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## LOCAL LEGENDS TAKE PART IN QLD SURF CHAMPS



Proving you are never too young or old to challenge yourself, Coolum artist Owen Cavanagh (pictured) pushed himself recently to take part in the Over 55 Men Longboard event at the Queensland Surf Championships. The week of surfing which included Shortboard, SUP and Longboard had 13 divisions ranging from the Under 18 Juniors to the Over 70's Legends and was held at various beaches across the coast with the final of the Longboard held at Coolum Beach on Thursday May 29. Owen, who is a keen surfer said that he prefers a shortboard and that longboarding was a challenge and that's why he entered into the comp. "I wasn't going to go in it, but I have a personal goal to improve my longboarding and its keeping me motivated and in the water... I'm learning all of the time," Owen said. Owen placed a very respectable third in the Over 55 Men Longboard and Coolum's Bruce Dunne took out the top spot in the O65 Men Longboard. Story continued page 8. Photo: Surfing Queensland.

## CALL TO NATURE ANSWERED WITH TOILETS TO BE BUILT AT MT COOLUM

IT HAS been talked about for quite some time and now the literal call to nature has been answered with an amenities block to be built at the base of Mt Coolum.

Construction of the toilets is scheduled to start in August and will be finished by November of this year.

At present the nearest public toilets are located almost 2km away in Birrahl Park - the new amenities will be a welcome improvement for both residents and visitors.

A happy Councillor Taylor Bunnag took to his socials to inform the community about the news, stating that the community had, "held on

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# State Gov honours election promise to spend more in regional media

THE CRISAFULLI Government is delivering on its commitment to regional communities, with at least three quarters of Queensland Government press advertisement placement to be invested in regional publications.

In recognition of the vital role local news outlets play in their communities across the State, the commitment will ensure consistent and ongoing support for rural and regional publications, jobs and opportunities.

The major investment in regional papers will start from July 2025.

Coolum Advertiser Owner and Publisher Michelle Box has welcomed the announcement.

"Last year the team and I attended the Queensland Country Press (QCP) Awards which were held in Mooloolaba and where Mr Crisafulli was the guest of honour. Mr Crisafulli made this funding commitment then and he championed the role of regional media," Ms Box said.

The QCP Association rep-

resents over 60 news media print publishers across Queensland and North NSW.

"As an ex-journalist in regional Queensland I am sure that Mr Crisafulli knows all too well how vital print media is for the communities we represent, and this funding commitment is to be commended."

Ms Box also stated that the Queensland Country Press must be thanked for their advocacy.

"The QCP have not let this go and they have stood up for their members and held the government to account and we are so thankful for that work and that we are members of the QCP."

The funding recognises and supports local news outlets to continue to be the lifeblood of thriving regional communities.

Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett said regional news publications were important to highlight issues that were overlooked by national outlets.

"News gives small com-

munities a voice, and that's why we're ensuring three-quarters of our advertising placements will be in rural and regional newspapers, just as the Crisafulli Government promised," Minister Perrett said.

"Regional journalism matters, and we're making sure those voices are heard."

Queensland's recent natural disasters highlighted the critical role of local journalism as a trusted and timely information source that strengthens community connectedness.

"The Queensland Government is committed to supporting those who show up for local issues and tell local stories."



Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett with Queensland Country Press member representative Fassifern Guardian Editor Drew Creighton at the announcement of the Queensland Government's commitment to spend 75 per cent of their press advertising in regional media. Publications such as the Coolum Advertiser will benefit from this funding. Photo: Contributed

# Blue Heart welcomes Kabi Kabi as official partner

BLUE Heart Sunshine Coast has begun a new chapter in collaboration with the Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation (KKPAC), now an official partner in the project.

KKPAC joins Sunshine Coast Council, Unitywater and the Queensland Government's Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation in this innovative partnership-based project committed to sustainable and adaptive floodplain management in the Maroochy River catchment.

The 5,000-hectare project area includes more than 1,700 hectares of public land, surrounded mostly by rural and rural lifestyle properties.

The partnership was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding signed by Blue Heart partners.

KKPAC Chair Norman Bond said KKPAC have long been involved with Blue Heart activities, providing advice and helping safeguard cultural heritage.

"While our role in this project has been focused on

cultural heritage, we recognise the broader importance of initiatives like the Blue Heart in addressing environmental challenges and creating a sustainable future," Mr Bond said.

"We hope that this MoU signing signifies a continued commitment to collaboration, respect, and the protection of both the environment and First Nations cultural heritage."

Sunshine Coast Council Liveability and Natural Assets Group Executive Bill Hadrill said welcoming Traditional Custodians as equal partners would bring deep knowledge

and new insights to the project.

"The Kabi Kabi peoples have maintained a deep connection to this land for millennia and they carry profound knowledge of its ways, connections and history," Mr Hadrill said.

Key activities in the Blue Heart include the Blue Carbon Pilot Project and Unitywater's Yandina Creek Wetlands, both restoring wetland areas while delivering benefits for the broader community.

Unitywater Chief Executive Officer Anna Jackson said it made sense to welcome the

Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation to the Blue Heart and expand the utility's collaborative partnerships with Traditional Custodians.

"We work closely and have strong connections with First Nations groups across our service areas and there are further opportunities for Kabi Kabi People to work on Country and deliver sustainable environmental and cultural heritage outcomes at our Yandina Creek Wetland," she said.

Further Blue Heart info - [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and search for 'blue heart'



Kabi Kabi Peoples Aboriginal Corporation representatives gather in the Blue Heart project area to witness the signing. Photo: Contributed



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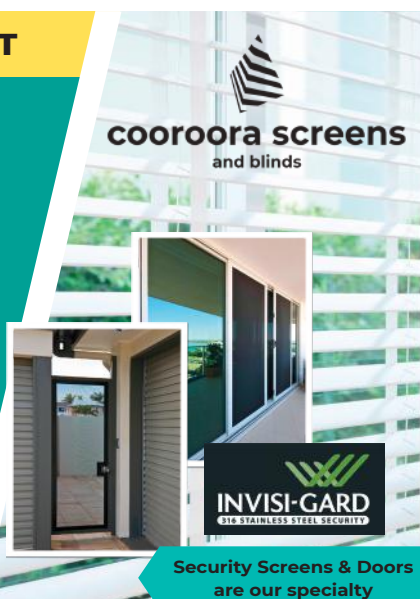
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long enough.”

“I am proud to have led the charge on behalf of our community to secure funding for this project,” Cr Bunnag said.

“Last August I attended Community Cabinet and met with representatives from the previous State Government. One of those representatives was the Environment Minister, Leanne Linard.

“I spoke to Minister Linard about the long-term need for these amenities that had not been provided and made a commitment that I would find a way for council to make a financial and planning contribution if the state would provide the bulk of the funding.”

The good news is that the funding has been approved from both the state and

council.

“Before the state election, Minister Linard signed off on providing \$400,000 in funding towards these amenities and I have also committed to providing funding from my Minor Capital Works Budget in 2025/2026.”

Cr Bunnag was thankful that the project had the funding green light.

“Thank you to both the previous State Government and current State Government for honouring the funding of this project and I know that Fiona Simpson MP is also excited to see this project happen and has supported it.”

Sunshine Coast Council will work with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service to deliver the much-needed amenities.

Minister for the Environment and Tourism Andrew

Powell said he was committed to improving the amenities of our popular national parks such as Mount Coolum National Park, which is visited by more than 200,000 people each year.

“We’re glad to be partnering with Sunshine Coast Council to deliver a new accessible and modern public amenities block to service Mount Coolum National Park,” Minister Powell said.

Sunshine Coast Council is investing \$50,000 and partnering with the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, which is providing \$425,000 to design and construct the new amenities block.

## What’s to come

Council will be engaging a consultant for the design which will start in late May

2025. The prefabricated amenities block will be designed to improve security and safety for visitors to the park.

“The amenities block will be open and accessible, and

we’re designing it to help people feel safe while using the facilities and it will also be powered sustainably by its own solar system,” Cr Bunnag said.

The Mount Coolum summit walk (1.6km return) is a Grade 4 walking track suitable for fit walkers only—the summit is 208m above sea level.



Councillor Taylor Bunnag at the base of Mt Coolum which is set to have an amenities block built starting in August and completed by November of this year. Photo: Cr Bunnag.

# Policing: Motorbike riders – too many deaths

SUNSHINE Coast Highway Patrol are highlighting the risks for motorbike riders, in an effort to reduce trauma on our roads.

Nine lives have been lost on Sunshine Coast roads this year, and five of those were riding a motorbike, making them overrepresented in local road deaths.

Motorbike riders and their passengers make up around 27 per cent of lives lost on Queensland roads, yet they

make up only around 5 per cent of vehicles registered on the road.

Sunshine Coast Highway Patrol Officer in Charge Senior Sergeant Shane Panoho said motorbike riders are one of the most vulnerable road users.

“Motorbikes can be hard to see, and the riders have less protection than those in cars so are more likely to be injured if there is a crash,” Senior Sergeant Panoho said.

“Though all motorists need to commit to increasing their caution and awareness for motorbikes, riders also need to take responsibility for their own road safety.

“Police are committed to reducing the number of people injured or killed on our roads through proactive high-visibility and covert operations, but we need the community to partner with us.

“Riding a motorbike is fun

but can be a dangerous activity if not ridden correctly. All too often we see motorbike riders not taking the responsibility of their powerful bike seriously and riding recklessly on our roads, putting themselves and other road users at risk.”

Sunshine Coast Highway Patrol detected a motorbike rider allegedly traveling 134km/h in a 60 zone on Sandalwood Lane at Forest Glen on May 24.

The 28-year-old Forest Glen man was also allegedly riding his uninsured Yamaha MT09 without a drivers licence and under the influence of cannabis.

He received a traffic infringement notice for use of unregistered motorbike, worth \$258, and for exceeding the speed limit in speed zone by more than 40km/h, worth \$1,854 and eight points.



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## Letters to the editor

### SUPER TAX SCORE

Dear editor,

Oh dear, here we go again! The new government has not yet returned to Parliament and already a scare campaign is being whipped up about superannuation tax.

During the last term of the Albanese government, they flagged changes to the tax on superannuation. With a 94 seat win they are entitled to think that they have a mandate to proceed with the policies they put forward.

Therefore, the announced change to the tax on superannuation is no surprise.

The extra tax is only payable on accounts in excess of \$3 million.

Super accounts of \$3 million plus return about 8 percent p.a. which is around \$240,000 a year, tax free if in the pension phase. That is \$4,600 per week or \$660 each day.

How many will see any

change to their superannuation?

It will affect just 0.5% of the population. That is 99.5% will be below the threshold and will not see any changes to their super accounts.

How many readers are in the 0.5% league?

Who else is tired of misinformation and scare campaigns?

Robyn Deane,  
Nambour.

### YOUTH LAWS

Dear editor,

The age-old adage [that contradicts frustrating magistrate court bail procedures for re-offending criminals]: "Insanity is doing the same action over and over, but expecting a different outcome", should be comprehended by magistrates with present law and order expectations in principle, but reluctant in practice.

Repeatedly bailing criminals re-offending while on bail, only to re-offend and appear before

the courts over and over for the same crimes, is pure insanity and doesn't pass the pub test. Obviously, victims of criminal activities and juvenile crime in particular, know the justice system fails victims and falls short on justice. Letting the same bailed criminals back into the community without consequences of real consequence, plays right into the hands of these young offenders.

So we have a justice system where there is no justice for hard-working victims out of pocket, or those injured, by children out of control on our streets, without real solutions. This is an era where children are in our communities, in gangs, openly carrying deadly weapons with impunity, because of weak laws, lack of parental control at home, and low police numbers and inadequate deterrents, to deal with the fallout. They find gang life more supportive than home life. They post their illegal antics on social media, skiting about their wins over law and order.

They are the untouchable recalcitrant, making internet heroes from victories over the

law, time after time. It emboldens them. The public are left to governments to tighten laws and take these juveniles off our streets. Perhaps dealing with home lives, truancy issues and real discipline would be a start. Until they turn 18, the outcomes remain the same.

E. Rowe,  
Marcoola.

### COALITION QUESTIONS

Dear editor,

How can an Opposition Party that was once glued to their seats in a partnership now have little to be proud of when they "sit alone on a principle basis" having nuked that partnership? Just asking how they can 'un-nuke' this and still sit proud?

Margaret Wilkie,  
Peregian Beach.

### BRISBANE HERITAGE

Dear editor,

I enjoy my 50-cent train rides exploring Brisbane. They bring back memories of the 1950s, when our family ventured on a Christmas holiday from Syd-

ney by exchanging houses with a family from St Lucia in the 1950s.

Dad was fuming most of the way in the old FJ after being booked for speeding at 5 a.m. on the Harbour Bridge.

As an eight-year-old, I relished summer's sizzle and the constant buzz of the cicadas amid the choko vines and banana trees at St Lucia. Brisbane reminded my parents of a big country town where the city hall towered over the surrounding buildings.

As a local, Barry Bull recalls that slumbering Brisbane was like a coastal Cunnamulla as heavy vehicles ploughed unfettered through the streets.

I remember riding a rattling tram and being surprised by suburban steam trains puffing through the city, adding their sunstate smoke to the atmosphere, drenched in humidity.

Barry says, Brisbane had a lot of honesty, no drugs, and you didn't need to lock your doors. It was a safe place to live and raise a family, embracing an uncomplicated lifestyle.

He recalls "regularly skinny dipping in the creek as part of

the innocence of creating your own fun."

While most people now lock their doors, it would be sad if Brisbane's traditional charm evaporated, and our capital lost its soul under the weight of unfettered development in preparing for the Olympics.

Hopefully, we don't destroy in haste what made Brisbane a compelling first-choice venue for the world, and that government heritage promises don't become continually negotiable down to feed corporate greed, political egos, and short-term expediency.

I'd better get some more 50-cent train rides in to see its gracious heritage.

Garry Reynolds,  
Peregian Springs.

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## BOM PREDICTS WARMER THAN AVERAGE WINTER

THE BUREAU of Meteorology has issued its long-range forecast for winter 2025 and Queenslanders can expect warmer conditions as a whole to prevail.

Winter rainfall is expected to be in the typical range for much of the state, with parts of the south and west likely to have

above average rainfall. Warmer than usual winter maximum and minimum temperatures are very likely across the state.

The BOM released the following in regard to the whole of the country.

While winter is a time for cooler weather, the winter long-range forecast shows day and

night temperatures are likely to be above average across Australia for this time of the year.

Winter rainfall is likely to be above average for interior and central parts of the country. For parts of Australia's tropical north, the south-east and the south-west, rainfall is expected to be in the typical winter

range. Typical rainfall means there's a roughly equal possibility for these areas to receive above, below or near-average rainfall.

This includes parts of South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania that have been affected by prolonged dry conditions as well as parts of New South

Wales recently impacted by severe flooding.

This winter forecast follows an autumn which was much wetter than average in the north and east of Australia, and much drier than average in many southern parts.

Australia's fire agencies advise there is an unseason-

al increased risk of fire this winter across parts of South Australia and Victoria.

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## Balance and Winter Energy

Everyone can lead by example, and as humans, we juggle balls in our life whether it is the priorities like relationships, work, family, health, and wellbeing. Some of those balls are glass balls and can shatter, so it is important that we give them adequate attention. Also, it is important to achieve balance and contribute to the betterment of society and the earth.

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## Health and Wellbeing Feature Focus OVERCOMING PROCRASTINATION

By Dr Catherine Houlihan  
Senior Lecturer in Clinical Psychology, USC

CAN YOU only start a boring admin task once your house is clean? Do you leave the trickiest emails to the end of the day? Delaying a goal or task – usually to do something less important instead – is known as procrastination and it affects many of us.

Most people report procrastinating some of the time, but for others it can be chronic. While procrastination is common, it can be frustrating and lead to feelings of shame, guilt and anxiety.

Here's why you might be avoiding that task – and five steps to get on top of it.

### Am I procrastinating?

You might find yourself putting off starting something, abandoning it before it's finished or leaving it to the very last minute.

Procrastination is not a character flaw, and it doesn't mean you're lazy or even bad at managing time. Framing it this way can make you feel even worse about the behaviour and stops you learning the real reasons behind it.

If you want to stop procrastinating, it's important to

understand why you do it in the first place.

### Why do I procrastinate?

Procrastination can be a way of dealing with tricky emotions. Research shows we put off tasks we find boring or frustrating, as well as those we resent or that lack personal meaning.

Procrastination can be a sign of perfectionism and people with low self-esteem also tend to procrastinate.

Distraction can be a factor, too. Most of us battle constant interruptions, with pings and alerts designed to redirect our attention.

### 5 STEPS TO TACKLING PROCRASTINATION

**1. Face it – you're procrastinating.** Being able to identify and name these patterns is the first step to overcoming procrastination.

**2. Explore why.** Understanding the underlying causes is key. Are you afraid of getting it wrong? Is your to-do list unrealistic? Or do you just love a tight deadline? If your procrastination results from perfectionism or low self-esteem you may wish to explore evidence-based treatments such as cognitive behavioural therapy, with a therapist or

through self-guided activities.

**3. Start prioritising.** Take a good look at your to-do list. Are the most urgent or important things at the top? Have you given yourself enough time to complete the tasks? Breaking a task into smaller chunks and taking regular breaks will help prevent you from becoming overwhelmed. If you tend to leave the most boring things to the last minute and then never get around to them, set some time aside at the start of each day to get these tasks done.

**4. Avoid distractions.** Set your phone to "do not disturb", hang a sign on the door, tell those around you you'll be "offline" for a little while. Setting a clear start and end time can help you stick to this rule.

**5. Build in rewards.** Life is hard work – be kind to yourself. Whenever you complete a difficult task or cross something off your to-do list, balance this by doing something more enjoyable. Building in rewards can make facing the to-do list a little bit easier.

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### WORK-AROUNDS FOR WET WEATHER GARDENING

I think the main topic of conversation at the moment is the weather. After months of constant wet weather, the ground has become sodden and lacking oxygen.

Leaching of the ground can make the soil quite acidic, so that's where a Soil pH Test Kit comes in handy. The kits are available from most horticultural centres and are very easy to use.

After following the directions, you will know the pH of the soil - most vegetables and annuals need a slightly alkaline soil. A dressing of lime or dolomite would be very beneficial to sweeten up the soil as well (plants like azaleas, camellias, gardenias, hydrangeas, and some native plants definitely don't like lime). It has been very trying for gardeners wanting to get on planting their favourite plants and vegetables for a spring showing. That's when we have to be resourceful and think outside the box. Raised garden beds are a great way to keep your flowers and plants off the ground.

I love having my own supply of tomatoes and potatoes. I have 2 large pots filled with

good potting mix, some of my own compost, perlite and blood and bone. I have planted two 'Tommy Toe' cherry tomatoes, after putting in a trellis for support. Cherry tomatoes are almost free of disease and very sweet. They're a medium size and look good in a salad. Plant potatoes in a similar way, using good quality seed potatoes which are available from local nurseries. Tomatoes and potatoes are both members of the nightshade family, needing fertile soil, ample fertiliser, lots of water, and good drainage in a warm, sunny position. The potatoes should be out of direct sunlight, and a light covering of mulch should prevent sunburn.

Fortunately, our established tropical shrubs like crotons, hibiscus, bat plants, cannas, and ixoras are looking good (as long as they were planted in a well-drained position). Crotons, with their stunning vibrant colours and shapes, look fabulous in a vase. A great plant for the subtropical Sunshine Coast.

Happy gardening!

Sandra  
[bliligardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:bliligardenclub@gmail.com)



Marjorie, who is 97, showing her prize-winning hibiscus at the Bli Bli Garden Club.



Nita at the Bli Bli Garden Club with her prize-winning entries. Photo: Contributed



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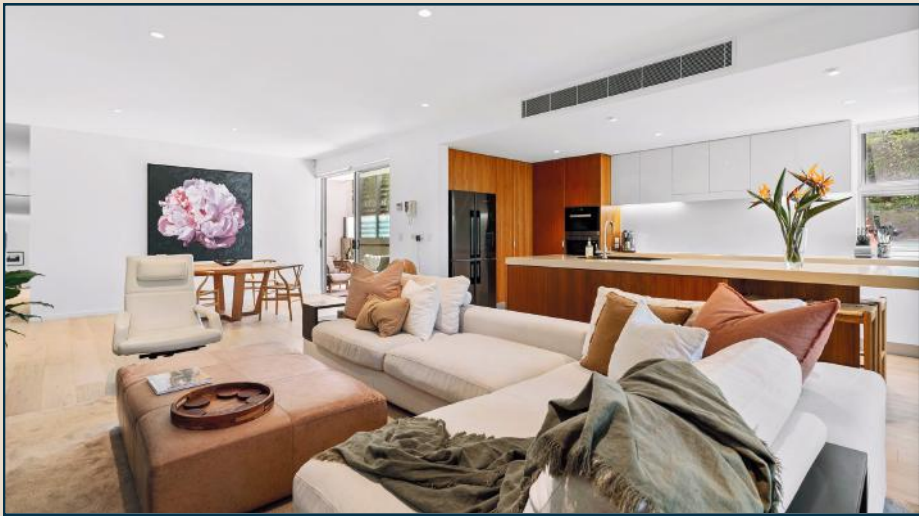
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# COOLUM HOSTS LONGBOARDING CHAMPIONSHIPS

THE Queensland Surf Championships wrapped up on Thursday May 29 with an exciting final day of competition, showcasing the Longboard divisions. Held in ideal longboard conditions, the event took centre stage at Coolum Beach with many spectators watching the longboard competition in action.

The competition was intense and exciting, with surfers from all over the state showcasing their skills at the three-foot beach break. There were 13 divisions ranging

from the Under 18 Juniors to the Over 70's Legends.

Coolum locals placed well with Owen Cavanagh coming third in the Longboard Men O55 division and Bruce Dunne taking out the top spot in the Longboard Legends Men O65 division.

Owen said it was great to have the competition at home on familiar ground.

"The conditions were great, and it was a great location here and there is a great bunch of people in the longboarding community."

The competition also serves as a selection process for the Aussies with the first and second placed competitors securing a spot at the Australian titles.

At just 14 years of age, Luana Matthies delivered an outstanding performance, claiming both the Longboard Junior Women U18 title and the prestigious Longboard Open Women title.

Luana's 12-year-old brother, Hosea Matthies also enjoyed remarkable success, taking out the Longboard Junior Men

U18 title and securing an impressive third place finish in the prestigious Longboard Open Men division.

Surfing Queensland would like to thank it's corporate partners for their ongoing support including Suzuki Queensland, DriTimes, We Are Feel Good Inc, QMS, Queensland Government, Sunshine Coast Council, The Point Coolum and Mogu Mogu.

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Spectators enjoying the Longboard action at Coolum Beach. Photos: Surfing Queensland



The Longboard Over 55 Men presentation with Coolum's Owen Cavanagh second from the left.



Coolum surfing legend Bruce Dunne is victorious placing first in the Longboard Over 65 Men.

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# First of its kind music award presented to Coolum 'punter'

THE INAUGURAL Sunshine Coast Music Awards were held on Sunday May 31 and local music lover Leigh Kuryj was recognised as the coast's number one music attendee, taking home the award for 'Punter of the Year'.

Held at The Station venue located at Birtinya the awards were orchestrated by the Sunshine Coast Music Industry Collective (SCMIC) as a way to showcase the music scene across the coast.

The SCMIC state that one in 41 people on the Sunshine Coast identify as being involved in the Music Industry. The coast is richer with music and the industry in all its diverse facets is an important cultural experience that attracts and retains a broader Sunshine Coast workforce and

community.

From the hard-working musicians to the venues, professionals and people who support them, the awards were a celebration of the talent which is so rich here on the Sunshine Coast.

Award categories included Live Act of the Year (Betty Taylor), Artist of the Year (Ziggy Alberts), Musician of the Year (Minnie Marks) and Venue of the Year (Solbar) amongst others. A unique award also paid homage to the people who show up to gigs and the Punter of the Year award was won by Coolum's very own Leigh Kuryj who has a day job in bookkeeping and is also the Coolum Business and Tourism Treasurer.

Leigh said it was a real honour to be recognised for

something she loves to do.

"A huge shoutout to the Sunshine Coast Music Industry Collective for recognising not only the artists, but also the people in the crowd — the ones dancing, clapping, and singing along... even if our rhythm is questionable and our lyrics are completely wrong!"

Standout gigs from the last year for Leigh included Tones and I at the Kings Beach Tavern and closer to home the January 5 DJ gig at the Coolum Beach Hotel.

"I love being able to escape via music and I'm a very sociable person and to all the other punters out there, keep dancing, keep cheering, and keep turning up, because when we do, we keep this industry alive."

Leigh said that she was ea-



Punter of the Year Coolum's Leigh Kuryj.

gerly looking forward to the upcoming 'The Big Weekend' which is put on by Coolum local Pricey and will be once again held out at Blackflag Brewing on July 12.

Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez was also at the awards on behalf of Sunshine Coast Council who were a major sponsor.

"The SCMA are a great way to showcase our hard-working

musicians as well as the venues, professionals and people who support them," Cr Suarez said.

"It was refreshing to hear everyone speak so highly of each other and hear of the support within our music industry between everyone involved."

For more info on the SCMIC please visit - [www.scmic.org](http://www.scmic.org)



Former Australian Idol Judge and music lover Ian 'Dicko' Dickson who was one of the hosts for the Awards with Leigh. Photos: Contributed

## Community Update

### DEVELOPMENT WATCH INC.

#### AGM and call for new members

DEVELOPMENT Watch will be holding its Annual general Meeting at the Ya-rooms Meeting Place, David Low Way on Thursday June 12 at 6:30 PM. We welcome all members and people who want to know more about Development Watch or want to offer their input and services to assist our activities in 2025.

This year some of our Committee members will be standing down but we look

forward to good people putting their names forward to join our friendly team. We would love to see people with knowledge in websites, legals and knowledge of town planning. Commitment to DW principles and a friendly disposition are our main required qualities from members.

#### Focus concerns for 2025

This year Sunshine Coast Council will release the new Town Plan, and we are committed to working in close collaboration with the community and Council to ensure we are all proud of the final result. In this regard we will

be actively involved in forums and discussions with Council, its staff and Councillors as well as its members to advocate for a superior result. We have a very good working relationship with Cr Suarez and Cr Bunnag and various Council staff, and we look forward to these discussions in regard to the new Town Plan.

#### About DW

We are a volunteer community group whose primary focus is advocating respect for the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme in relation to the Coolum and Northshore areas.

Our input has been both in partnership with various levels of government and when the need arises, to object to

inappropriate development that would conflict with the planning scheme or negatively impact on the community generally. We have done this through lodgement of detailed submissions, attendance and partnering in cases before the courts and general advocacy.

We have an active membership base that is committed to maintaining our quality of life and we work in collaboration with other community groups and associations to assist them in raising concerns about inappropriate develop-

ment across the region.

After a long and at times trying campaign and court cases against the Sekisui development proposed for Ya-rooms we continue to ensure the current Town Plan is upheld. We do not support high rise, building in flood prone areas or adversely impacting on our wonderful lifestyle.

We are not against development and appreciate our community will undergo change especially as people seek affordable housing and modern services. However,

such developments should not destroy or adversely impact the region. The Sunshine Coast is a wonderful place to live, and the Coolum/Northshore area is especially so.

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# WHITES IGA LAUNCH PROGRAM AIMED AT YOUNG FOODIES AND GROWERS

ALWAYS championing local growers and makers, the Whites IGA group is thrilled to announce the launch of their newest community program – 'Little Locavores' which is all about promoting and educating children under 17 about local food and how it is produced and grown.

The Little Locavores initiative will be officially launched at the Sunshine Coast Agricultural Show which will be running from June 13-15, 2025, at the Nambour Showgrounds.

Roz White, Director of Whites IGA, said the program builds on the success of the Whites IGA Locavore program, which has long supported local growers, producers and businesses across the Sunshine Coast.

"Little Locavores is about planting the seeds of curiosity and pride in our local food systems, and we want to empower kids to understand where their food comes from and to celebrate the incredible produce grown right here in our region."

The program is designed to inspire and educate children about the value of local food, farming, and sustainability. The initiative encourages

hands-on learning and celebrates the next generation of growers, producers, and food lovers.

## GET INVOLVED AND WIN PRIZES

The new program also has an interactive element with children encouraged to get involved by way of entering their produce into the competition at the Sunshine Coast Show.

Whether they grow veggies in the backyard, collect eggs from the chook pen, or just love learning about food – this is their time to shine. Get their entries together and showcase them at the show. They can even win great prizes. Come along to the Sunshine Coast Show and be part of a movement that celebrates local, supports sustainability, and nurtures young minds.

## White's IGA Little Locavores 2025 Sunshine Coast Show Categories Include:

- One Table Pumpkin
- Trio of Oranges, Lemons, or Mandarins
- Half Dozen Eggs
- Plate of Snow Peas or Cherry Tomatoes
- Plate of 5 or More Veggies

- Best Grown Box of Fruit, Veggies, Eggs, Honey, and Agricultural Items

Entry is free and open to all children aged 17 and under. Entries must be dropped off at the Main Pavilion at the Sunshine Coast Show, on Thursday June 12 between 6am-12noon. There will be prizes on offer.

The Whites IGA Locavore Showcase at the show will also feature many Sunshine Coast Local Producers and Growers, so come and see us to try some tasty goodies.

## BECOME A LITTLE LOCAVORE!

Whites IGA stores across the Sunshine Coast are encouraging local schools and organisations to get involved in the Little Locavores Program throughout 2025, as the team is excited to grow the program throughout the year. All proceeds from Little Locavores produce sold in stores will go towards nominated charities that matter to the local community, whilst inspiring and teaching the next generation about the importance of local agriculture. For more information please contact - [regan.j@whitesiga.com](mailto:regan.j@whitesiga.com)

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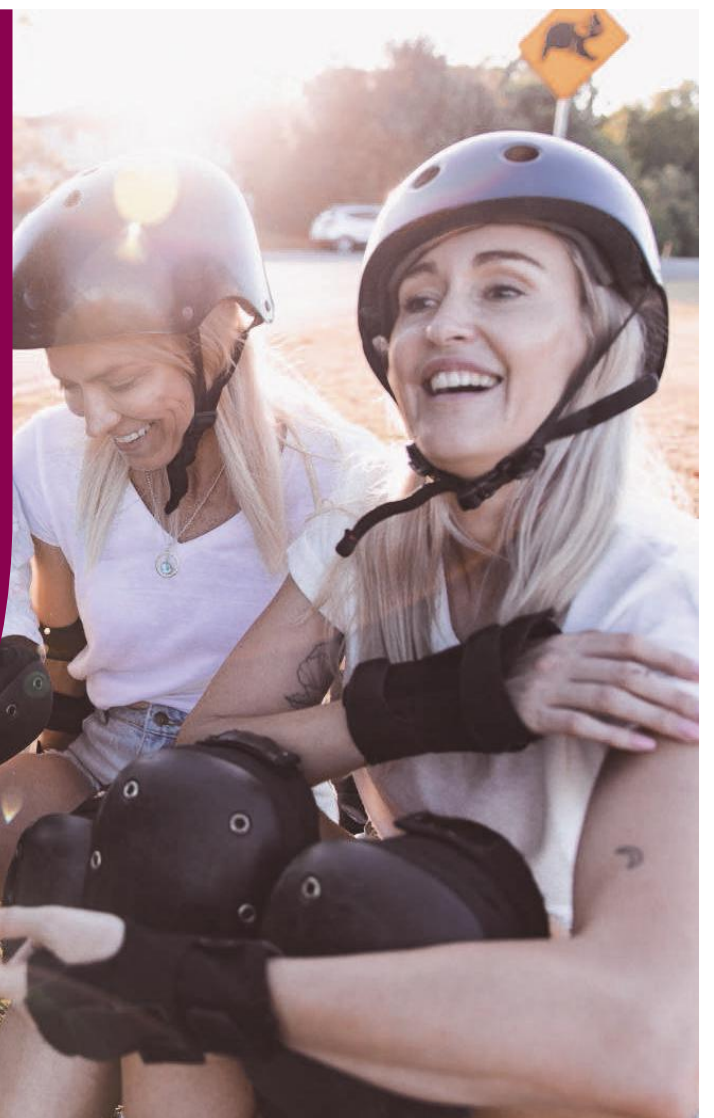
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# Event Showcase

## EV & ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING EXPO!

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The Expo will have more than 20 of the latest electric vehicle (EV) brands showcasing, plus e-bikes, e-scooters, and money saving energy solutions for your home or business.

Zero Emissions Noosa (ZEN) chair, Anne Kennedy said the expo will be a one stop shop for all things electric.

“We will have a large range of e-bikes and e-scooters on show and people will be able to test ride a bike or scooter to find the right fit for them.

“The Expo will also have on display the largest range of new and recent EV models in cars, vans and trucks than ever before.”

Platinum sponsor Cricks Maroochydore will display new models from Skoda, VW

vans, Zeekr and XPeng. Models from Genesis, Renault, BYD, Leapmotor, Farizon and Volvo trucks will also be on display.

Australian EV YouTuber, Sam Evans aka the ‘Electric Viking’ will be there to answer your EV questions, and he will be joined by private owners and their vehicles, affording people the opportunity to speak to actual owners of EVs.

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fication is another vital way to save on rising energy costs and making the switch to solar will be widely discussed and the available products and options on offer in the marketplace.

“You can join an induction cooktop cooking demonstration with Noosa local food ambassador, Matt Golinski,” Ms Kennedy said.

The expo will be held on Sunshine Beach Road, Noosa Heads. Sunshine Beach Rd will be closed for the event. More info- [www.noosaevexpo.com.au](http://www.noosaevexpo.com.au)



The Noosa EV & Electrify Everything Expo will be held on Sunday June 22 and will be a free opportunity to talk to owners of electric cars and ask them questions. Photo: Contributed

# Event Showcase

## AUSTRALASIAN COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION INC.

### Yandina Country Music

THE AUSTRALIAN Country Music Association (ACMA) which is located in Yandina is pleased to welcome guest artist Darrell Pearce to the Hall of Fame on Sunday June 15.

The Hall of Fame is located at 24 Steggalls Road, Yandina and the concert will take place from 11am. The event will also feature popular country music and other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites from talented local artists backed by a great house band.

There will be raffle and door prizes. People can byo their lunch and there will be free tea and coffee. Entry is just \$10 with all money raised going towards the upkeep of the hall. The ACMA is a not-for-profit organisation and proud to keep the spirit of community country music alive in Yandina.



Darrell Pearce will be performing on Sunday June 15. Photo: Contributed

# Real Estate Spotlight

## HALCYON YANDINA BY STOCKLAND

### Over 50s set for huge housing community at Yandina

THE SUNSHINE Coast hinterland town of Yandina is set for an over 50s boom with a new development ready to take expressions of interest.

Stockland has launched Halcyon Yandina and expressions of interest for the first homes are now open.

The \$200 million-plus community will span a 17-hectare site between Steggalls Road and Brandons Road, transforming the site into a vibrant, resort-style community designed for over 50s.

Work is set to begin later this year and is expected to take around four years to complete. Homes are anticipated to be available for purchase from August 2025, with the first homeowners moving in by mid-2026.

Stockland Project Director Andrew Astorquia said this launch marks an exciting new chapter of lifestyle-focused living for the area.

“Halcyon Yandina will provide a connected and active community for those looking to make a rural escape,” Mr

Astorquia said.

As part of the community’s development, works are expected to include pedestrian-friendly pathways linking the community to the township, upgrades to local sewer, water and road infrastructure, environmental rehabilitation and restoration, and a sponsorship of the Yandina Bowls Club to support ongoing community connection.

The Yandina Bowls Club, located across from Halcyon Yandina, is set to receive a significant upgrade supported by Stockland over the next four years.

Bowls Club Secretary Alex Blake, who has been leading the collaboration with Stockland, welcomed the support, saying it will help secure the long-term future of the club while strengthening community ties beyond the Halcyon boundary.

“This sponsorship from Stockland is a real win-win – for us, for them, and for the wider community,” Mr Blake said.

“Thanks to their support, we’ll be able to upgrade our club facilities – from lighting to fans to long-overdue new carpet and furniture – and make it an even more welcoming place for locals to come together.

“We’re incredibly proud to be a volunteer-run club, and with these improvements, we’ll be even better placed to serve the community and welcome a new generation of bowlers through our doors.”

Halcyon Yandina is within walking distance of Yandina village and just a short drive to Coolum Beach. It is expected to feature a range of resort-style facilities, including a 25-metre lap pool, sauna, steam room, and clubhouse featuring a gold-class style cinema, games room and private dining spaces. A creative hub will provide a library, workshop and arts studio, while extensive outdoor green spaces will foster connection within the community’s natural surroundings.

The land lease model provides financial freedom, with no stamp duty, no deferred management fees and the ability for homeowners to retain 100% of any capital gains.

Expressions of interest are now open and public information sessions will be held from mid-June to early July. To register your interest, visit: <https://www.stockland.com.au/halcyon-communities/qld/halcyon-yandina>



An aerial overlay of Halcyon Yandina. Image: Stockland



### 26/86 Toolga Street, YAROOMBA

Wake to peaceful nature, lake, and fairway views near the ocean in this luxury ground-floor apartment in the prestigious ‘Visage’ development at Yaroomba. Positioned in a private, north-east facing corner within a gated precinct on a world-class golf course beside Mount Coolum National Park, this home blends serenity with style.

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### 38 Tritonia Drive COOLUM BEACH

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## COOLUM TILE & STONE STUDIO

### WELCOME TO COOLUM TILE & STONE STUDIO – A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS

COOLUM Tile & Stone Studio, a trusted name in the community for over 25 years, is proud to introduce its new owners, Fergus and Juliet Wilson. Passionate about design, quality, and customer service, this husband-and-wife team brings fresh energy and deep industry experience to the studio, without losing the local heart that's always made it special.

Located in the Coolum Industrial Estate, the newly refurbished showroom at 8/17 Focal Avenue is one of the largest on the Sunshine Coast. Designed to inspire, it features an extensive selection of tiles, mosaics, stone, cladding, wallpaper, flooring, and bathroom fixtures. It's a one-stop destination for builders and renovators.

"We've renovated our own homes, and I've spent 15 years in commercial building project delivery," says Juliet.

"That real-world experience helps us understand our customers' goals and how to help them get there."

Whether it's a full home renovation or a simple kitchen splashback, the team at Coolum Tile & Stone Studio

is here to guide you every step of the way.

"We encourage customers to bring your ideas from Pinterest or Instagram – we love collaborating," Juliet adds.

Complimentary design consultations, take-home samples, and friendly expert advice ensure you'll feel supported – no matter your budget or vision.

Also joining the team is Nikki, who brings a trained eye for design and deep product knowledge, making the showroom experience even more inspiring and personal.

And best of all? It's all local. By shopping here, you're not just upgrading your

home, you're supporting local jobs and suppliers, keeping skills and business right here on the Sunshine Coast.

### Visit Coolum Tile & Stone Studio

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A selection of what's on offer at the large showroom located at 8/17 Focal Avenue in the Coolum Industrial Estate.

Coolum Tile & Stone Studio new owners Fergus and Juliet Wilson have taken over the business which has been in the community for 25 years. Styles and colours may come and go, however quality customer service never goes out of fashion and the couple pride themselves on their knowledge and dedication to their clients.

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## Dan Purdie MP

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT LEVY AXED

A STATEWIDE review by the Queensland Fire Department resulted in a letter to some property owners about an increase to their Levy. Even though the review and the Levy change is consistent with the Act, the Crisafulli Government decided to axe the scheduled increase as a cost saving measure for impacted owners. If you received a notice of increase from July 1, don't worry, you will soon receive a letter advising these changes will NOT come into effect.

### STATE FUNDING TO PROTECT LOCAL BUSINESS

The cost of a break-in to a small business isn't just the value of what's been stolen, it's also the repairs, rising insurance and lost turnover from being closed. A new \$40 million funding program has been set up to help deter crime against small and family businesses. Councils can apply for up to two grants worth \$400,000 each, to fund crime prevention measures to improve the security of business strips. This includes CCTV, security lighting, alarm systems, bollards and lockable fencing. I continue to work closely with local councillors and police to address the safety concerns of businesses and all residents.

### ATTENTION FIRST HOME BUYERS

Over the past ten years Queensland has earned the reputation of having the lowest rate of home ownership of any state in the nation at 63.5%. Finding and keeping a roof overhead has become far too hard and thousands of young home buyers are unable to get into the market.

I am proud to announce that the Crisafulli Government is reversing this trend. New laws have come into effect that abolish stamp duty on new homes for first home buyers, slashing tens of thousands off the purchase.

### DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE REFORMS

As a former Detective and in my capacity as Police Minister I know that police spend more time addressing DFV call outs than any other. New laws have now been passed that give police the powers to issue on the spot 12-month Police Protection Directions, immediately protecting victims without going through lengthy court processes.

### 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](mailto:ninderry@parliament.qld.gov.au).



## Maria Suarez CR

DIVISION 9  
SUNSHINE COAST COUNCIL

### LOCAL UPDATES

MANY outdoor projects, including the mowing schedule, have been slowed down due to the ongoing wet weather and Council thanks you for your patience. The First Bay landslip repair is one of those projects, so they have started doing Saturday work to try and catch up.

The Third Bay walking trail will have a small upgrade to the track to lessen the number of steps and reduce the encroachment into the bush. At the Lions and Norrie Job Park the shower and deck are currently being renewed.

There will be a road renewal for Margaret Street, happening soon with works occurring at night to lessen the impact on people getting to work and to school. There is also drone surveys taking place in the environment reserves along the coastline to look for pest species of plants such as broad leaf pepper.

Thanks to those who took time to provide feedback on the dog area exercise plan. There were thousands of submissions, and the team are reviewing these now. We should be able to share more on this later in the year.

### NEW LIGHTING IMPROVES SAFETY

Solar lighting was installed at Havana Rd East, which is an important link between Peregrine Springs and Coolum. This lighting improves safety for pedestrians, students and recre-

ation users. Council is receiving a lot of favourable feedback on the results.

### GRANT WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the community groups in Coolum who were successful in receiving major grant funding. Some of these include fencing contributions to Coolum Football Club and Coolum Women's Shed. Support for the Shed-Music and Walking Football events. Supplies for Quota, nipper boards for the Surf Club, and defibrillators for a new park run trail event coming to the Coolum Industrial park.

### REPORT LOCAL ISSUES

With all the rain we've had, I'm sure we're all noticing the potholes that have popped up and vegetation that may have fallen over. Disappointingly, I'm also reporting illegal dumping. If you spot any issues, let's get it fixed! Report potholes, road hazards, vegetation issues or illegal dumping via the Sunshine Coast App or call 5475 7272 - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

### KEEP 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](mailto:maria.suarez@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)



## Ted O'Brien MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FAIRFAX

### THANK YOU, FAIRFAX

I WANT to begin by saying thank you. It is the greatest honour and privilege of my professional life to be re-elected as your Federal Member for Fairfax. The final results are in, and I'm humbled to again have the trust and support of our community.

In addition, to be elected Deputy Leader of the Opposition and entrusted to serve as Shadow Treasurer is an even greater honour.

It is a responsibility that I take very seriously, and I will apply myself wholeheartedly.

I've just wrapped up my seasonal road trip across the electorate that included a visit to Coolum - I've done road trips at least four times a year since first being elected in 2016. These trips are about meeting locals where they are, outside the walls of my office, to listen and learn.

This most recent road trip came at a critical time, following a tough election campaign and a sobering result for the Liberal Party nationwide. While I've been returned as your local MP, I know our party must do better - and that starts with listening.

From Coolum to Nambour,

Brightwater to Maroochy-dore, I've had open and honest conversations with residents about the issues that matter most - topics ranging from cost-of-living pressures to local infrastructure, community services and the future of our region.

Some people shared frustrations, others offered ideas, and many simply wanted to talk. Every conversation has helped me better understand how I can represent Fairfax more effectively - and how our party can reconnect.

My commitment is to represent all residents of Fairfax, regardless of how you voted, and to keep delivering practical outcomes that make a difference - especially for our families, seniors, and small businesses.

Thank you again for your trust. I'll never take it for granted.

And if I missed you this time, I'll be back on the road again soon - ready to listen.

### 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](mailto:ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au).



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## Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT  
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



WITH the roar of the first State of Origin game echoing across Queensland this week, it's hard not to feel the surge of pride and passion that this iconic rivalry brings. Whether you're a lifelong Maroons supporter or just caught up in the excitement, there's something deeply inspiring about seeing athletes push themselves to the limit for something bigger than themselves.

At Coolum State High School, we see parallels between Origin greatness and student success every day. The qualities that define elite players—resilience, courage, teamwork, and discipline—are the same traits that define exceptional students.

It takes resilience to bounce back from a tough exam or a disappointing result and come back stronger. It takes courage to step up in class, to speak out, to stand by your values, or to try something new. It takes teamwork to support your classmates, respect your teachers, and contribute to a thriving school culture. And it takes discipline—quiet, daily dis-

cipline—to achieve goals, whether on the sporting field or in the classroom.

We've seen these qualities in full force this term. From the early morning Run Club participants working on endurance and commitment, our Dance Academy students inspiring us with their performances, and our Basketball Academy showing that hard work pays off at the highest levels of a hotly contested sport, our students are putting in the effort where it counts.

As we head into the latter half of the term, I encourage every student to channel their inner Maroon—not just in wearing the jersey, but in living out the values that lead to real success.

Queensland's Origin motto is "Never Give Up." That's a message for our students too. Whether it's assessment week, a personal goal, or a moment of challenge, keep going. You might just surprise yourself. At Coolum High, we are so proud to wear the maroon of our state!

## Legal News

RAY BARBER  
CONSULTANT AT BARBER PORTER SOLICITORS  
IN COOLUM. HE HAS FORTY YEARS' EXPERIENCE  
IN LAW OF PROPERTY, RETIREMENT AND SUCCESSION.



### DIY WILLS

JUST LAST month, the Supreme Court granted approval of a defective will on behalf of my client, the executor of a deceased estate. You might say that this is a good result, but it was the result of many months of gathering evidence and loads of unnecessary expense.

The moral of that story is not to do a post office will for yourself.

This post office will was lacking one witness and existed in about six alternative photocopied versions. My barrister succeeded in satisfying the judge that one of these copies represented the testamentary intentions of the will maker.

By comparison, when I look at the case of *re Chalmers, unreported, 1999*, a home-made, one-witness will was refused probate.

In *re Thompson, unreported, 1995*, a husband and wife had mirror image wills. By mistake, each signed the other's will. Probate of the wills was

refused.

In *re Nicholls 1996 1 Qd R 179*, the will had one witness, who was an eight-year-old child. Probate of that will was refused.

This says to me that you take your chances when you make a home-made will.

The court cases are almost uniformly disapproving in the cases of defective signing of a will. Wills containing different defects more often succeed.

I have found that, at death, the executors are motivated to do the responsible job that has been given to them. It is a frustration to all when the executors need a special interpretation or remedy from the court.

Your solicitor, if she or he knows one thing, it is how to draft you a will that does not need judicial interpretation. Why not take advantage of our years of study and experience?

In an upcoming article, I will advise not to do home-made enduring powers of attorney and why.

## Observations

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



### THE ART OF LIVING

I LIKE to live life to the fullest, and to try and find that peace within and bring people together for happiness, health and harmony. Life is a beautiful joyous gift of love to be celebrated every day.

However, one of those wonderful occasions in most cultures is the celebration of birthdays. At Christmas Christians and the community come together to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

Recently, it was Buddha's birthday and Chenrezig Buddhist Institute at Eudlo on the Sunshine Coast was a centre of celebration. Chenrezig has a large local community and many visitors who visit the mountainous institute from far afield. Members of the Nepalese community attended the Chenrezig Institute and were able to spend time together in celebration of Buddha's birthday. This day holds deep significance for them and for many Buddhists

as it brings people together in spiritual connection and joyful celebration.

We all love a birthday celebration for family, friends and community members with happy birthday singing and hopefully a cake with candles to blow out whilst making a wish. Getting our children and young friends inducted into the importance of this birthday celebration and giving thanks for other milestone occasions in life are very important.

Similarly, rituals such as meditation can also be practised and can be inducted into daily life to give thanks for every day as part of their art of living.

Though it does not always seem it, life can be full of goodness, hope, honour and humility if we really embrace it fully and work for a supportive and kind community.

We all need to lead by example and live with a loving and compassionate heart.

## A look back in time

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



### FIFTY YEARS OF FABULOUS FOOTBALL

IN THE 1970s, Coolum's population grew from 463 residents to 1,183 by 1976. By 1981, that number had grown to 2,954 - an increase of nearly 1500 per cent. The surging growth of the greater Coolum area changed every aspect of life in the district, including the playing of sports.



Celebrating 50 years of the Coolum Football Club. Photo: Contributed

Sometime after 1946, Coolum's first councillor, Jack Morgan, had encouraged Maroochy Shire Council to buy an area of land behind the Memorial School of Arts Hall from Bob Sneesby, with the intention of providing a sports and recreation area for Coolum residents. This had become Jack Morgan Park, with part of that land becoming the Bowls Club in 1963.

The remainder of Jack Morgan Park became a sports field from February 26, 1975, with the Coolum Soccer Club [also known as the Coolum Dolphins] playing in the area behind the shops and the Community Centre.

Things were primitive in that era, and the founding players and officials

were based in an old caravan, pulled to the park by parents – the Burns, Daines, Gaynor, and Bruce families. The caravan, painted in the maroon and blue stripes of West Ham [selected by the Daines family, who were keen supporters of that team] became the central point for the club. It was towed to the grounds for each home game, and acted as a canteen, first aid station and equipment store. The Maroochy Shire Council permitted the Soccer Club to erect goal posts, and ground-markings were defined by lines of sump oil donated by local mechanics!

The Coolum Soccer Club initially had one men's team, and three junior teams, and were joined in 1977 by a ladies' team and extra teams for juniors under six and upwards. The club grew and grew, becoming a major part of the Coolum sporting scene.

There was much proud excitement on March 23, 1986, when the first game of soccer was played at the new complex north of Stumers Creek. Cliff Wright, a local property owner, who was also the manager of the adjacent Research Station, had supplied grass

runners, and volunteer club members planted thousands of them by hand! At the end of 1986 the Coolum Dolphins were awarded the trophy for the best-run football club of the year on the Sunshine Coast.

This year marks the half-

century of The Coolum Soccer Club – now known as the Coolum Football Club. Today it boasts 60 teams, all starting from those humble beginnings. Founding member, and former president, Mike [Micky] Bruce has commented that the Club's current

success is due in no small part to the inclusion of families, camaraderie, respect and fair play encouraged by the dedicated current office bearers. Fifty fabulous years ... Congratulations Coolum Football Club!

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# Sports Socials

## COOLUM BEACH BREAKERS AFL FOOTBALL CLUB

IT WAS a massive round five on May 25 and the sunny weather made for spectacular footy. There were lots of smiling faces at the Breakers Headquarters which is located at the Coolum State High School oval and the morning kicked off with the littlest members starting their AFL journey with Auskick Play and finished with the U15 Boys taking out another win.

Well done to all of the Breakers and big thanks to the game day sponsors, Coolum Farm Fresh and Domino's Pizza.

The Breakers will be hosting their 'Kickathon' on June 13 and this major fundraiser has helped the club financially with many of their much-needed building improvements over the years. Register now via the following link - <https://go.rallyup.com/kickathon25/Campaign/Details>



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U15 - Callum and Nate.



U13 Girls - Nina, Sunny, Georgie, Poppy, Indie, Halle and Isla.



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We welcome all current members and indeed people who want to know more about Development Watch or want to offer their input and services to assist our activities in 2025.

Development Watch Inc. (DW) is a volunteer community group whose primary focus is advocating respect for the Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme in relation to the Coolum and Northshore areas.

We continue to ensure the current Town Plan is upheld and development assessed against the community's needs and aspirations. We do not support high rise, building in flood prone areas or adversely impacting on our wonderful lifestyle here on the Northshore.

A new Town Plan will be adopted in mid to late 2025. DW will be actively advocating with Council and its staff to achieve a superior result for our community.

### How do you imagine Coolum in the future?

For more information, please email [imaginecoolum@developmentwatch.org.au](mailto:imaginecoolum@developmentwatch.org.au)  
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## Community News

### Get ready Sunshine Coast! Buy Local Day is back

Join Council in supporting Buy Local Day on Saturday 28 June. This is your chance to give back to the amazing local businesses that make our region shine. From your favourite café to your go-to grocer, retailer and service provider, every dollar spent locally helps our community thrive. Let's mark our calendars, show up, shop locally and support the people who support us every day. Businesses - find out how you can get involved by visiting [buylocalsunshinecoast.com.au](http://buylocalsunshinecoast.com.au).

### Protect our waterways: plan your site properly

Our waterways are important to everyone on the Sunshine Coast, from aquatic plants and animals to families enjoying our rivers, creeks and beaches. That's why it's critical for builders, developers, contractors and homeowners to check - Is your site right? Pollution from construction sites is preventable through good planning and appropriate erosion and sediment control. For a range of educational resources, visit Council's website.

### Food, fire, flavour: book your seat at the table

The Curated Plate program is out now, offering 10 days of unique food experiences across the Sunshine Coast, spanning from the lush hinterland to the sparkling coastline, from 25 July to 3 August. Long table lunches are a plenty, from Maleny to the Novotel Sunshine Coast at Twin Waters and Yanalla Farms at Glasshouse Mountains. Look for the food markets at Birtinya, Mooloolaba and Eumundi and picnic style events at Kings Beach Amphitheatre and The Doonan. Go to [thecuratedplate.com.au](http://thecuratedplate.com.au) to book.

### Want to swap screen time for green time?

Come and explore the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary in Bli Bli. Nine hundred metres of boardwalk gently winds to the Maroochy River. It is an easy stroll and perfect for families with prams. Spot a crab, listen to the wetlands stories and discover a unique coastal environment this winter. For more details on wetland activities, visit Council's website. You'll find the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary at the end of Sports Road in Bli Bli.

### Watch Council's next Special and Ordinary Meeting

View online on Council's website or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers. The 2025-26 Budget will be considered and adopted on 19 June starting at 9am followed by the Ordinary Meeting.

### Are you 12-24 and live on the Sunshine Coast?

We want to hear from you! Share your ideas in our online survey or chat with us at a local pop-up event. Your voice will help shape the Sunshine Coast Council Youth Plan 2026-2031. Plus, you could win awesome prizes just for taking part! Visit the Have your Say Sunshine Coast website and get involved today. Let's support youth in creating a brighter, more inclusive future.

### Bring family and friends to the Doonan Planting Festival and help plant 6,000 trees together

This is a National Tree Day event on Saturday 5 July from 8am-noon at Doonan Creek Environment Reserve, Verrierdale. You can plant food and habitat for the Eastern grey kangaroo, Wallum froglet, Brown quail, Australian pipit and Grey-headed flying-foxes. The free community event includes tree plantings, wildlife displays, local native plant stalls, craft activities, live music and more. Book now on Council's Events website.

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## SURF CLUB'S MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER ON TRACK

SCAFFOLDING continues to conceal the major renovations taking place inside the century old Coolum Surf Club, however, Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie MP was treated to a sneak peak of the progress, with the completion expected in September.

Although planning began in 2019, construction on the new reception area, lift, bathrooms, sports bar area and staircase commenced earlier this year by building company Badge.

"I would like to thank and congratulate Coolum Surf Club GM Adam Mann for prioritising the retention of staff

and service of patrons during project construction," Mr Purdie said.

"When operating at 100 per cent the club employs approximately 110 locals, and during the renovations he has managed to keep between 80 and 90 employed.

"I was particularly delighted to hear that the co-located Coolum Life Saving Club will also benefit from the expansion by picking up an additional 60m2 to store valuable equipment, providing room for the club to grow into the future!"



The Coolum Surf Club renovations are on track for a September reveal. Pictured are Luke Sweeney, Simon McNamara, Matt Peters, Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie and Coolum Surf Club GM Adam Mann. Photo: Contributed

## Business Showcase

### ANTIQUE BUYERS IN THE AREA

### De-clutter and turn unwanted items into cash

IN TODAY'S trend of downsizing and decluttering our homes, it's the perfect time to go through those drawers and cupboards and turn those unwanted items into cash. Antique Buyers, and father-son duo, Mike and Nate, will be travelling the Sunshine Coast from June 16 to 21. See page 9 for full details.

Mike Cornish, the company's chief buyer said that "everyone has something we want to buy, and nothing is too small for our consideration."

"We are enthusiastic buyers and we are particularly interested in gold jewellery,

whether broken or intact, antique jewellery, gold and silver coins, collectibles including military medals, banknotes, and mechanical watches."

"We are just as happy to buy one item, as we are buying 10,000," Mike said.

If you are in doubt about any items you wish to sell, take them in for an instant appraisal. No appointment is needed.

### Gold and Silver still at high prices

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4 City fortresses  
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10 Poet's Ireland  
12 Make fun of  
13 Goes back  
14 Gain  
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19 Egyptian goddess  
20 Mountain lake  
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24 Fasteners  
28 Short light opera  
30 Grassy expanse  
31 Imply  
32 Disperses  
33 Jump rope
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1 Horned ruminant  
2 Leave out  
3 Record of meeting  
4 Cereal  
5 Part of the eye  
6 Place for keeping bees  
7 Flightless bird  
8 Adds sugar  
11 Tears  
14 Support  
15 Authoritative decree  
16 Wingtip flaps  
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18 Given shoes  
20 Places of worship  
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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, 1st July**. We provide a generous morning tea on the day (small cost of \$4.00/guest). All enquiries please contact Faye 0419 644 651.

COOLUM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CRA)

The Coolum Residents Association will be holding its annual general meeting (AGM) of members at 5pm **Thursday, 5 June** at the Coolum Beach Surf Lifesaving Club in the small conference room upstairs. CRA is a local community organisation that aims to identify and promote sustainable opportunities to preserve and enhance the amenity and facilities in the Coolum Beach and surrounding areas. The meeting will elect the management committee, and present the President's and Treasurer's reports to members. All current and prospective new members are welcome. There will be an opportunity to socialise after the meeting.

MAROOCHY NORTH SHORE LIONS

Maroochy North Shore Lions is a community organisation who hold a BBQ once a month at the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club's canteen in Power Park Mudjimba to assist the lifesaving Club to raise funds to buy equipment to help them carry out their most important service to the local Community. Our next BBQ is on **Saturday, 28th June** from 7am to 11am selling our renowned bacon and egg burgers and sausages on bread. We also support many other Lions projects such as recycling eyeglasses and collecting stamps and supporting the work of Qld Medical Research teams. If you would like to experience the fellowship of our club or even join us in our work come down to Power Park Mudjimba or phone Patricia on 0427 838 938 or Carol Goldsworthy-Publicity 0402 112 023

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST WORKSHOPS

**Roots Magic: Saturday June 28th 9:30am-12 noon.** Learn how to add information, photos, place names, sources and citations in this program and how to generate reports.  
**FamilySearch: Saturday June 28th 1pm-3pm.** This is a free international program run by a non-profit organisation (LDS). Learn how to access their database which contains over 13 billion searchable names. Cost is \$8/session members and \$15/session for non-members. Morning tea is included but bring your own lunch. Book using our website or phone 07 5329 2315. We are opposite the swimming pool in Nambour.

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. The final date for this financial year – don't miss out! We'd love to see you there:  
**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.

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, 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 will meet next on **Monday, June 16th**. 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](mailto: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](mailto:coolumtoastmasters@gmail.com).

HOME LEAGUE COOLUM BEACH


Are you looking to make new meaningful friendships? This women's group meets every Thursday 9.30-11am 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](mailto: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).  
**THURSDAY**  
- 12.30 for 1pm start  
**SATURDAY**  
- 12.30 for 1pm start  
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## Sports News

### COOLUM COLTS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

#### Exciting things happening for the young colts!

WE HAVE had our first ever U11 girls competition join the league this year with these girls turning 10 or 11 in 2025. The female comp is growing so much, that this new division was introduced. Between us and Palmwoods we both didn't have quite enough in this age to have a full team, so we joined forces so the girls could join this comp, and we want to introduce you to our Palmwoods-Coolum U11 Girls. Each week, the girls will rotate wearing Palmwoods and Coolum jerseys. This is very exciting!

We had five Coolum U15 boys up at Gladstone for the Queensland Schools State

Championship - having five Coolum players in one team, is just awesome! Well done to the boys.

And last but by no means least, recently we had three Coolum girls Pearl (U15-U16), Kanisha and Tora (U17-U18) attend the Queensland State Championships on the Gold Coast. Pearl was awarded a player of the match on day four and was also awarded the coaches award - outstanding achievement Pearl. Kanisha and Tora's team placed third overall in the state, which is just amazing - well done girls.

We are so proud to share the news when these exciting things happen with our juniors, and we just love to see Coolum being represented so awesomely far afield!



Colts Nathan Cusack, Jett Mewett, Mitchell Heit, Isaac Paton and Jonah Frampton who were part of the U15 team who went up to Gladstone for the Queensland Schools State Championships. Photos: Contributed



The U11 girls in their Coolum and Palmwoods jerseys. For the first time ever the Colts had interest in an U11 team, however, there was not enough players so Coolum teamed up with Palmwoods who were in a similar situation and the U11 girls will share jerseys, one week wearing Coolum and the next week wearing Palmwoods.



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## Reflecting on North Shore

Therese Turmaine

These moody reflections were captured on Wednesday May 21 at 7am. The mid-week North Shore area looks quite surreal the way it has been snapped!

If you happen to take a stunning pic or have a pic of something you think the community should know about - taken on either your smart phone or on your digital camera, then we would love to see it. Please send in your 'pic of the week' to, editor@coolumadvertiser.com.au or you can text the image to 0422 059 769 and don't forget to include your name, where the pic was taken and what it is of.



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# COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

## Tuesday, 27th May

- Social Bowls**  
1st S & R Weatherby +37  
2nd B Burkitt, R Klim +25  
3rd M Newlan, D Wright +20

## Thursday, 29th May

- Social Bowls**  
1st P Bain, M Corcoran +31  
2nd L Cattnach, J Wilson +30  
3rd B Dryland, M Cadamy +15  
4th D Layden, D Cook +10

Congratulations to Sharyn Moss, Annica McGill and Dipper Michaels, Mick Japundza in reaching the District playoffs of the Club Champion of Champions Pairs last weekend. Sharon and Annica lost in the second round to Club Mooloolaba and Dipper and Mick lost to the

ultimate winners, Club Maroochy.

### Club Championships

Club Championship results available on club website at: <https://coolumbeachbowls.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://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/social-bowls/>.
- For all social bowls enquiries contact the Social Bowls Coordinator on 0499 167922.

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• 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. Register at <https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/free-coaching/>, or contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0493 216779.



There's was lots of great bowling action on the greens at Coolum over the month of May with the 2025 Queensland State Championships taking place. Despite the challenging weather at times the club hosted a very successful competition. Huge thanks to the amazing Coolum Bowls Club staff, greenskeepers and volunteers. Photos: Contributed

## Coolum Advertiser

## TIDE TIMES 2025 JUNE 04, 2025 - JUNE 17, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit <a href="http://www.qld.gov.au">www.qld.gov.au</a>				
WED 4 JUN					WED 11 JUN				
Coolum	1:57m	0.6m	1:37m	0.8m	Coolum	0.59m	1.32m	0.35m	1.91m
	2:34 am	9:23 am	3:45 pm	9:25 pm		2:22 am	7:41 am	1:33 pm	8:27 pm
Maroochy River	4:49 am	12:33 pm	6:00 pm		Maroochy River	5:32 am	9:56 am	4:43 pm	10:42 pm
THU 5 JUN					THU 12 JUN				
Coolum	1.51m	0.56m	1.47m	0.8m	Coolum	0.58m	1.3m	0.35m	1.92m
	3:25 am	10:05 am	4:40 pm	10:31 pm		2:59 am	8:20 am	2:09 pm	9:04 pm
Maroochy River	5:40 am	1:15 pm	6:55 pm	12:35 am	Maroochy River	6:09 am	10:35 am	5:19 pm	11:19 pm
FRI 6 JUN					FRI 13 JUN				
Coolum	1.46m	0.5m	1.58m	0.76m	Coolum	0.58m	1.29m	0.37m	1.91m
	4:12 am	10:43 am	5:26 pm	11:28 pm		3:39 am	8:59 am	2:46 pm	9:43 pm
Maroochy River	6:27 am	1:53 pm	7:41 pm	1:41 am	Maroochy River	6:49 am	11:14 am	5:56 pm	11:58 pm
SAT 7 JUN					SAT 14 JUN				
Coolum	0.76m	1.42m	0.46m	1.69m	Coolum	0.58m	1.28m	0.4m	1.89m
		4:58 am	11:19 am	6:05 pm		4:20 am	9:42 am	3:28 pm	10:24 pm
Maroochy River	2:38 am	7:13 am	2:29 pm	8:20 pm	Maroochy River	7:30 am	11:57 am	6:38 pm	
SUN 8 JUN					SUN 15 JUN				
Coolum	0.72m	1.39m	0.42m	1.77m	Coolum	0.58m	1.27m	0.44m	1.85m
	12:18 am	5:42 am	11:53 am	6:42 pm		5:03 am	10:27 am	4:12 pm	11:07 pm
Maroochy River	3:28 am	7:57 am	3:03 pm	8:57 pm	Maroochy River	8:13 am	12:42 pm	7:22 pm	12:39 am
MON 9 JUN					MON 16 JUN				
Coolum	0.67m	1.36m	0.39m	1.84m	Coolum	0.58m	1.27m	0.51m	1.81m
	1:02 am	6:22 am	12:27 pm	7:16 pm		5:52 am	11:19 am	5:00 pm	11:53 pm
Maroochy River	4:12 am	8:37 am	3:37 pm	9:31 pm	Maroochy River	9:02 am	1:34 pm	8:10 pm	1:22 am
TUE 10 JUN					TUE 17 JUN				
Coolum	0.62m	1.33m	0.37m	1.89m	Coolum	1.81m	0.56m	1.29m	0.58m
	1:43 am	7:02 am	12:59 pm	7:51 pm			6:43 am	12:18 pm	5:58 pm
Maroochy River	4:53 am	9:17 am	4:09 pm	10:06 pm	Maroochy River	2:08 am	9:53 am	2:33 pm	9:08 pm

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- Coles Peregian Springs
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- Coolum Beach Caravan Park
- Coolum High School
- Coolum News
- Coolum Village News
- Coolum-Peregian RSL
- Food N Vegi Maroocha
- Foodworks Twin Waters
- Ma Boulange Café
- Maroocha Beach News and Convenience Store
- Maroocha Branch Bendigo Bank
- Maroocha Surf Club

- North Shore Community Centre
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## WHAT'S ON AT THE BOWLO

### MONDAY

4PM - 8PM

#### POINTS PLUS - MEMBERS PROMO

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

### TUESDAY

5:30PM - 6PM

#### CAGED CASH - 2 DRAWS

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

5:30PM

#### APL POKER

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

5:45PM

#### 500 CARD CLUB

### WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM

#### 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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

#### ELIJAH'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.

### SOCIAL 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.

2PM - 3:15PM

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