Post at the Coolum Peregian Dawn Service or at one of our local schools, I am overcome with pride and gratitude. If you are a teacher or a student in Years 8-11, consider applying for the Premier's Anzac competition for 2026. You could win a once in a lifetime experience to explore WWI memorials across England, France, and Belgium.

E-DEVICES SAFETY

My office has been inundated with concerns about the dangers of these devices. Between 2021 to 2024 there was a whopping 112% rise in injuries to riders, passengers, and pedestrians. Tragically, eight users of personal mobility devices died last year. Last week in Parliament it was announced that a Parliamentary Inquiry will be established to consider the benefits of e-mobility devices; safety risks; current rules and how they compare with other jurisdictions; enforcement approaches; importation laws; communication and education; and stakeholder views.

SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Thank you to the many hundreds of small businesses working hard locally to support our local community and economy. The month of May is about celebrating and supporting you,

and this year's Business Queensland's theme is Renew, Recharge and Rebuild. There are so many online events, workshops and webinars that offer support and guidance.

BULLYING

As a father of two young daughters and being married to a teacher, I am deeply aware of the bullying epidemic we face in our schools. I am proud to share the announcement that we have committed \$33 million to fund five new anti-bullying initiatives. Designed to prevent, respond to, and reduce bullying, we are rolling out a dedicated crisis support hotline, new Rapid Support Squads, a Stakeholder Reference Group, additional chaplains, and well-being staff, as well as teacher support.

STUDENTS COULD WIN \$15K

The 'Savvy Shopper' Buy Smart competition aims to help students in years 4 to 2 become more informed and safe shoppers. Previous winners have presented board games, music videos, TV shows and story books. Be as creative as you can. Entries are now open and close on 19 September 2025.

GET IN TOUCH

Contact my office for more information about any of the Queensland Government programs mentioned on 5406 7900 or ninderry@parliament.qld.gov.au.

Community Update
PEREGIAN FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Peregian Springs Parking issues

FOLLOWING on from our very successful forum on electric vehicles held in August 2024, Peregian Family and Friends (PFF) are holding a local forum to discuss the issues of road safety, road improvement and congestion and parking issues, both at Peregian Beach and Peregian Springs.

Speaking at this event will be Sandy Bolton MP, Cr Maria Suarez Sunshine Coast Council Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor Noosa Council Cr Brian Stockwell, and Sgt Joel Bryant from Queensland Police Service.

PF&F President Graham Reid said that they were tackling the important issues.

"Once again, we are taking the lead on some very important local issues which have plagued our villages and surrounding areas over

the past few years. In addition, this is an opportunity to ask questions on the lack of improvements on David Low Way and the Sunshine Coast Motorway."

"We are extending an invitation to all local business owners, particularly those being impacted as well as local organisations who may like to contribute to the forum."

The event will be held on Tuesday May 13 at the Peregian Beach Surf Club and will start at 5 pm and go for approximately one hour, with time for socialising afterwards.

Everyone is welcome, so spread the word and invite your business partners and neighbours to come along and be part of the solution!

RSVP - info@peregianfriends.com

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The Advertiser Social Scene

ANZAC DAY 2025

IT WAS a very wet and stormy morning on Friday April 25 and many planned Anzac Day services across the region had to be rearranged in order to accommodate the inclement weather. The Coolum-Peregrin RSL Sub Branch managed to hold their commemorative Dawn Service inside the RSL building with many flanking the perimeter and paying their respects under umbrellas within the grounds of the RSL.

Once again school children were a feature of the moving service as well as sporting clubs, community groups and there were also many service personnel in attendance.

Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez was one of the many locals who attended the service.

"Thanks to President Peter and the committee for all of their work to organise this commemoration and to all the participants for their involvement."

Cr Suarez also went to the Bli Bli mid-morning service which was held at Good Sa-

maritan Catholic College instead of at the cenotaph due to the weather.

"Thanks to Mudjimba RSL for organising the ceremony and Dan Penman for much of the behind the scenes work.

"It was wonderful to hear choirs from Bli Bli State School and Good Samaritan Catholic College sing alongside the Halcyon Lakeside choir and there was a very moving tribute delivered by Senior Sergeant Brad Doolan from QPS."

Lest we forget.



Coolum State High School students address the gathered crowd at the Coolum-Peregrin RSL.



Yvonne from Quota Coolum Beach.



School leaders paying their respects.



Student's singing at the service.



St Andrew's school choir.



Coolum State School Principal Shannyn Taylor, Tyson from Coolum Breakers and Coolum High School Principal Troy Ascott.



Joe from Coolum-Peregrin RSL (centre) with members from the Rhodesian Light Infantry who attend the Coolum service each year due to their colours being recognised by Coolum.

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The mid-morning Bli Bli service which was held at Good Samaritan due to the weather.



The Mudjimba RSL mid-morning Bli Bli service.



Coolum-Peregian RSL Sub Branch President Peter Lloyd with a rum and milk after the service.



Representing at the Bli Bli service.



Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez and a guest at the Bli Bli service.



The community came together for the Bli Bli service on Anzac Day. All Photos: Contributed



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Artistic adventure awaits with Open Studios 2025

OPEN Studios Sunshine Coast is once again being held this May 16-25 with a dedicated coastal and hinterland weekend each and the community are being asked to explore the diverse artistic community that resides in the region via the trails.

Hosted by 'Art Connect Inc's' Open Studios Sunshine Coast will kick off on Friday May 16 and run until Sunday May 25 and during that time from the coast to the hinterland artists will be opening their doors for free to the community and will be showcasing their art and connecting.

Every artist is different, and it's this diversity that makes Open Studios so unique.

This year's event is divided into six regions. The first weekend will showcase the hinterland region with the Foothills, Maleny and Montville trails open and the second weekend will be all about the coast with the Caloundra, Central and Northern trails open.

On offer each weekend will be self-guided tours, meeting



Maroochy River Painter and Ceramicist Gemma Troy. Photo: Contributed

local artists, viewing artistry in action, purchasing art, and participating in workshops while gaining a newfound appreciation for the local art scene.

You can also experience a taste of works created by this year's Open Studios artists at their second combined exhibition 'Meander 25', from May 14 at the Old Ambulance Station in Nambour. Come along

and ponder and discover work from this year's artists in order to plan your very own Open Studios adventure.

New in 2025 is the two 'Pop Up Studios' events with four artists in each venue which will take place on the weekends of May 17-18 at the Old Ambulance Station in Nambour, and May 24-25 at the Caloundra Regional Gallery in their new Annexe

space behind the gallery which allows artists without studio spaces the opportunity to share their work.

LOCAL ARTIST SPOTLIGHTS

Gemma Troy

- Painter and Ceramicist from

Maroochy River.

Artist, poet and sculptor Gemma creates abstract paintings, heartfelt poetry and whimsical clay fairies. Inspired by nature and our quest for meaning, Gemma believes in magic and sees creativity as a gateway to self-discovery and connection with ourselves and with others.

- May 22-25 at 51-59 Apps Rd, Maroochy River
- Facebook: gemmaTpoe

The Niche Art Group

Featuring some of the finest artists on the Sunshine Coast, two of whom have been eight-time semi-finalists in the prestigious Doug Moran National Portrait Prize. The group will exhibit a range of painted seascapes, landscapes, still life and portraits in many mediums.

- May 24-25 at Coolum HeARTs Studio (Cnr Elizabeth St & Sunrise Ave, Coolum Beach)
- Instagram: niche_group_art

MORE INFO

Open Studios Sunshine Coast

Whether you're a seasoned collector or a first-time art lover, this is your chance to experience exceptional local art and purchase directly from the artists themselves.

When: May 16 – 25
10am – 4pm each day

Where: 60 plus permanent and pop-up studios will be open from the Glass House Mountains across the Blackall Range and along the coastline from Caloundra to Coolum and everywhere in between.
www.openstudiossunshine-coast.com.au/art-trail-guide

Meander 25 Exhibition

A group exhibition exploring a small slice of the work created by Open Studios Sunshine Coast 2025 artists.

When: May 15 – 24
10am – 3pm

Where: Old Ambulance Station, 80 Howard Street, Nambour
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A look back in time

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



THE STUMERS STORY

ONE OF the best-known places in the Coolum area is Stumers Creek – where the waterway which bears this name has been much-discussed in recent times, particularly because it is loved by many people enjoying the freedom that it allows adults, children and dogs. It is a place of recreation and joy ... but also a place with an interesting history.

Wilhelm Carl [known as Carl] Stumer and his family lived in the Mount Walker/Rosewood area when Fred was born in 1890, and that is where Fred's mother died when he was ten years old. He had a younger brother, August, and two older sisters, Rebecca Berry and Annie Mealing, some of Coolum's earliest residents.

Carl briefly moved on to the Goodnight Scrub near Gin Gin and then to the Butterfat area, seven miles inland from Coolum, and Fred often

walked in to the Meadowlands area, just inland of today's Stumers Creek bridge, where the Stumer and Berry families grew bananas from February 1906.

The families moved to today's Centenary Heights area in 1910, after Carl, Fred and August sold parts of the Meadowlands property. In 1913, some visitors commented that "Mr. Stumer has a portion of his property cut up into allotments, many of which have already been secured by admirers of this fine resort". At that time the waterway which runs inland from the beach and around today's Coolum Central area did not exist – it was dug by local farmers many years later.

One advantage of the move by the Stumer and Berry families to an area they leased on today's Centenary Heights [which was not named Centenary Heights until the 1950s] was that it was closer to Coolum Creek wharf, therefore provid-

ing the Stumer family an easier route for local bananas and other produce to go to market. However, the Stumer family had fingers in many other pies. Before World War 1, seventeen-year-old Fred Stumer worked ably with Surveyor Robert Abbott, who named Stumers Creek after his hard-working assistant surveyor.

Fred Stumer never married, and lived alone for many years on, "a small allotment near Coolum Beach", where he "earned a living cutting cane and taking any work offering in off seasons". Fred was said

to be "most efficient in the art of splitting slabs and shaping roofing shingles. He was an active member of the Lifesavers, and the Coolum Rifle Club. His father died in 1937, and his brother, August, also predeceased him.

Surprisingly, many Coolum people remembered Fred Stumer as a dancer! In the early days, when fund-raising dances were a much-loved activity, it was said that "his true love was old-time dancing, at which he excelled" ... He loved dogs, too!



Carl Stumer. Photo: Windolf collection.

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Event Showcase

JAZZ AFTER SUNSET AT COOLUM

THE SMOOTH sounds of laidback jazz will be music to the ears of the Coolum community at the Coolum Civic Centre on Saturday May 24 as local artists Robyn Brown & The Indigo Collective take to the stage.

Robyn has been very busy of late and has been touring and performing at jazz clubs and festivals in Europe and locally from Melbourne to Bundaberg and Robyn has been making a significant impact on the South East Queensland jazz scene.

Robyn's smooth, soulful style has gained many fans and brought her wide acclaim.

Coming home is important and Robyn is looking forward to sharing her music locally.

"People don't realise that we have some incredible world-class musicians right here on the Sunshine Coast," Robyn said.

"They really are undervalued and not having a dedicated jazz venue on the Coast means that you don't often get the opportunity to hear these amazing musicians."

With the May 24 show in Coolum, locals will have the opportunity to hear some of the best the Coast has to offer from the world of jazz.

With an extensive repertoire that covers early blues, swing standards, Latin, bebop, soul jazz and self-penned originals, Robyn's passion is the songs of the early jazz/blues singers.

"I love that I can sing a song that was written in 1914, but the heart and the passion of the song is still relevant today. It's great to present my own interpretation of the song in a way that connects with the audience!"

Along with her band, Robyn is a passionate

performer who loves to explore, create and improvise with exceptional interplay that brings fun into jazz. With a band of exceptional musicians - Ross Nixon (piano), Peter Walters (bass), Lachlan Hawkins (drums), Phil Hayter (saxophone) and Rob McWilliams (trumpet) - they'll take you on a fun, soulful, musical journey as they put their own stamp on swinging standards and jazz-infused blues.

Musically brilliant and enticingly moody, the night will be a blend of jazz greats along with some kicking original tunes and will also feature the Sunshine Coast Grammar School Big Band showcasing their talents and performing some toe-tapping jazz standards.

Come along and enjoy what these young musicians have to offer. With cabaret style seating, there is also opportunity to bring your own supper and refreshments as you enjoy the concert.



A night of smooth jazz will be taking centre stage at the Coolum Civic Centre on Saturday May 24 with Robyn Brown & The Indigo Collective performing. Photo: Contributed

Event Details:

EVENT:
Robyn Brown & The Indigo Collective
- Jazz After Sunset

LOCATION:
Coolum Civic Centre

DATE:
Saturday, May 24

TIME:
6:30pm - 9:15pm

TICKETS:
\$21.50 - \$37.50 (incl. booking fee)
www.sticktickets.com.au/thejazzsessions

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Happy Gardening

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GOLDEN PENDA TREE

Everyone must have noticed the yellow trees and shrubs that are making a stunning display in our gardens and streets at the moment. It's the Golden Penda (Xanthostemon chrysanthus) an Australian Native rainforest tree, prized for its golden flowers and lovely glossy green

leaves. What an absolute winner because it's a fast grower, it's useful as a wind break and will cope with either wet or dry conditions. It's not invasive so it's fine to plant in suburbia, making it an excellent screen plant. Birds such as the lorikeets and honey eaters, also bees and other insects simply love it, being attracted to

the profusive nectar.

In its natural environment, the Golden Penda can grow up to 12 to 15 metres, but in a domestic situation, a little less.

A smaller version has been developed - 'Little Goldie' (Xanthostemon) and it's perfect for the home garden. It will grow to approximately two meters and is a good way to attract the wildlife into your space.

There's also another charming pink plant called Pink Penda (Xanthostemon Verrugonia-nus), a little beauty.

When Brisbane held the

World Expo in 1988, the Golden Penda was celebrated as the Expo's floral emblem. Hundreds of trees were planted along the streets, and in the parks etc, making a striking golden spectacle. It was called Expo Gold then.

It seems that the Golden Penda is fairly free of pests and diseases.

It's not too late to give your citrus trees a bit of extra care. Clean out any weeds and apply some suitable citrus fertiliser, it's better to use a reliable brand as it will balance the nutrients

for a healthy tree and a good crop. Water in well and apply mulch, keeping well away from the trunk of the tree. Citrus have a few enemies, namely the citrus spined bug and the orange citrus bug that will squirt out a nasty spray when attacked. Ask your local nursery for advice about the best treatment to be rid these nasty critters.

But in meantime, enjoy this lovely Autumn weather. Happy gardening!

Sandra

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- Racetrack official
- Meshed fabric
- First woman
- Limb
- Fuel
- Fundamental
- Went up
- Strong wind
- Perils
- Gems
- Optic
- Was ahead
- Reposes
- Newborn child

DOWN

- Not diligent
- Acknowledge rank
- Frozen formation
- Slender support
- Leave abandoned
- Went before
- Jail
- Vast age
- Rue
- Book of maps
- Female sheep
- Land measure
- Of punishment
- Those taking vengeance
- Boy
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Community News

Hinterland or Coast - want to know what's planned for the future of your area?

Give Development.i a go. It's simple and easy to use. Simply type in the suburb you're interested in and up pops all the proposed developments, nicely laid out on a map, empowering you to be informed. Search for development.i on Council's website.

Are you ready to embrace a healthier and happier lifestyle?

Then come and be part of Council's Healthy Sunshine Coast program, all about promoting holistic health and wellbeing for our community with low-cost activities. Residents can participate in a variety of activities such as group fitness classes, yoga, Tai Chi and zumba or join innovative activities around mental wellbeing, including Reconnecting with Nature and MIND FIT. Visit Council's website for more information.

Exhibition highlights region's best

Forty local artists at the forefront of contemporary visual art are on show at Caloundra Regional Gallery in the Local Contemporary Art Prize 2025 exhibition. Vote for your favourite work in the People's Choice award by 1 June and one local voter will receive a \$50 voucher to the Gallery store. You can view the exhibition at the gallery from Tuesday to Sunday from 10am or on Council's gallery website.

Free fun for all the family at heritage festival

Celebrate the Australian Heritage Festival on Saturday 17 May in Landsborough. Enjoy live music, classic cars and a fundraising sausage sizzle at the Landsborough Museum Street Festival from 10am-2pm. Kids will love the free face painting, animal petting zoo, craft activities, sweet treats, entertainment and fun experiences. This is a free event, no need to register.

Burn season has started

Keep up-to-date with our annual burn schedule via Council's Facebook page or website. A number of sites across the region will be treated as long as the weather remains dry and the winds favourable. Planned burns help plant species, which rely on fire to regenerate, to survive. Planned burns also reduce fuel on the ground before bushfire season.

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting

View online on Council's website or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers on Wednesday 21 May at 9am.

Sprout new skills with Council's work experience program

Local high school students can now dig into exciting career opportunities with Council's Parks and Gardens Branch. This five-day program is open to students in Years 9-12, offering hands-on experience in horticulture, arboriculture, turf and irrigation, administration and more. Develop practical skills, teamwork and communication abilities while exploring diverse career paths. For more info, visit careers.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Fascinating insights into Sunshine Coast history revealed

Hear from Historians in Residence, Dr Martina Muller and Dr Kate Kirby as they present their research findings about iconic pubs and Sunshine Coast sporting history. Head to Nambour Heritage Library, Thursday 22 May, 9.30-11.30am or Landsborough Museum, Friday 23 May, 9.30-11.30am. To register or for more info, visit heritage.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

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Sports Socials

COOLUM BREAKERS JUNIOR AFL

THE Coolum Beach Breakers Junior AFL kicked off season 2025 over the last weekend in April and had 12 teams playing at home in Coolum which resulted in Breakers Headquarters absolutely buzzing with activity. Round one produced some incredible football with the kids having a great time on the field and having fun. The Breakers would also like to publicly thank their game day sponsors, Coolum Farm Fresh and Dominos Coolum. For more info please email the club at info@coolumbreakers.com.au or follow via Facebook at Coolum Beach Breakers AFL Club.



U8 Whites - Grayson and Jude.



U9 Blues - Charli and Lucah.



U9 Red - Hamish and Santiago.



U11 Blue - Players of the match: Tyler, Romeo and Reuben.



U11 Red - Harry and Kaya with Breakers staff.



U13 Div 2 - Gus and Harvee.



U13 Girls - Lana and Mae.

Community Update

COOLUM LIONS Supporting Junior AFL

COOLUM Lions donated funds to Coolum Beach Breakers Junior AFL Club to help provide coaching services to the players. President Tyson and his team do an outstanding

job in developing our young people and providing them with vital skills for the future.

The Lions came along for pizza night, and it was inspiring to see the large number of passionate young players and naturally, their dedicated parents.

If you have thought about helping your community, then consider joining Lions. For more details call Lion Rob Snels on 0422 572 036.



Pictured are Lions Mark and Doug with Breakers President Tyson (centre). Photo: Contributed

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Community news

COOLUM BEACH COMBINED PROBUS CLUB

Are you looking to join a club for fun, fellowship & to make new friends?

Coolum Beach Combined Probus Club encourages the retired & semi-retired. The Club meets on the first Tuesday of the month.

We have an interesting guest speaker, morning tea & discuss our monthly outings, followed by a local club lunch, (guests invited to attend). Our outings consist of visiting new venues for lunch, some dinners, picnics in the park, coffee mornings, walking groups & car outings.

Our location is: The Uniting Church 22 Elizabeth St, Coolum Beach @ 9.15 first Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd June**.

We provide a generous morning tea on the day (small cost of \$4.00/guest). All enquiries please contact Faye 0419 644 651.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST OPEN DAY

Would you like to start doing your family tree?

Come and visit our Centre on **Saturday, 24th May** from 9:30am to 2pm when you can access our library and get help to start your tree.

We are in Petrie Park Rd, Nambour opposite the swimming pool.

Check our website or contact Genealogy Sunshine Coast on 07 5329 2315.

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS/MUDJIMBA SURF CLUB FUNDRAISER

Egg & Bacon Burgers/Sausage Sizzle (BBQ) Mudjimba Surf Club. **24th May 2025** 6.30 am to 1.00 pm

FREE COMMUNITY MORNING TEA AT NORTH SHORE

Need a friendly pick-me-up? Come and join us for a free community morning tea at the North Shore Community Centre!

Enjoy complimentary coffee, tea, and delicious cake while connecting with neighbours and friends in a welcoming atmosphere. It's the perfect chance for a chat and a treat!

A huge thank you to our wonderful local sponsor, Bendigo Bank, for generously supporting these fantastic monthly community gatherings.

These are the final dates for this financial year – don't miss out! We'd love to see you there:

- **Monday, 26th May 2025**, at 10:30 am
- **Wednesday, 18th June 2025**, at 10:30 am

Location: North Shore Community Centre, 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba. Everyone is welcome! No bookings required – just come along.

HOW TO PERFORM CPR AND USE AN AED – FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Location: Coolum at the Beach conference centre

Date: Friday 23rd May

Time: 12-1 pm

Book via website www.horizontraining.com.au, search Eventbrite for Free Coolum community event- How to perform CPR and use an AED, or email enquires@horizontraining.com.au. Be quick! Limited to 10 spots only!

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.

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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, 22nd May** 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 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.

PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Coolum Parkinson's Support Group is having time off over Easter and will meet next on **Monday, May 19th**. Meetings will continue on the third Monday of each month at 10.15 am, at the Coolum Surf Club. Phone 0429 361 301 for more information.

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 second Thursday of the Month (during school term) 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.

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 0422791748 for more info).

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2025 Queensland State Championships

Members and visitors please note, as the club has been selected to host the Queensland State Championships, there will no social bowls from Wednesday 7th May until Sunday 25th May. However, it will be a great opportunity to watch the best bowlers in the State competing on our outstanding greens. A number of our local bowlers will also be competing.

LATEST BOWLS RESULTS

Tuesday, 22nd April
Social Bowls

1st S Lubowicz, R Wallish +28
2nd Sandy & Scott Wilson +27
3rd V & E Smith +26

Thursday, 24th April
Social Bowls

1st C Belsham, J Smith +30
2nd C Frank, T Tarrant +24
3rd Jasmine/Betty, JP Sengers +20

Tuesday, 29th April
Social Bowls

1st P Bain, D Lavery +24
2nd B Hamilton, R Partridge +16
3rd G Torbitt, M Wilson +15

Thursday, 1st May
Social Bowls

1st Sandy Wilson, D Hickey +25
2nd J Membrey, B Williams +18
3rd S Tozer, C Belsham +16
4th P Tozer, J Forde +14

Friday, 2nd May
Social Bowls

1st V Coyne, A Bannister +20
2nd W & L Hayhow +19
3rd P Lawler, J Chapman +15



Which one of these life members had a birthday recently - Ando or Keith? Happy Birthday!

Club Championships
Men's B Singles

Round 1
R Tunj 25 def T Nunn 22
B Griffiths 25 def P Cummings 2
Round 2
B Griffiths 26 def R Tunj 22
R Klim 25 def P Bain 15
G Roulston 25 def E Smith 9
N Mellett 25 def J Forde 20
L Cattanach 25 def R Partridge 17
P Vale 25 def J Slater 18
G Bartlett 25 def K Wilson 10
M Newlan 25 def P Bartlett 14
Quarterfinals
B Griffiths 25 def R Klim 23
N Mellett 25 def G Roulston 15
L Cattanach 25 def P Vale 19
G Bartlett 25 def M Newlan 20
Semi-finals
N Mellett 25 def B Griffiths 19
L Cattanach 25 def G Bartlett 13
Final
N Mellett 25 def L Cattanach 23

Ladies' B Singles
Quarterfinals

P Hunt 26 def D Lawler 21
J Jones 25 def V Smith 14
L Hitchcock 25 def T Spencer 17
Semi-finals
P Hunt 25 def J Jones 16
L Hitchcock 25 def J Black 9
Final
P Hunt 26 def L Hitchcock 17

Congratulations to Noel Mellett and Pam Hunt – 2025 B Singles Champions.

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

Weekly Bowls Program

• Social bowls every Tuesday Open Pairs 1pm, Thursday Open Pairs 1pm, Friday Open Pairs 1pm.
• Register at: <https://coolumbowls.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 216 779.



Recent bowling action from the greens. Photos: Contributed

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TIDE TIMES 2025

MAY 07, 2025 - MAY 20, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au				
WED 7 MAY					WED 14 MAY				
Coolum	1.63m	0.57m	1.47m	0.69m	Coolum	0.6m	1.36m	0.39m	1.89m
	4:27 am	11:07 am	5:17 pm	11:08 pm		3:10 am	8:37 am	2:29 pm	9:20 pm
Maroochy River	6:42 am	2:17 pm	7:32 pm	1:22 am	Maroochy River	6:20 am	10:52 am	5:39 pm	11:35 pm
THU 8 MAY					THU 15 MAY				
Coolum	1.61m	0.51m	1.58m	0.66m	Coolum	0.62m	1.31m	0.42m	1.85m
	5:09 am	11:40 am	5:57 pm	11:55 pm		3:49 am	9:12 am	3:01 pm	9:57 pm
Maroochy River	7:24 am	2:50 pm	8:12 pm	2:18 am	Maroochy River	6:59 am	11:27 am	6:11 pm	
FRI 9 MAY					FRI 16 MAY				
Coolum	1.59m	0.45m	1.68m	0.66m	Coolum	0.66m	1.26m	0.47m	1.81m
	5:46 am	12:09 pm	6:34 pm			4:32 am	9:52 am	3:37 pm	10:38 pm
Maroochy River	8:01 am	3:19 pm	8:49 pm	3:05 am	Maroochy River	7:42 am	12:07 pm	6:47 pm	12:12 am
SAT 10 MAY					SAT 17 MAY				
Coolum	0.63m	1.56m	0.4m	1.76m	Coolum	0.7m	1.22m	0.53m	1.76m
	12:37 am	6:21 am	12:37 pm	7:08 pm		5:20 am	10:36 am	4:19 pm	11:24 pm
Maroochy River	3:47 am	8:36 am	3:47 pm	9:23 pm	Maroochy River	8:30 am	12:51 pm	7:29 pm	12:53 am
SUN 11 MAY					SUN 18 MAY				
Coolum	0.61m	1.52m	0.37m	1.83m	Coolum	1.76m	0.72m	1.19m	0.6m
	1:16 am	6:55 am	1:04 pm	7:40 pm			6:18 am	11:29 am	5:10 pm
Maroochy River	4:26 am	9:10 am	4:14 pm	9:55 pm	Maroochy River	1:39 am	9:28 am	1:44 pm	8:20 pm
MON 12 MAY					MON 19 MAY				
Coolum	0.59m	1.47m	0.36m	1.88m	Coolum	1.73m	0.71m	1.18m	0.65m
	1:55 am	7:28 am	1:31 pm	8:12 pm		12:18 am	7:23 am	12:38 pm	6:13 pm
Maroochy River	5:05 am	9:43 am	4:41 pm	10:27 pm	Maroochy River	2:33 am	10:33 am	2:53 pm	9:23 pm
TUE 13 MAY					TUE 20 MAY				
Coolum	0.59m	1.42m	0.36m	1.89m	Coolum	1.71m	0.65m	1.23m	0.69m
	2:32 am	8:02 am	1:59 pm	8:45 pm		1:21 am	8:25 am	1:58 pm	7:29 pm
Maroochy River	5:42 am	10:17 am	5:09 pm	11:00 pm	Maroochy River	3:36 am	11:35 am	4:13 pm	10:39 pm

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5:30PM

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5:45PM

500 CARD CLUB

WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM

TABLE TENNIS

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2PM - 5PM

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Tradies welcome. Prize draw end of month.

4PM - 7PM

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7PM

TRIVIA NIGHT - 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month.. 7pm Register for a 7:15pm start- Free to enter!

THURSDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

JAG THE JOKER

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5:30PM - 6PM

ELIJAH'S HOOPS

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6:30PM

DARTS

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

FRIDAY

5PM

TGIF RAFFLE

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