



The annual Coolum State High School Midwinter Ball was held on Thursday June 12 and the class of 2025 looked absolutely gorgeous for their special night. The annual event is the night on the school calendar where the year 12 students dress up in formal attire and have a night of dinner and dancing at the Maroochydore RSL. Before being bussed down to the RSL the students were greeted at school by their friends and family, who took photos and celebrated the young adults in front of them – congratulations to the class of 2025! Pictured are three of the students looking glamorous and posing for photos before being bussed down to the Maroochydore RSL. Huge gallery of photos pages 18-19. Photo: Coolum State High School.

## EXPANSION OF SHARK CONTROL PROGRAM BY STATE GOV RAISES CONCERNS OVER EFFICACY

**VANESSA HALL**  
EDITOR

THE CRISAFULLI Queensland State Government has expanded the Queensland Shark Control Program (QSCP) with more nets and more drumlines to be placed off the Queensland coast in a bid to ensure the safety of beach goers. The news has been met with condemnation as to how effective the program is, with a whale only last week tangled in shark nets off the coast and many opponents of the QSCP stating that nets and drumlines do more damage than good.

The new plan – which will commence in July - combines what the Government is calling “proven safety measures like shark nets and drumlines” at more Queensland beach-

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# Expansion of shark control program by

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es whilst also using aids like drone surveillance and whale-deterrent measures.

Seven beaches have been identified as potential candidates for expanded drumlines or nets and both Coolum North and Peregrine North have been identified based on Surf Life Saving Queensland (SLSQ) data showing increasing beach use.

The identified beaches and locations will now be subject to further detailed assessment in conjunction with stakeholders, and expert scientists and further consultation will occur with communities.

The State Government is citing inaction under Labor for the expansion of the QSCP with Minister for Primary Industries Tony Perrett stating that the program is a fresh start for anyone who loves Queensland beaches, fishers and values our \$33 billion tourism industry.

"It's clear the program had lost its way under previous Labor governments who failed to act and put people after the demands of environmental activists.

"This plan recalibrates to protect people, while ensuring the ocean ecosystem remains healthy and thrives into the future."

## Local MPs have their say

Independent Noosa MP Sandy Bolton is one of the voices against the expansion citing that the QSCP "raises concerns".

"Given the work within the Noosa community to advocate for safe alternatives to shark nets, this decision is deeply disappointing as it contradicts recommendations in the independent review to minimise negative impacts on marine ecosystems, which the report states the QSCP's operations do not currently achieve. In addition, the report recommends the trialling of the removal of shark nets during the winter whale migrations season, which appears absent in the QSCP," Ms. Bolton said.

The independent review of the QSCP was commissioned by the previous State Government and undertaken by KPMG and was released Sunday May 25, 2025.

"The selection of Peregrine as a potential site raises questions given considerable community opposition, and we are seeking from the minister the rationale for this as well and why net removal trials were not

considered despite being recommended by the report," Ms. Bolton said.

Minister for Ninderry Dan Purdie said that he was confident in the efficacy of the expanded program.

"I believe the most important role of any government is to protect the safety of its citizens," Mr Purdie said.

"I understand the community have concerns about how shark nets and drumlines impact other sea creatures, and I am a strong advocate for protecting all flora and fauna to the best of our ability, but the balance needs to be in favour of human life.

"It is important to understand that while new nets and drumlines will be installed where they haven't been previously, these are just one

component of a multifaceted approach to shark control. In fact I believe the community will be somewhat reassured by the fact that 65 per cent of the additional funding for the program, is for non-lethal methods like drones, whale deterrent innovation and shark research."

Maroochydore MP Fiona Simpson said that Mooloolaba Beach would be one of the first to have added drone capabilities.

"This new funding will increase the monitoring of the nets while also introducing a Shark Drone Program starting initially at ten beaches across Queensland (Coolum is one). One of the first beaches to be trialed will be Mooloolaba Beach, and it will be progressively expanded to 20 beaches by 2026 – 2027

onwards to complement traditional measures."

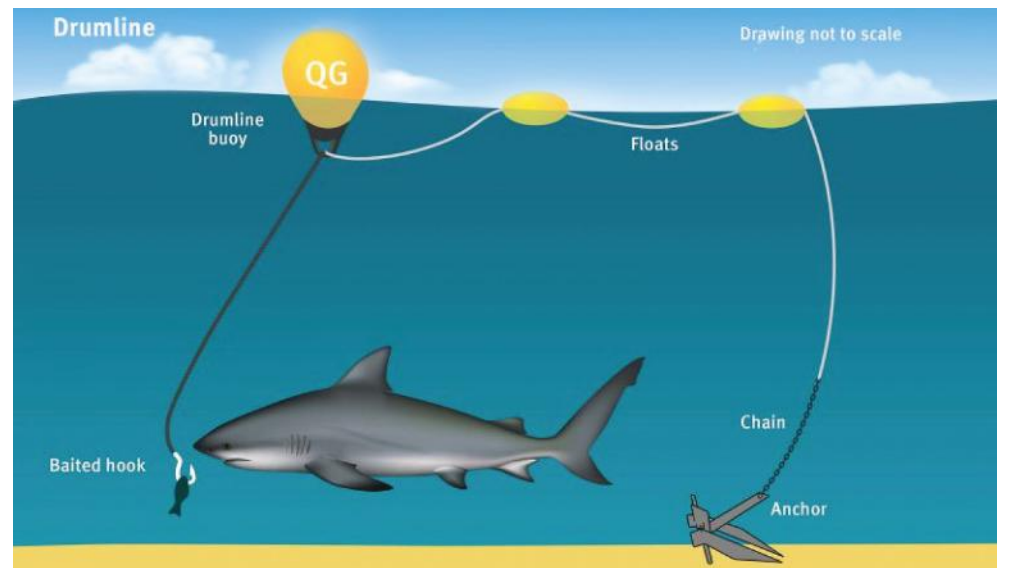
## Councillors share personal concerns

Sunshine Coast Council Division 8 and Division 9 Councillors Taylor Bunnag and Maria Suarez have also stated that they have concerns about the expansion of the program.

Sunshine Coast Council does not have an official stand or jurisdiction over the issue and all comments are their own.

"The State Government's decision doesn't accord with the work that has been done in this space, particularly the independent KPMG Shark Control Evaluation Plan which states that nets and drumlines do not achieve the desired ecosystem outcomes," Cr Bunnag said.

"The recommendation was



**DRUMLINE:** This diagram shows the drumline components (floats, anchor and hook). Image: Qld Gov Department of Primary Industries

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# State Gov raises concerns over efficacy

to trial removing nets during the winter whale migration season to reduce entanglement. The decision to implement further traditional methods is out of step with the independent recommendations and there hasn't been sufficient justification from the State Government about why they've decided to go against the independent recommendations of experts."

Cr Suarez furthered these concerns.

"I haven't seen how the recent announcement by the State Government to expand the shark control program has applied any cost benefit analysis to this roll out. How many shark sightings were reported in the roll-out areas? How many attacks have been made on humans in the roll out areas? How many animals and

of which species have been injured or died in existing shark nets?

"Not once have I heard a member of the community suggest or request increased shark controls especially in the form of shark netting.

"There have been many reports of marine life becoming trapped in shark nets, however the data around this isn't truly known and my efforts in trying to get accurate data on the species and number of animals detrimentally impacted have gone unanswered."

The negative impact that these shark control measures have on other species is backed up by Coolum and North Shore Coast Care President Leigh Warneminde.

"We will likely see more whale entanglements and

they are really distressing and there's many more that we don't see. A lot of what does get caught in nets is protected species and it makes no sense that the Queensland Government tries to protect species on one hand and then on the other they are actively endangering others.

"We would like to see all nets removed during whale season at least."

Marine Biologist, Lawrence Chlebeck from the Humane World for Animals Australia said the expansion of the program will without a doubt lead to more entanglements.

"It's wild that in the face of undeniable evidence of the nets' ineffectiveness for public safety, the Queensland Government is not only refusing to remove shark nets, but they've

proposed adding more. It simply means more animals like whales will be entangled and die without any benefit to public safety.

"Successful trials of drones to keep an eye out for sharks and alert lifesavers to swimmers at risk of drowning at Southeast Queensland beaches, makes the continued use of a 61-year-old shark net strategy redundant."

**State Gov stands by expansion**

The Crisafulli Government's plan includes expanded research into shark populations, including into the impact of the Shark Control Program on target shark species.

"Research shows, and the KPMG report confirms, that traditional methods (nets and drumlines) are still the most effective way of protecting swimmers," Mr Purdie stated.

"Until the new technology is scientifically proven as effective at protecting beach goers as traditional methods, we will continue to invest in what keeps Queenslanders and our beaches safe.

"The new Shark Control Management Plan 2025-29 strikes a balance between using existing control techniques while increasing non-lethal modern technology."

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# Event Showcase

## COOLUM ART PROJECT

### Exceptional Tree Project

COOLUM Art Project successfully launched the 'Exceptional Tree Project' recently with the project's lead artist Fiona Harding creating a conceptual exhibition that starts as an 'election campaign' to find the communities most popular tree.

Fiona, who is passionate about trees, describes the election concept as "a way to focus on awareness of trees in our environment, democracy and politics of trees and, also to discover what may be missing."

The Coolum Art Project is part of Coolum Resident's Association (CRA), and spokesperson John Fuller said that the Exceptional Tree Project was just the first stage in

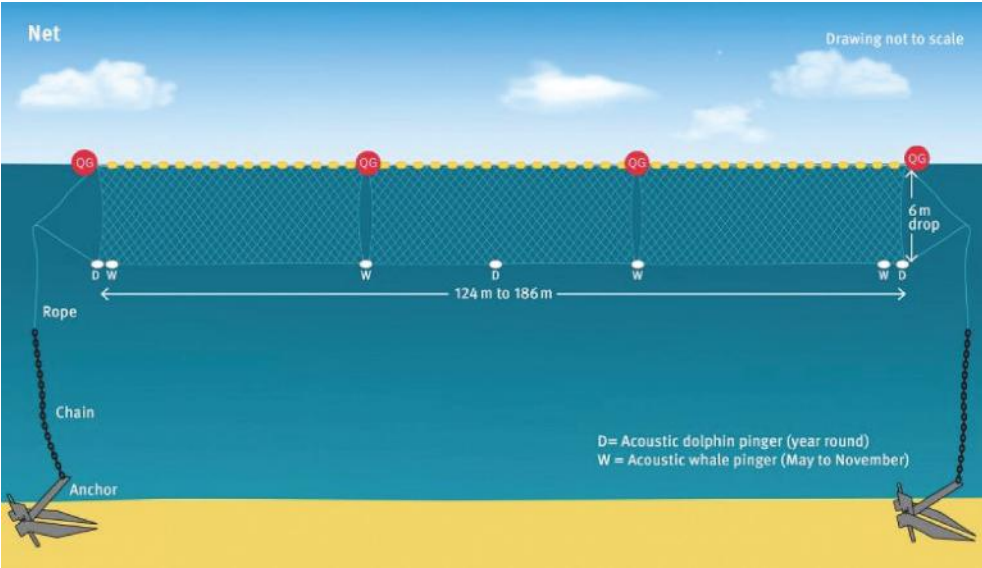
what is a multi-stage project.

"This project is about community, even civics, as much as highlighting the trees which we may sometimes take for granted," John said.

"It's a great opportunity for the community to let us know, not only what is their favourite tree but what they think is missing. Even the concept of what 'missing' or 'exceptional' means is up for grabs."

The project will transition into other works in the exhibition space several times over the coming months and as other artists contribute to the changing stages.

If you are interested in electing your favourite tree, testing democracy or giving feedback to what may be missing, go and find The Exceptional Tree Project which is located in 'The Galley' art space in the arcade next to Yum Gelato in Coolum.



SHARKNET: This diagram shows the net components (floats, shackles and acoustic alarms) and net dimensions. Image: Qld Gov Department of Primary Industries.



The recent opening and launch of the Exceptional Tree Project in the Galley Lane art space. The art project is the newest interactive exhibition from the Coolum Art Project which is associated with Coolum Residents Association. Photo: Sarah Jane Smith / Your Life Photography.

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## Letters to the editor

### WIND ENERGY

Dear editor,

Is it true that the proposed wind turbines sited atop Queensland hills are worse than the proposed new coal seam gas wells that frack farmland and use water from the Great Artesian Basin? Just asking for more facts /details.

Margaret Wilkie,  
Peregian Beach.

### SCHOOL BEHAVIOUR

Dear editor,

Our schools need to improve their cultures, curricula, and teaching methods if they are to arrest declining educational performance and the risk of creating whiteboard jungles.

Governments should be backing principals in transforming the behavioural environment, so teachers have a better chance of stemming disruption. Consistent standards and expectations need to be reinforced in a spirit of mutual respect and accountability.

When we hear of eight-year-olds trashing classrooms, the community needs to be heard insisting that each student has the right to learn in an atmosphere of predictability, order, and calm.

In the face of mounting community calls for overdue school renewal, educational authorities are rightly reassessing failing teaching fads.

Thankfully, schools are beginning to return to old school values as a purposeful reaction to poor results and parental alarm at what has been happening to their sons and daughters, especially with an increasing onslaught of bullying and on-line intimidation.

Open-plan learning is being questioned as landmark studies reveal Australian classrooms are among the noisiest and most unruly in the world.

There is a movement to return to setting ground rules and boundaries with consequences for breaking them, without adult anger or malice.

Low-level consistent penalties act like a parking ticket to reinforce responsible behaviour that is healthy for the student and fair to their classmates.

Students learn that order helps them to be successful. They like it and so do their parents, and the increasing number of stressed teachers struggling to avoid depression and burnout depleting the profession.

As a community, we should avoid throwing our hands up in surrender in the face of cloud-cuckoo new age social media influencers, but back schools genuinely renewing their educational approaches, requiring complementary responsible action by parents.

Garry Reynolds,  
Peregian Springs.

### WILLS

Dear editor,

In most circumstances it pays to have your Will done through a solicitor or public trustee.

However, as a Justice of Peace (Qualified) in Queensland, I have witnessed many hundreds of Wills purchased from either the post office or newsagent in the form of a Will Kit over the last 20 years, and always check to see the Will has been completed correctly by the principal (owner) before the principal and two witnesses sign in front of the owner.

Sadly, many people leave completing of Wills until it is too late to seek professional

help. In many cases people may be admitted to hospital with life threatening/terminal illnesses without an existing Will and complete a Will Kit. They still have their cognitive facilities and better to complete a Will Kit with additional pages if needed than have no Will at all. Each page of the Will is naturally signed and dated by the principal and signed by each of the two witnesses in front of the principal.

People have to take responsibility for their actions when completing any document, and with Wills if they are still unsure then they should seek professional help.

Also, I have witnessed many hundreds of Enduring Power of Attorney (EPOA) either (Form 2 or Form 3) and Advanced Health Directives (AHD) (Form 4) completed by members of the public. I always ensure that the appropriate documentation has been completed correctly before signing the documentation and asking the appropriate questions first to ascertain that the person is cognitively of a sound mind.

There is not an issue as far as I am concerned with EPOA being completed at home provided it is checked by a Justice of Peace to see that the form has been completed correctly before the owner and the witness the Justice of Peace sign accordingly.

Joseph Walker,  
Gulliver.

### SUPER TAX

Dear editor,

Criticism of the proposed superannuation tax does not equate to a scare campaign as others would suggest.

There was a significant fact overlooked by the writer in the previous letters to the editor's section. The proposed superannuation capital gains tax

applies on unrealised gains. Simply put, it requires the payment of tax on an asset that hasn't been sold with money that hasn't been received, nor can be spent.

To add insult to injury, the value put on the asset may be less than its original cost, yet the proposed system can create a paper profit and tax will have to be paid. In case your readers were wondering, whilst paper profits create a tax liability, paper losses do not produce a refund.

Farmers and small business owners with their properties in their superannuation funds will be hurt by this. It is irrelevant that it only applies to superannuation fund accounts in excess of \$3 million. It is simply a deeply flawed policy, and since when could poor policy be justified because it only affects a limited number of people? I wonder if it has occurred to others that managing this tax will place a considerable administrative burden on all superannuation funds, and all members (irrespective of their account balance) will share the cost.

It should also be pointed out how quickly the tax could spread to those with smaller balances. Let me provide an example. Consider a husband and wife each with a balance of \$1.6million in their superannuation fund. Both retirees, both elderly and both receiving a pension from their fund. The main asset in their fund is the family farming property which is leased to their son who operates the farm. Upon the death of either spouse the common practice is for the pension to revert to the surviving spouse. However the \$3million threshold will have been triggered and money will have to

be found to meet the tax that becomes payable on an asset that hasn't been sold. Tell that to their son who in recent years has been struggling with droughts and floods and bushfires. Farms also do not produce an 8% return year in year out. Neither does small business, which will find themselves in the same situation.

The four principles upon which the Australian system hitherto have been based are efficiency, convenience, certainty and fairness. The proposed system for taxing of unrealised gains fails each one. Robin Hood and his merry men would be envious.

Who else is tired of misinformation and poor policy?

Phillip Stewart,  
Coolum Beach.

### GAMES COSTS

Dear editor,

Compared with older, more established, historical cities like Sydney and Melbourne, Brisbane is an emerging butterfly, growing up and expanding as a modern, progressive city, at a slow process of becoming world class standard. It was the Palaszczuk State Labor Government who imposed the burden of the 2032 Olympic Games upon an unsuspecting Queensland population, and then subsequently withdrew.

However, the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games requires much more infrastructure and development, before it can reach the Olympic standard of even the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

The cost to the taxpayer is yet to be revealed. The new coalition government inherited the burden, having yet to

convince Queenslanders it is achievable and affordable. It needs massive investment in regional areas to compensate for lack of population and variety of specific development required to cover all aspects of Games programmes, to fulfil its international competition requirements. Not all events will be possible for greater Brisbane.

The Brisbane River, despite the critics, is well positioned for suitable river races. Travel to regional areas is hindered by traffic congestion on age-old arterial road networks. Let's be honest, there is not yet a world class public transport system or accommodation, required for efficient and fast movement of administrators, teams and competitors.

Like it or not, we are committed. Our government is taking much on in its initiation, with tackling an explosion of juvenile crime, lack of investment in major road networks, public transport and a phenomenal unknown budget for the Games we have to have, in an uncertain, fragile economic time. Generations of yet unborn Queenslanders will be left to wear the cost.

E. Rowe,  
Marcoola.

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## Community Update

### TWIN WATERS VIEW CLUB

#### June Lunch Meeting and upcoming pre-loved clothing sale

ALL RUGGED up and raring to go, 74 members from the Twin Waters VIEW Club (TWVC) and guests gathered together for our wintery June luncheon meeting. Thankfully, the Loose Goose warned the cockles of our hearts with

heaters that took the chill from the air and a delicious lunch that warmed our bellies.

We were treated to a presentation by our guest speaker, fashion stylist, Sheree Johnstone, from Unseen Styling. Sheree gave us an overview of her expertise in the fashion industry and her business, which offers a wardrobe audit package and personalised consultation and shopping ex-

perience. Our TWVC were given a \$50 discount towards these options.

Sheree's presentation was timely, as our Club will be holding a 'Bring & Buy' sale of pre-loved clothes and accessories on June 26, at the Mudjimba RSL from 10am. This is a favourite social event on our calendar, with proceeds going towards supporting our scholarship students. Visitors are very welcome. For the cost of \$10, you will enjoy morning tea and raffles with great shopping bargain opportuni-

ties and loads of fun. You can bring your items on the day or if you have lots of items to donate, contact Jane on 0447 788 609.

We welcome new members to our Club. We meet for lunch on the second Thursday of each month at The Loose Goose Restaurant, Ocean Drive, Twin Waters, 11am for 11.30am start. Please contact Doreen on 0415 695 921 or email [twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com](mailto:twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.



Members from the Twin Waters VIEW Club at their June lunch get together at the Loose Goose on a very chilly Thursday June 12.  
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## CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS AT MEALS ON WHEELS

EVEN though National Volunteer Week has passed, the team at Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels held their annual volunteer week thank you lunch on Tuesday June 3. The belated thank you was held later due to the inclement weather at the time of the actual national week.

Drinks and canapés were served amongst the grounds of the Santa Monica Ave charity and the food was lovingly made by the kitchen staff and volunteers under the direction of head chef Troy.

Coordinator Gerard Rollo stated that demand for their services had grown by over 30 per cent over the past year.

"We couldn't provide the meals needed by those in our community without the support of our team of volunteers."

"Each week they help out in the kitchen preparing meals and in the office as well as delivering meals across our region."

"We now have more than 200 volunteers registered to help us and we couldn't do it without them."

Also at the afternoon, the Coolum Lions Club presented a cheque for \$2,000 to MOW.

Secretary Patricia Pashley thanked the Coolum Lions Club for their ongoing support of the service.

"These funds will enable us to purchase a new freezer which is needed to ensure we have a sufficient stock of meals to support the increased demand," Pat said.

Councillors Maria Suarez and Taylor Bunnag were on hand to thank the volunteers, and they presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Anne Jericho who has been volunteering for Coolum Beach MOW for 15 years.

On behalf of the Management Committee Sue Green said that the annual get together was so important as it recognised the hard work and dedication of their volunteers.

"We have worked out that an hour of a volunteer's time is around \$43 and as a not for profit there is no way we could pay staff to carry out these volunteer roles. Without our willing volunteers we would cease to exist, and a much-needed service would not be available to the local community."

Coolum Meals on Wheels continues to receive much-needed funding including, most recently, \$35,000 from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and this funding will enable them to replace two of their ovens that are over 20 years old and need continu-

al maintenance to keep them running.

"We are continuing our work to upgrade the facility as we continue to grow, ensuring our place in the community remains moving forward."

If you would like to volunteer with Coolum Beach Meals on Wheels please call 5446 1000.



Gunter working diligently behind the scenes.



Ross serving up the canapés.



Anne Jericho receiving her 15-year certificate from Cr Maria Suarez and Coordinator Gerard Rollo.



Secretary Patricia Pashley and Coordinator Gerard Rollo receiving a cheque from Coolum Beach Lions Club members Rob, Doug and Frances.



Volunteers enjoying meeting new friends and renewing acquaintances.



Karen, Trish, Robyn, Andrew and Wendy.



Special guests Cr Maria Suarez (left) and Cr Taylor Bunnag (right) with MOW representatives. All photos: Contributed

## Community Update

### COOLUM AND NORTH SHORE COAST CARE

#### Landcare Australia grant provides nest boxes

THANKS to recent funding from Landcare Australia there are now 76 nest boxes for hollow dwelling fauna in our bushland and conservation parks at eight locations from Stumers Creek to Mudjimba.

Nest boxes for hollow dependent fauna species were first installed by Coolum and North Shore Coast Care in 2000 to replicate artificial hollows and to provide a safe place for local wildlife in response to the loss of old growth trees in the region. These sites are located alongside tidal rivers, dunes,

inland native vegetation and the ever-increasing urbanised landscape.

Gliders have the highest representation of mammals across the sites at 27 per cent including the recently installed boxes at Yungar Street.

Regular audits, eight in total, over two decades have identified areas of highest occupancy and usage and enabled box installation to be targeted to species and specific locations.

Over 25 years, not surprisingly, the original boxes deteriorated and have slowly been replaced as funding has permitted. The new 'Cyplas'

boxes made from food grade recycled plastic and cypress pine have replaced most of the original boxes and are expected to last for up to up to 40 years.

At the last nest box audit in 2021, also funded by Landcare Australia, there were only 44 habitable nest boxes. Landcare Australia also generously funded box replacement, which then resulted in 51 boxes in situ over the last four years.

A new round of funding from Landcare Australia allowed the 51 boxes to be re-audited again this year with additional nest boxes being installed.

The results of the audit across the 51 boxes that were still suitable showed an overall habitation rate of 71 per cent which included Gliders, Possums, Microbats, bird species, Na-

tive Bees, a Lace Monitor and several boxes with an undetermined native animal.

#### Key findings from the nest box audit

- Possums were identified as 20% of representation of native animals. The Common Brushtail Possum was the most sighted.
- Native Bees were sighted in two boxes at Yaroomba Bushland Park and Springfield Avenue.
- The Lace Monitor was occupying a box at Yinneburra Bushland Park.
- Evidence of European bees were found in two boxes and removed.
- Bird species were noted across the sites utilising three boxes, with Owllet-nightjars identified

as using two boxes. This provides a habitation rate of 6%.

- One Double Chamber Microbat nest box showed evidence of use by Microbats accounting for just 2% of native animals across the eight sites.

#### Looking to the future

Sunshine Coast Council has recently commenced a citizen science nest box monitoring project across the region. The Council project aims to gain accurate and current information to determine how effective nest boxes are across the Sunshine coast region.

The Council project now has access to 25 years of Coast Care nest box audit data, which will add depth to the project and hopefully inform decision makers about the fauna species in

Council reserves.

Thirty -five people attended our subsequent workshop, where Dominique and Alan Franks from Hollow Log homes and Nittya Simard from Council shared their extensive knowledge. Attendees were lucky enough to spot a sleeping possum in one of the recently audited boxes on the walk in the Maroochy Conservation Park.



Fauna inside one of the recently audited nest boxes. The work being conducted by Coolum and North Shore Coast Care has been providing data on local fauna for 25 years.



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## Business Showcase

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DAVID Low Way News is a family-owned newsagent run by Michael and Carmel Parkinson along with their two daughters Melanie and Danielle. Having owned and operated newsagencies on the coast for over 36 years, Michael and Carmel have witnessed the “changing” of newsagencies and are proud to still successfully be able to offer the community a great range of unique gifts that are locally and Australian made.

“We have diversified over

the years to keep up with the times,” Carmel said.

“We have a loyal community that supports us, and we appreciate them so much.”

Along with gifts such as candles and soap and winter warmers like socks, David Low Way News pride themselves on stocking one of the largest magazine and card ranges in the area and paramount is their great customer service which always comes with a friendly smile.

“We look forward to serving you at David Low Way News soon for your newsagency or gift needs.”



Michael and Carmel Parkinson are part of the friendly team behind David Low Way Newsagent. Along with their daughters they have been in the newsagency business for 36 years across the Sunshine Coast and they look forward to welcoming you when you are next at the North Shore Village Shopping Centre.

## Event Showcase

### SMASHING BUMPKINS

#### High-energy bush dance party coming to Coolum June 21

Do you feel like a warm and inviting good ol' night of dancing? Then get yourself to the Coolum Civic Centre this coming Saturday June 21 as The Smashing Bumpkins bring their high-energy bush dance party to

the stage from 7pm.

From classic Australian bush dances to crowd-favourite grooves, this isn't just a night of dancing, it's a floor-stomping, boot-scootin' celebration!

You don't need to know the

moves, you just need to be ready to groove. The Smashing Bumpkins will guide you through circle, line, and partner routines with easy-to-follow steps.

Leading the charge is multi-instrumentalist and chief bush dance caller Ben King, whose infectious energy gets everyone on their feet. On bass there's John Gynther - a Queensland Conservatorium graduate who delivers irresistible rhythms, while seasoned musician David Klokman keeps the vibe alive with his stellar drumming.

Rounding out the lineup is the extraordinary violinist Liz Young, whose electrifying performance adds that special spark to every dance tune. Together, they'll turn any room into a buzzing dance floor.

From the Gympie Music Muster to the Birdsville Races, The Smashing Bumpkins have wowed audiences across Australia and New Zealand. They've even smashed a Guinness World Record for the largest bush dance! Now it's your turn to join the fun!



*Event Details:* Coolum Civic Centre : Saturday 21 June, 7pm  
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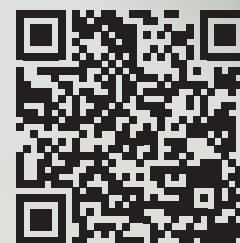
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# Real Estate Showcase

## McGrath Coolum officially launched with Founder John McGrath hosting team at surf club

THE TEAM at McGrath is proud to officially launch their brand-new McGrath office in Coolum which took place on May 29. The launch serving as an exciting milestone in McGrath's continued commitment to the Sunshine Coast property market.

The team at Coolum were especially honoured to welcome Founder and Chief Executive John McGrath for the occasion, whose presence made the day all the more memorable.

This new chapter marks a significant step in the journey for the McGrath brand. What began with the opening of the region's first McGrath office in Buderim in 2013, followed by the Mooloolaba office in 2016, has now grown to encompass a strong and strategic presence across the central Sunshine Coast. The addition of Coolum reflects not just expansion, but McGrath's deepening connection to the local community and its unique lifestyle.

Over the past 12 years, McGrath has had the privilege

of working with thousands of clients and building a team of dedicated professionals who embody the values and standards McGrath is known for. Their hard work and passion have been instrumental in McGrath's growth and success.

McGrath Coolum extend their heartfelt thanks to every client, team member, and supporter who has been part of this journey. As the team looks ahead, they are more motivated than ever to deliver exceptional results and trusted service to buyers and sellers across the region.

The Coolum office represents more than just a new location—it's a symbol of McGrath's long-term vision for the Sunshine Coast and their ongoing dedication to excellence in every aspect of real estate.

### Get in touch

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Listening to founder John McGrath at Coolum Beach Surf Club. All photos: Contributed

# Business Showcase

## THE BREW STORE NOOSA

### New owners ready to help with all of your brewing needs

IF YOU'RE not quite ready to start your own large craft brewery why not venture into the world of home brewing and the team at 'The Brew Store Noosa' can help you with all of your home brewing needs.

The store is now under new management and owner Martin has a wealth of knowledge and is more than happy to share his hands on experience with those either new to brewing or those who need some expert help.

With his trusty sidekick, long time Sunshine Coast local Martin is so passionate about home brewing he literally bought the business and to regulars at the shop Martin will be a familiar face having been the 'Saturday guy' for the past five years, working under the direction of previous owner Scotty Hooper.

The Brew Store Noosa has all brewing needs covered with

the shelves stocked with items needed for beer and spirits as well as hardware items.

Marty, as he's known to locals, brings decades of experience to the role, having honed his brewing skills since the late 1980s.

"There's a thriving home brewing community here," Marty said.

Marty is especially excited about the growth of the all grain brewing movement.

"It's like commercial brewing, just scaled down for home use. You make your beer completely from scratch — using malted barley, hops, yeast, and water."

Marty has witnessed the remarkable evolution of home brewing firsthand. He notes that the Sunny Coast's passion for

craft beers has fuelled a surge in interest in home brewing.

"The Brew Store Noosa caters to this demand by offering a wide range of products for all skill levels, from beginner-friendly brew-in-a-can kits and fresh wort packs to a vast selection of grains, hops, and specialty yeasts for advanced all-grain brewing.

"Distillers will also find a comprehensive collection of essences and distilling yeasts," Marty explained.

Under Marty's leadership, The Brew Store Noosa is committed to serving the local brewing community as best as possible with friendly customer service.

To make home brewing even

more accessible, the store now provides free Friday afternoon delivery to Noosa.

To place orders please call (07) 5412 2766 and for more information please email info@thebrewstore.com.au or visit the online store at www.thebrewstore.com.au or visit in person at Unit 4A/11 Bartlett Road, Noosaville (just off Rene St).



Marty and his poach - the new owner of The Brew Store Noosa.

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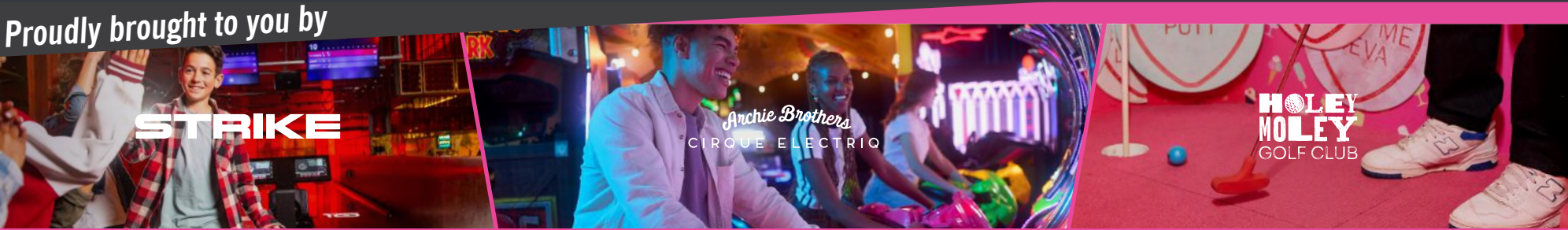
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A LONG TIME COOLUM RESIDENT WITH  
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#### THE MAN WHO FELL IN LOVE WITH COOLUM

JUST over forty years ago, on my first visit to Coolum, as I saw the vista of the Coolum coast before me, I turned to my travelling companion and said, "I'm going to live here for the rest of my life!" Although my decision was sudden, I know that many others have similarly fallen in love with this area, and I'd like to recount the story of a man who represents us all.

Martin Oosthuizen, had come to Australia from South Africa and had bought a farm near Gunnedah in New South Wales. He had become friendly with the Nowland family - farmers from drought-stricken

Gunnedah - who had bought some of the early blocks in "Mount Coolum Beach" at the Boxing Day auction in 1922. In June or July of 1923 the Nowlands invited Martin to join them on a camping holiday at Coolum, to spend time enjoying their purchase.

The journey 1,000km was long, uncomfortable, and dusty, but eventually they reached Yandina, and turned towards the coast, carefully negotiating the 'corduroy road', made of tea-tree logs laid side-by-side on the soil. Suddenly, Mr Nowland stopped the car, approximately where today's Anglican Church stands. There before them lay the sparkling ocean, golden sands and rocky headlands which epitomize Coolum. Ev-



everyone got out of the vehicle, and as they took deep breaths of the clean, salty air, Martin was heard to say "This is Paradise ... I'm never going to leave here!"

The group camped beside the beach, and enjoyed their holiday, fishing, swimming, exploring and sharing good times. Eventually, though, Mr Nowland reminded Martin that they should pack for the return journey. Martin's response was "Oh no! ... I meant what I said - I'm never leaving here!" He then asked Mr Nowland to "Go back, sell the farm, and send me the money", and after much discussion, this is what happened.

For many years, Martin boarded with Mrs Evans, a widow, near today's Civic Centre. He worked on local farms, particularly ones that were owned by the Nowland's daughter, Maud, and her husband Jack Smith. He became involved in the community and was active in the Progress Association and

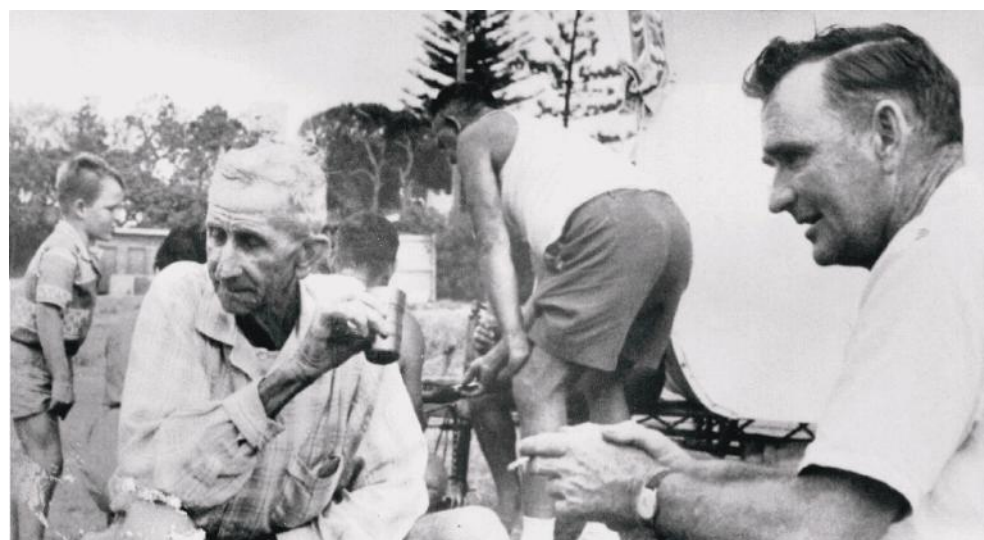
the Hall Committee.

Martin was a keen environmentalist and with his friends, "Shaky" Goode and Bob Tickle, he spent many years planting trees along the foreshore to

stabilise the dunes, especially where huge sand-blows had occurred near today's Life Savers clubhouse.

Martin Oosthuizen was true to his word - he remained in

Coolum until he died, some 35 years after he first came to Coolum. I think of him often, as I drive down Beach Road and see his 'Paradise' opening up before me!



Martin Oosthuizen chatting with Les Morgan at Coolum caravan park. Photo: Windolf collection.





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# Coolum High Class

## Midwinter Ball

IT WAS a night of style and sophistication as the class of 2025 from Coolum High School dressed up in formal attire and celebrated with a night of dancing and dinner at the Maroochydore RSL.

The annual Midwinter Ball which was held on Thursday June 12 saw the students arrive within the grounds of the school where they were formally welcomed and then bussed down to the RSL.

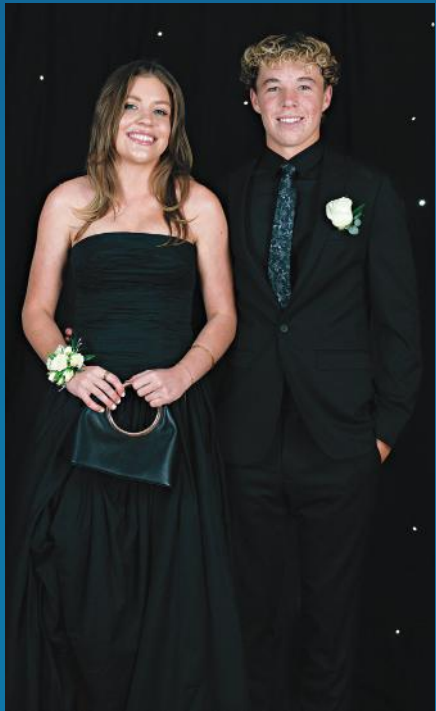
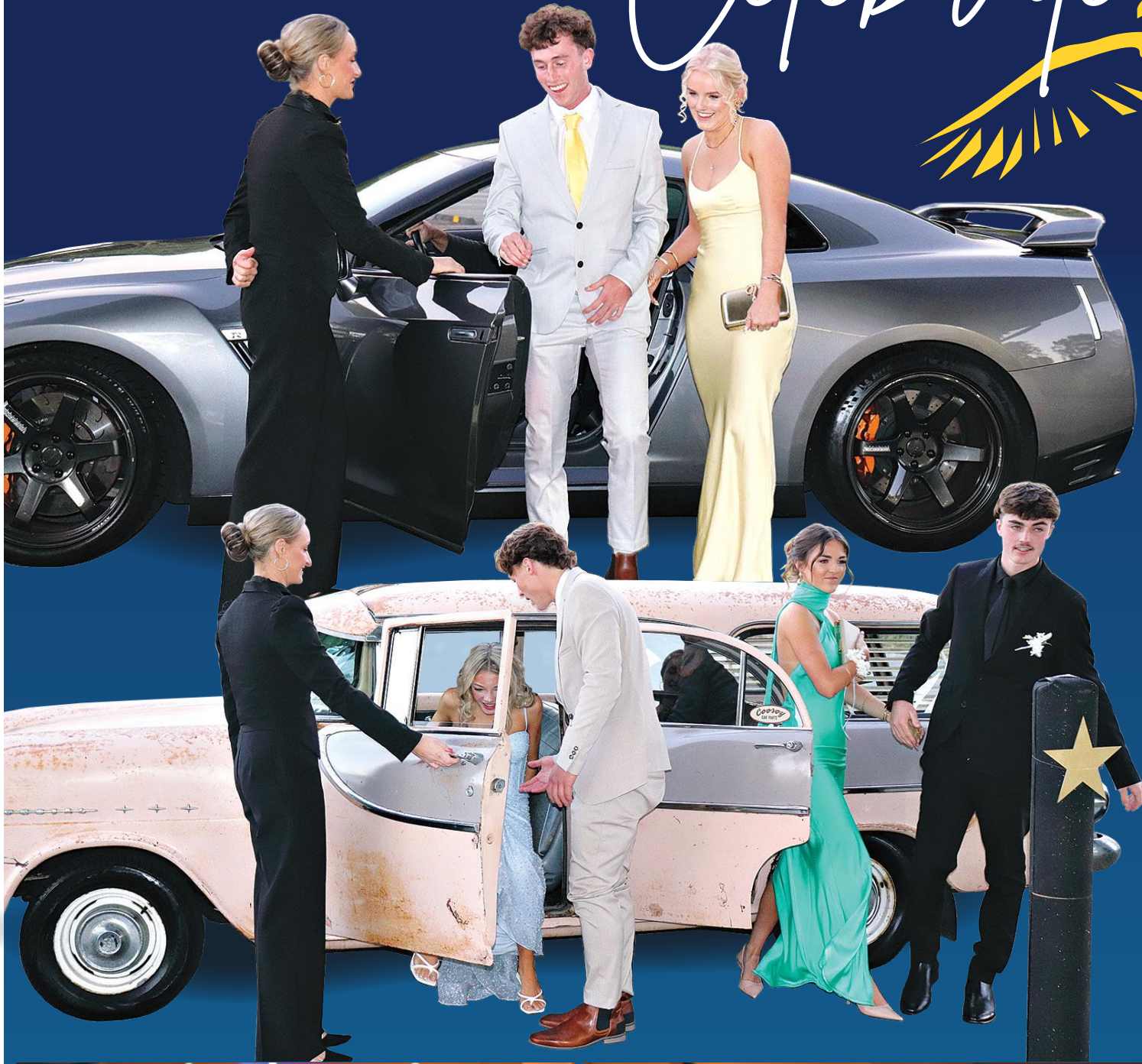
Congratulations to the class of 2025 who all looked amazing for their special night.

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# of 2025 Celebrate





**Taylor Bunnag** CRDIVISION 8  
SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL**TWIN WATERS PATHWAY**

COUNCIL is looking at ways to help make it safer for residents to cross Ocean Drive in Twin Waters. Pedestrian safety is something I care deeply about, especially when it comes to looking after our more vulnerable residents. Over the next few months, Council will be doing some early planning work to help ensure we get the best possible outcome for this location, with a crossing being considered near Estia. Your feedback is a valuable part of that process, so I encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas.

**COOLUM PATHWAY**

We're getting close to starting works on delivering a much-needed pathway along South Coolum Road between Warrack Street and Scottlynd Street. Our officers have revised the plans which will result in the road being widened to avoid the need to build a retaining wall on the eastern side of the path. Works are planned to start in the next few months.

**YAROOMBA BEACH ACCESS 87 UPGRADE**

As someone who regularly surfs at 'stop rock', I know that Beach Access 87 gets washed out as you enter from Yinneburra Street. Council will be making improvements to the top of this access to prevent fur-

ther washouts by installing kerb and channel to redirect stormwater run-off from the road and the elevated landing and stairs to minimise impacts on the existing Norfolk Island Pine. Works are scheduled to start at the end of June.

**YOUTH PLAN**

Council is developing a Youth Plan, and we want to hear from young people aged 12-24. This plan will guide how we support and engage with youth across the region.

To kick off the conversation, Council is hosting pop-up activities at popular youth hangouts across the region - including Coolum's Salty Saturdays, Sunshine Plaza, Caloundra Street Fair and Nambour Skatepark. If you can't attend a pop-up session, share your feedback online. Visit [haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) to get involved and help shape a region where young people feel heard and included. Engagement is open from June 2 to July 11, 2025.

**KEEPING YOU CONNECTED**

Please keep an eye on my Facebook page for the latest Division 8 news and information by searching 'Councillor Taylor Bunnag - Division 8, Sunshine Coast Regional Council'.

Cheers, Cr Taylor Bunnag, Division 8

**Sandy Bolton** MP

MEMBER FOR NOOSA



THE STATE Government's announcement to increase nets, including for Peregrine Beach, raises questions, as it contradicts recommendations from the just-released independent review of the current program, which included reducing environmental impacts and trialling net removals during the winter whale migration. We have written to the minister for the rationale around the increase, as well as Peregrine's inclusion and will provide an update when a response is received. We ask everyone to share their views with the minister via [primaryindustries@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:primaryindustries@ministerial.qld.gov.au) and cc our office via [noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au).

With the release of Destination 2045, the 'blueprint' for increasing tourism in Queensland, there are some wonderful aspirations, however, little mention found so far of how the impacts from potentially millions of extra visitors will be offset. In the development of the plan, submissions from our community, including Tourism Noosa reiterated how we could retain our unique selling point and environmental assets by moving into the internationally trending regenerative tourism

space, given the government's current inability to properly manage visitor volumes. To inform our advocacy, it is vital that you send your views on Destination 2045 to my office via [noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au).

Maritime Safety Queensland have advised that navigational lights have now been installed on the port and starboard buoys and beacons in the Noosa River, marking the navigation corridor from Woods Bay to the Noosa cable ferry. After many years of advocacy, this will assist in making night-time boating safer on our waterway. However, please assist by ensuring your vessel displays the correct navigation lights, whether underway or at anchor.

With so much to share and limited space, stay 'in the loop' by heading to Noosa 360 where under the 'Connect' tab, you can also subscribe to our monthly newsletter, which ensures you are notified of any Noosa-specific surveys or polls. In addition, follow 'Sandy Bolton MP' on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn! For any questions or assistance on state-related matters, do not hesitate to contact my office at 53193100.

**Fiona Simpson** MP

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

**SURF CLUB AWARDS SEASON!**

IT'S ALWAYS a highlight for me to attend these awards and take a moment to thank and recognise the incredible volunteers who keep our beaches safe throughout the summer. The countless hours they dedicate are invaluable to the Sunshine Coast, our coast lifestyle and our tourism industry. More importantly, these people give their time wholeheartedly.

I'm honoured to be the ongoing patron of both Maroolia and Mudjimba Surf Clubs - two of the hardest working clubs on our coast. At the Maroolia Surf Club Awards Night, I had the privilege of presenting the Volunteer of the Year award to Tony Wickham (pictured) and Jim Mulheran - a well-deserved recognition of a great team effort. It's also always an honour to present the Mudjimba Surf Club Fiona Simpson Junior and Senior Lifesaver of the Year Award. This year, the honours went to Saxon Cracknell and Jill Pentridge - congratulations to you both for your outstanding commitment. Thank you again to our Surf Lifesaving volunteers.

amenities is scheduled to commence this coming August and with completion planned for early November, weather permitting. The Department of Environment and Tourism has invested \$425,000 towards the much-needed facilities to improve the visitor experience to our special mountain.

**SUBMISSIONS FOR E-SCOOTER & E-BIKE SAFETY**

The Crisafulli Government inquiry into the use of personal e-mobility devices (PMD), such as e-scooters and e-bikes, to improve safety and address community concerns across Queensland closes in just two days. It's not too late to make a submission - it is your chance to have your say, it is vital to get as much feedback as possible.

\*TO MAKE A SUBMISSION go to: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=272&id=4522>

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If there is anything that I can be of assistance with - please contact me care of my office on 5406 7100 or [maroochydores@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:maroochydores@parliament.qld.gov.au)

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Fiona Simpson at the Mudjimba SLSC Awards with Lifesaver of the Year award recipients Saxon Cracknell (junior) and Jill Pentridge (senior). Photo: Contributed

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- 2

Efface
- 5

Fruit of the oak
- 3

In addition
- 8

Altruistic love
- 4

Natural gifts
- 10

Singer
- 5

Monkey
- 12

Drawing implement
- 6

Condemns
- 13

Dirt-moving implements
- 7

Attackers
- 14

Meadow
- 9

Church recess
- 15

Oozed out
- 11

Break
- 18

Fact
- 14

Old stringed instruments
- 21

Uncommon
- 16

Mean sneaking coward
- 22

Carry
- 17

Acts
- 24

Soaked food
- 19

Replenishing
- 26

Essential being
- 20

Shelf around a fireplace
- 27

Level
- 23

Superintend
- 28

Animal
- 25

Continue despite opposition
- 29

Calm
- 30

Sea eagle
- 31

Donkey
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Grass-like plant
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Put back
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Attribute
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Command to a horse
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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.

## AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT RETIREES (AIR) NOOSA BRANCH

**Monthly Meeting: Investment Discussion Group** Thursday 19 June 2025: Sunrise Uniting Church, Grasree Ct Sunrise Beach. Time: 9:15am for 9:30am start. Guest Speaker: Liam Schofield, Morgans' Property Trust Analyst. Visitors \$10 pp incl morning tea (first 2 visits free of charge). airnoosasecretary@gmail.com www.facebook.com/AIRNoosa Membership special: \$28 per person valid to 30 June 2026.

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## 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.

## BUSINESS MENTORS SUNSHINE COAST

We are a not-for-profit organisation that mentors new and existing small businesses on the Sunshine Coast. We are holding a series of three seminars titled Building a Better Business over 3 months starting on 31st July, 2025. Each 2-hour seminar begins at 4.30pm with a presentation by a topic specialist speaker which is followed by an application workshop, where you'll apply the insights directly to your own business. To see full details and ticket pricing and bookings, go to [businessmentorsc.org.au/events](http://businessmentorsc.org.au/events).

## 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](mailto:@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, 3rd July** 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](http://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 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 Sessions as follows:  
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# Sports News

## COOLUM BEACH BREAKERS AFL

IT WAS a day of mixed results on Sunday June 8 for the Breakers with some great wins and some hard losses. "But at the end of the day if you tried your best, then that is something to be proud of," A Breakers spokesperson said.

"We are proud of all the Breakers out there having a go and doing what they love and thank you to our game day sponsors - Coolum Farm Fresh and Domino's Pizza." Other big news at the Breakers was the arrival of their new changerooms.

"Thanks to the Minor Infrastructure and inclusive facilities fund and department of sport and rec, Sunshine Coast Council and the AFL - the changerooms have finally landed! A big shoutout to all the Committee members both past and present who have worked tirelessly to get this project completed."



Thanks to a joint funding grant the Breakers now have new changerooms which arrived ready to go. All photos: Coolum Breakers.



U9 Blue - AJ and Ryan.



U11 girls - Indigio and Bella.



U9 Red - Cooper and Eli.



U11 White - Reuben and Oscar.



U11 Blue - Nixon, Eddie and Taj.



U13 girls - Abby, Lani, Olivia and Sailor.



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## Sports News

### Ladies celebrated as Coolum Colts Host Ladies Day

BY PAT CAVANAGH

THE Coolum Colts Rugby League Club hosted the 2025 'SCRR Electrical Ladies Day' on Sunday June 15 at their home ground in Coolum with the day a huge success, with near perfect winter weather for the day.

The day saw home games played, raffles and special VIP treatment for the ladies. Club President Simon Kidman said that the event was all about celebrating the amazing ladies who support the Colts in both Junior and Senior divisions and generally make a huge difference to the Coolum community.

"We had over 450 entry tickets sold on top of the over 100 ladies tickets purchased, and we made \$8,000 on the jersey auction," Simon said.

He also thanked the 13 sponsors who came on board for the day as their donations saw a smorgasbord of prizes up for grabs during the day.

The main raffle for the day donated by SCRR Electrical was 4 x Member's Seats for 4 x Games at Suncorp Stadium during July and August and a special Ladies' Day Jersey was auctioned at the end of the A Grade game.

On the field Coolum played host to Beerwah in three Grades. The A Grade was a replay of the 2024 Grand Final.

After a very tight first half the teams went to the break with a Nil all score line.

Coolum skipped out to a 10 nil lead mid-way through the second half but with 15 minutes remaining Beerwah crossed to make the score 10 to 6.

This ensured an enthralling final 15 minutes with both sides throwing everything at each other both in defense and attack. A penalty goal by Coolum in the final minute made the final score 12 to 6 in favour of Coolum.

In the earlier games Beerwah won the Reserve Grade 16 to 8 and Beerwah won the U19's - 32 to 24.

Next Saturday Coolum are at home to Stanley Rivers. The A Grade will be playing in the President's Cup final which is for the two leading teams at the end of Round One.



A big turnout with over 500 tickets sold for the day.



The jersey auction in full swing. Photos: Cordelia Turner



A great day of footy with Coolum hosting Beerwah at home. Coolum wearing their special pink jerseys for the ladies day event.



A huge turnout for the Ladies Day and home games.



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3rd G Roulston, P Bartlett +18  
4th G Box, D Wright +17

**Friday, 6th June**  
**Social Bowls**  
1st D Buchanan, P Bain, R Oakley +23  
2nd P Carmody, B Williams +20  
3rd P Spencer, B Smith +19  
4th C Orr, Scott Wilson +16

**Tuesday, 10th June**  
**Social Bowls**  
1st M & J McKenzie +29  
2nd P Bartlett, S Mendez, G Roulston +27  
3rd P Bain, M Corcoran +22  
4th F van de Burgt, G Osman +18

**Thursday, 12th June**  
**Social Bowls**  
1st D & G Durro +20  
2nd C Baker, C Casey, J Light +19  
3rd M Schreiber, G Kennedy +17

**Friday, 13th June**  
**Social Bowls**  
1st A Hall, B Shorter +29  
2nd N Walsh, G Anderson +20  
3rd P McNamara, J Membrey +15  
4th G Roulston, P Bartlett +15

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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.



The weather of late has been perfect for winter bowls and Friday June 13 was not at all unlucky for these happy bowlers who made the most of the great conditions! Photos: Contributed

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## TIDE TIMES 2025 JUNE 18, 2025 - JULY 01, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach				
WED 18 JUN	1.76m	0.52m	1.34m	0.65m
Coolum	12:43 am	7:36 am	1:27 pm	7:05 pm
Maroochy River	2:58 am	10:46 am	3:42 pm	10:15 pm
THU 19 JUN	1.69m	0.46m	1.44m	0.69m
Coolum	1:38 am	8:27 am	2:39 pm	8:23 pm
Maroochy River	3:53 am	11:37 am	4:54 pm	11:33 pm
FRI 20 JUN	1.62m	0.4m	1.59m	0.69m
Coolum	2:36 am	9:17 am	3:46 pm	9:43 pm
Maroochy River	4:51 am	12:27 pm	6:01 pm	
SAT 21 JUN	1.55m	0.33m	1.75m	0.65m
Coolum	3:36 am	10:08 am	4:47 pm	11:00 pm
Maroochy River	5:51 am	1:18 pm	7:02 pm	12:53 am
SUN 22 JUN	0.65m	1.48m	0.27m	1.91m
Coolum		4:36 am	10:58 am	5:43 pm
Maroochy River	2:10 am	6:51 am	2:08 pm	7:58 pm
MON 23 JUN	0.58m	1.43m	0.22m	2.04m
Coolum	12:10 am	5:36 am	11:49 am	6:36 pm
Maroochy River	3:20 am	7:51 am	2:59 pm	8:51 pm
TUE 24 JUN	0.5m	1.39m	0.18m	2.12m
Coolum	1:10 am	6:34 am	12:40 pm	7:27 pm
Maroochy River	4:20 am	8:49 am	3:50 pm	9:42 pm

Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit <a href="http://www.qld.gov.au">www.qld.gov.au</a>				
WED 25 JUN	0.45m	1.36m	0.17m	2.16m
Coolum	2:04 am	7:30 am	1:29 pm	8:16 pm
Maroochy River	5:14 am	9:45 am	4:39 pm	10:31 pm
THU 26 JUN	0.42m	1.35m	0.19m	2.14m
Coolum	2:56 am	8:23 am	2:18 pm	9:04 pm
Maroochy River	6:06 am	10:38 am	5:28 pm	11:19 pm
FRI 27 JUN	0.43m	1.34m	0.24m	2.08m
Coolum	3:44 am	9:12 am	3:05 pm	9:50 pm
Maroochy River	6:54 am	11:27 am	6:15 pm	
SAT 28 JUN	0.46m	1.32m	0.32m	1.98m
Coolum	4:31 am	10:00 am	3:50 pm	10:34 pm
Maroochy River	7:41 am	12:15 pm	7:00 pm	12:05 am
SUN 29 JUN	0.5m	1.31m	0.42m	1.86m
Coolum	5:16 am	10:47 am	4:35 pm	11:15 pm
Maroochy River	8:26 am	1:02 pm	7:45 pm	12:49 am
MON 30 JUN	0.54m	1.29m	0.55m	1.73m
Coolum	5:59 am	11:37 am	5:22 pm	11:56 pm
Maroochy River	9:09 am	1:52 pm	8:32 pm	1:30 am
TUE 1 JUL	1.73m	0.56m	1.29m	0.67m
Coolum		6:41 am	12:32 pm	6:14 pm
Maroochy River	2:11 am	9:51 am	2:47 pm	9:24 pm

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# Professional Services Directory

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OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

AVAILABLE TO BE PICKED UP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

• BP Coolum

• Coles Coolum

• Coles Pacific Paradise

• Coles Peregrin Springs

• Coolum Beach Bowls Club

• Coolum Beach Caravan Park

• Coolum High School

• Coolum News

• Coolum Village News

• Coolum-Peregrin RSL

• Food N Vegi Marcoola

• Foodworks Twin Waters

• Ma Boulange Café

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• Marcoola Branch Bendigo Bank

• Marcoola Surf Club

• North Shore Community Centre

• Pacific Paradise News

• Peregrin Springs News

• Soul Foods Café Pacific Paradise

• The German Bakehouse

• The Mudjimba Store

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**\$10 ENTRY**

## 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

#### MEMBER'S DRAW

Carton give-away!



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