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STATE AND COUNCIL ALLOCATE MONEY FOR PLANNING WORKS AT MT COOLUM M'WAY INTERCHANGE

VANESSA HALL
EDITOR

THE INTERCHANGE from the Sunshine Motorway at Mt Coolum is set to be one step closer to fruition with both the State Government and Sunshine Coast Regional Council announcing funding for the project out of their respective budgets.

The funding announcement is for planning to get under-way with the actual timeline for when the interchange will be delivered still some time off.

The Crisafulli Government made their announcement last Friday and stated they have, "fast-tracked site investigations to inform planning for

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FROM PAGE 1

future south-facing motorway ramps on the Sunshine Motorway at West Coolum Road, Mt Coolum."

A promise made last year during the State Government Election, some \$40 million will go towards the project from the State Government.

The Sunshine Coast Council 2025-26 budget has allocated \$300,00 to the project.

Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Brent Mickelberg stated the project will support a future connection with Sunshine Coast Council's proposed South Coolum Road Link project, ultimately providing an additional motorway access.

"The Crisafulli Government is currently developing the project scope and timelines for the south-facing motorway ramps and will keep the community updated as planning progresses."

The site investigations will be the first step and will inform future planning and design for upgrades on the Sunshine Motorway. This work will include detailed topographical, environmental and geotechnical surveys east and west of the motorway.

The project traverses both State Government and Council boundaries and Minister

Mickelberg acknowledged both have a vested interest.

"It is vital these projects are aligned for delivery as much as possible and I welcome the Sunshine Coast's collaboration to make this happen."

"These site investigations are an integral part of planning for future upgrades to ultimately improve traffic flow, travel-time reliability, and safety on our roads."

Council committed to project

Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag said Council was committed to working with the State Government on the project.

"We are working collaboratively, and we have brought forward money in order to complete design work... we will work with the state over the next few years in regard to design."

Cr Bunnag also raised concerns over the need for firm details as to when the motorway will be duplicated.

"The business case towards upgrading the motorway cannot be lost - that is the best outcome for the future."

Online comments shared similar concerns over the need for motorway duplication with many stating a new ramp would not alleviate traffic woes.

"This is great, but it seems we are avoiding the obvious issues, we need four lanes."

Another commented, "It's a waste of time if there aren't two lanes each way on the motorway. Traffic stops in that area already, adding cars merging into a single lane will just make it worse."

The Advertiser asked Minister Mickelberg if duplicating the Sunshine Motorway was scheduled by the state any time soon. A reply gave no specific date and no direct response from the actual Minister.

Member for Maroochydore Fiona Simpson was confident the works will go towards alleviating local congestion.

"This major \$40 million milestone will help divert through traffic off David Low Way and back onto the Sunshine Motorway, reducing the number of cars at existing choke points, as well as relieving pressure on dangerous local roads such as Toolga Street and Tanah Street West."

Ms Simpson also noted the project flanked both the Maroochydore and Ninderry electorates.

"The Member for Ninderry and I have stood shoulder to shoulder over many years to fight for infrastructure funding to get our communities out of their traffic jams and

spending time with their families and friends."

Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie said that the site works were part of a larger plan which would eventually ease traffic woes.

"The next step in delivering the broader plan to bust congestion is of course the duplication of the Sunshine Motorway between David Low Way and Yandina-Coolum Road to improve efficiency, capacity, and safety. This planning includes provision for a grade-separated interchange at Yandina-Coolum Road and an active transport pathway."

"This is another example of how we are getting on with the job and delivering transport network improvements for Sunshine Coast residents."

Patience urged during works

Motorists are urged to allow additional travel time while site investigations are underway due to changed traffic conditions that will be in place for motorists and roadworker safety.

Temporary signage will be installed ahead of work starting to advise motorists of upcoming traffic changes. Visit <https://131940.qld.gov.au> for updates and please drive to the conditions.

Police make multiple arrests following traffic incidents

COOLUM police have charged three people after separate traffic incidents in the Coolum area from July 14 - 20.

On July 14, police were called to reports of a car crashing into a tree around 6.50pm on Centenary Heights Road at Coolum Beach. The Volkswagen Amarok sustained significant damage and caused a branch of the tree to fall and block the road.

The driver and sole occupant of the car was not injured, and members of the public assisted the driver out of the car.

Police conducted a breath test which resulted in an alleged blood alcohol concentration of 0.140 per cent which is almost

three times the legal limit.

A 41-year-old Mt Coolum man was issued a licence suspension and charged with one count of drive motor vehicle whilst over the middle alcohol limit.

Around 5pm on July 19, police were called to reports of a car allegedly being driven dangerously along David Low Way, Coolum Beach.

The Nissan Micra allegedly turned left onto Yandina Coolum Road when the car stalled.

A blood analysis of the driver is currently being tested and a 26-year-old Sippy Downs woman has been charged with one count each of danger-

ous operation of a vehicle and adversely affected by an intoxicating substance and driving motor vehicle without a driver licence.

In another incident between 1 and 2pm on July 20, police received multiple reports of an Audi A3 allegedly being driven dangerously on the Sunshine Motorway through Maroochydore and Peregian Springs and on David Low Way through Coolum Beach.

The car did not have any registration plates attached. The car eventually stopped and parked in front of a Beryl Street address at Mt Coolum where police attended and arrested the driver and sole occupant of the car.

A 34-year-old Mt Coolum man has been charged with one count each of dangerous operation of a vehicle and driving motor vehicle without a driver licence and the car impounded by police for 90 days.

Coolum Police Officer In Charge Senior Sergeant Hardy Wirth said that they were actively increasing their visibility.

"Both day and night we will be visible with RBTs and testing for drugs and we will be continuing with our visibility in an effort to bring the road toll down."

The state has seen far too many road deaths this year and the 'Fatal Five' (speeding, drink and drug driving, fatigue, no

seatbelt and driver distraction) are adding to the road toll.

Sergeant Joel Bryant from the Coolum Police said police were frustrated that people continue to drive dangerously, drunk or drug affected.

"Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is a proven cause of serious or fatal traffic crashes and doing so is only contributing to the trauma we see on our roads," Sergeant Bryant said.

"The decision to drive affected by liquor or drugs can have agonising consequences including fatalities, life changing injuries, and significant trauma for the driver, their family, and the community."



"Police will continue to proactively target the Fatal Five and any motorist driving dangerously to reduce the lives lost on our roads."

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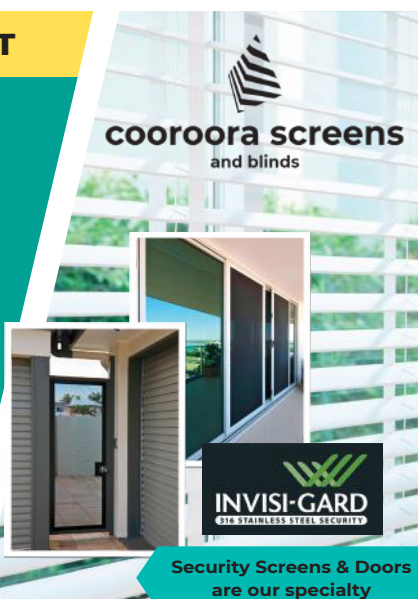
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The duo consists of Nathan Petersen on songwriting duties and guitar playing and Michelle Fitness who brings her powerhouse vocals to the duo along with banjo, rhythm guitar, and stomp percussion.

Added to this will be regular hosts 'Vix & the Slick Chix' who will be hosting

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Community Update

MARCOOLA SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Marcoola SLSC Wins Trophy for Lifesaving Excellence

MARCOOLA Surf Life Saving Club has once again proven its unwavering commitment to excellence, taking home the Buhk Wilkes Trophy at the Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast 2024-25 Awards for Excellence, held on Saturday July 19 at the Maroochydore RSL.

This marks the 19th time Marcoola SLSC has been honoured with this prestigious award, having first claimed the inaugural trophy 40 years ago in the 1985/86

season.

The trophy, named in honour of Bill Buhk and Fred Wilkes, recognises outstanding performance and dedication across all facets of surf lifesaving – both on the beach and behind the scenes.

Recently inducted into the SLSA Hall of Fame and lifesaving pioneer in her own right, Lorraine Buhk OAM presented the trophy on the night, celebrating the club's enduring legacy and high standards.

Unique to the Sunshine Coast Branch, the Buhk Wilkes Trophy is awarded annually to the club that demonstrates the highest levels of proficiency in patrolling, training, leadership, and administration throughout the

entire season.

"This award reflects the tireless effort of our patrol teams, especially those who excelled during on-the-spot inspections," said Club Captain Geoff Jeffcoat.

"It also recognises the work happening off the beach - our training officers, patrol captains, and administrators, who all contribute to the success of Marcoola SLSC."

The judging criteria for the Buhk Wilkes Trophy goes beyond patrol performance, encompassing participation in strategic planning, branch meetings, effective documentation, and attendance at club patrol and training sessions.

This comprehensive approach ensures clubs are delivering lifesaving services with consistency and professionalism across the board.

Marcoola SLSC's continued success reflects the club's deep-rooted culture of ex-

cellence and dedication to community safety. The club remains committed to upholding the legacy of lifesaving pioneers Bill Buhk and Fred Wilkes by maintaining the highest standards of service year-round.

For anyone wanting to become a surf lifesaver, now is the perfect time to join our friendly and supportive club. Marcoola SLSC will be running Bronze Medallion and Surf Rescue Certificate courses in September and October, with the 2025/26 patrol season officially commencing on Saturday September 20. No previous experience is necessary – just a willingness to learn, be part of a team, and help keep our beaches safe. Whether you're looking to give back to the community, stay active, or build new skills, Marcoola SLSC welcomes new members to join our team.

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Letters to the editor

DIVISION 8 BUDGET

Dear editor,

Last year I wrote to you regarding the SCC 2024-25 Capital Works budget, concerned about the paltry \$4,144,700 allocated to Division 8, compared to adjacent Divisions (eg Division 9 \$9,732,100).

I had hoped that the next budget would address this anomaly.

Sadly, review of the 2025-26 Capital Works Budget for Division 8 reveals little has changed, with \$4,397,161 (\$2,838,000 north of the Maroochy River) being allocated, compared to \$33,518,260 for the adjacent Division 4, and \$9,197,000 for the adjacent Division 9 (not including its itemised \$19,850,000 for regional infrastructure).

The Meridan Plains sports grounds at Sippy Downs (not the Bokarina complex!) is allocated \$44.85M (Division 3), while our own North Shore sporting complex is awarded \$200,000 for "planning investigation" which is inexplicably bundled with the Cooloolum sports ground under Division 9.

Surprisingly, the Mt Cooloolum toilet facility does not have a line item in the budget, despite being announced. Even if the paltry Council contribution has already been spent on "design", the \$500,000 State Government contribution should have been acknowledged in the budget, similar to the new pathway along South Cooloolum Road. That is, if it really is being constructed this financial year.

The South Cooloolum Road

extension gets \$300,000 for "design" – while Division 9's Camp Flat Road upgrade gets \$4.2M and Division 4's Moooloolaba Foreshore stage 2 gets nearly \$13M (all under the Transportation subheading).

With our State MPs announcing (planning for) new Motorway on-ramps for Mt Cooloolum, surely constructing the South Cooloolum Road Link deserves higher priority. It's been "on the books" for years.

As I wrote last year, Division 8, particularly north of the Maroochy River, has several years of receiving generally less capital works funding than other Divisions. Division 8 has as many residents as other Divisions, and we pay the same rates. I ask Council management again, why the gross discrepancy in funding? Without an explanation, all I can think is that Division 8 subsidises other Divisions.

Estelle Blair,
Yaroomba.

ATTITUDES & SPEED BUMPS

Dear editor,

Firstly I want to agree with Garry Reynolds letter titled "Be the Change". The one thing I have tried to instil in my offspring is to be aware that you can always change your attitude.

Attitude can literally change everything! We so easily slip back into our comfort zone and happily complain about the dire state of affairs in our community, the world etc etc. As people

power with the right attitude we can change so much even with baby steps within our own lives and community.

Having said that just how do we get rid of those speed bumps at Woolworths? I am actually avoiding going there for that reason. I am sure wheel alignments will be in higher demand around Cooloolum. Too many and way too high. Smooth rounded tops would achieve the same job without wrecking our cars' suspension. I like shopping there so it will be a letter from me to management, please do the same if you agree.

Robyn Blakemore,
Cooloolum Beach.

TAX REFORM

Dear editor,

As Independent MP for Wentworth, Allegra Spender convened her tax roundtable in Canberra recently, the St Vincent de Paul Society submitted our proposal to the Treasurer's upcoming Economic Reform Roundtable on 19-21 August.

'We all agree that Australia needs urgent tax reform, so sooner or later we must reckon with the practical implications: inevitably tax reform will mean winners and losers,' Ms Spender said in a statement.

In the Society's submission to Treasury, we outline four budget-neutral options, modelled by the ANU's Centre for Social Policy Research, designed to lift more struggling Australians above the poverty line.

Not only that, but the ANU study reveals how changing tax concessions on the wealthiest superannuation accounts could fund a fairer safety net

while boosting the superannuation of around 90 per cent of Australians.

Our proposals show millions of potential winners, while asking only the wealthiest households to receive a little less in tax breaks or welfare payments.

The Society also strongly opposes any broadening or increasing of the GST, as this would only widen the growing gap between Australia's richest and poorest households. That's not the Australia we aspire to.

Every day across Australia, the Society is seeing more people seeking our help – not just those on welfare, but middle-income families and working Australians, many for the first time. The system is broken and must be fixed, urgently.

We believe our ANU study, A Fairer Tax and Welfare System 2025, demonstrates that it is economically feasible to lift more Australian families out of poverty while improving outcomes for lower- and middle-income households.

We invite you to read more about the report at vinnies.org.au and urge you to contact your local MP or Senator to demand a fairer tax and welfare system for Australia.

Mark Gaetani,
National President,
St Vincent de Paul Society
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CLIMATE WOES

Dear editor,

Late season cyclones, floods in NSW, drought/algae blooms/sea creature kills in SA, coral kills in WA & Qld, wildfires in Scotland, Greece, Canada & USA, Swiss village buried under thawed glacier, floods in Texas & New Mexico USA, etc. Sir Barnyard of Choice and his side-kick, Rooster McCorn-stack argue that "country folk don't need climate action". Fair dinkum?

Margaret Wilkie,
Peregian Beach.

SLAVERY THOUGHTS

Dear editor,

We can appreciate Australia's freedoms when we look at other countries' slavery practices, including forced labour and marriages.

Slavery goes beyond the deprivation of liberty to grinding people down, undercutting their hopes and dreams by treating them with disrespect as acquisitions to be exploited for pleasure and profit.

Slavery was integral to ancient societies. In Egypt, captives were covered in honey as they stood for hours by the pharaoh's throne to attract flies away from him.

Slavery prevailed in Queensland with blackbirding when South Sea islanders were tricked or kidnapped into slaving under exploitative conditions in the sugar industry.

An English slave trader, John Newton, sought forgiveness for his oppressive deeds and became an Anglican Minister, going on to leave a legacy that resonates today by composing the beautiful hymn 'Amazing Grace'.

While Australia's anti-slavery laws carry penalties of up to 25 years in jail, the Global Slavery Index reveals there are over 40,000 slaves in Australia, many whose desperate cries for help cannot be heard from behind closed doors and cultural coverups.

Slavery can be self-inflicted if we allow addictions we descend to a point of self-loathing to govern our lives.

Mark Twain pointed out the challenge when he said quitting smoking was easy, as he'd done it hundreds of times, but today, the temptations of cheap illegal cigarettes and vapes are making it harder to shake the habit.

Slaves to alcohol take a drink, then the drink takes a drink, then the drink takes them into a spiralling abyss.

One of the hardest steps for people trying to escape the slavery of drug addiction is to realise they are worth recovery from the black hole of self-disrespect. While they may get the monkey off their back in the short term, the circus is always in town, challenging them to remain stronger than their strongest excuse.

While it sounds innocent, people become so besotted that they fall into the slavery of being in love with being in love rather than truly with the person they have placed on an unrealistic pedestal.

Let's make slavery truly ancient history.

Garry Reynolds,
Peregian Springs.

HOME OWNERSHIP

Dear editor,

The eternal challenge of home ownership for upcoming generations is nothing new. Only now many more critical economic factors, such as the rising cost of living and population growth impact supply and demand. Depending on location, availability, unrealistic expectations and affordability, many today can't get a foot in the door.

There are permutations and combinations which buyers need to consider, many prospective buyers unrealistic about their chances. They fail to consider the years of sacrifice for deposits required for loans and groundwork to succeed. Not everyone had the bank of Mum and Dad to depend on.

Home ownership was once not everyone's target, as rents were cheap decades ago. Families could afford more reasonable rents, so many failed to even consider home ownership. The more astute, however, strived to own their own. Those in high paying employment, had opportunities of ownership of more than one property. They were visionaries. Many more were content to own one house, or rent, living lived simply, content with a roof over their heads. Nothing flash, no swimming pools, no ambitions to insist on sea views, or rolling hills, trees or big back yards.

The Brisbane City Council in the 50's, created whole suburbs on the periphery of Brisbane, with moderate rents for low-income families, to accommodate the influx of post-war immigrants from Europe, seeking opportunities to resettle. With

sincere gratitude for their new lives and a strong work ethic, they assimilated, accepting the Australian way of life. Their children, comfortable with the status quo, saw opportunities be educated in the Australian system, purchase homes and work to benefit their offspring. Some began to expand their portfolio to include multiple properties available to the ambitious.

When the Brisbane City Council finally sold all low-cost suburban rentals they owned, because demand exceeded supply, home ownership then became more a focus of the working class. With higher demand, ownership became more competitive, and prices rose exponentially. This created a loss of government interest in providing affordable housing for decades, which has not been adequately addressed to today. Lack of supply and phenomenal increase in immigration, has created the "perfect storm"!

E. Rowe,
Marcoola.

PM VISITS CHINA

Dear editor,

As the headwinds of geopolitical uncertainty circle the globe, Australians should be thankful that our Prime Minister visited China and re-established a friendly relationship with our largest trading partner.

After all, the previous government couldn't even get a phone call with senior Chinese Ministers to talk about their slashing of trade with Australia.

Prime Minister Albanese's approach, "We will cooperate where we can, disagree where we must, and engage in the national interest." has paid off and the benefits of quiet diplomacy were agricultural breakthroughs, reopening of tourism channels and decarbonization talks with major iron ore exporters and Chinese steelmakers.

Also agreed was a fresh review of the China-Australia Free Trade Agreement and new trade protocols.

The tourism market here will certainly welcome the new approach as Chinese tourists look at coming down under.

Mr. Albanese raised some points of disagreement, stood firm on foreign investment restrictions, raised concerns over military activities and stood firm on Australia's stance over Taiwan among other issues.

The Prime Minister made no concessions, did not backdown or reset Australia's positions, instead there was polite, and respectful diplomatic engagement. No bullying.

So welcome in these turbulent times.

Robyn Deane,
Nambour.

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MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT GARDEN WORK AT MUDJIMBA

THE MUDJIMBA Community Garden had a day of community collaboration on Wednesday July 23 when 22 students from the Sunshine Coast Australian Industry Trade College had a day of volunteering as part of the college's 'Gift of Giving' program.

The group of students literally got their hands dirty and completed many tasks around the community garden which would have otherwise taken the garden volunteers a long time to complete.

The 'Industry School' approach education differently and they ensure their students get actual real-world experiences and they also like to give back and their Gift of Giving program has been hands on at the Mudjimba Community Garden (MCG) now on three separate occasions.

MCG President Shannon Embery said the volunteer work from the students was invaluable.

"We are so incredibly thankful for their hard work, and I don't think our garden could be this far along had it not been for their work."

The students distributed mulch, helped with temporary

fencing, laying stepping stones and also showed their creative flair with painting.

"Sometimes we are short on volunteers to get the hard jobs done and having the students help is a great way to get bigger jobs done."

Shannon also said that the MCG will be celebrating their second birthday with a morning tea on Saturday August 9 from 9-11am.

"This birthday is to celebrate how far we have come, and we love to share and use produce from the garden as much as possible."

The idea for the MCG was first sprouted in 2021 and for the past two years has been growing rapidly and there's big plans for the future.

"We really want to promote education and the last Saturday of each month we do a skill share where we have someone come in and show us something new whether that be how to compost or make Kim chi for example," Shannon said.

And why be part of a community garden? Shannon said it was about fostering community.

"A lot of people have gardens at home, but gardening

together is sharing and creating something that's bigger and it's a great way to connect and learn."

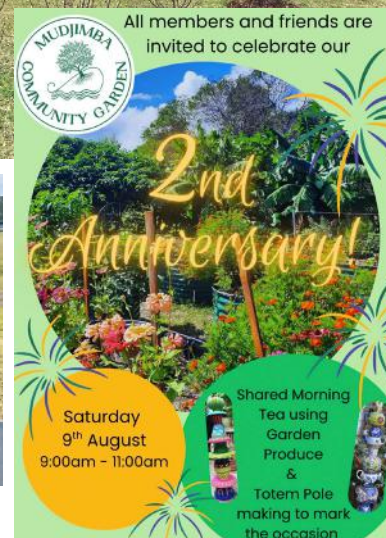
Current members and guests are invited to come along to the birthday morning tea and new volunteers are always welcome. The MCG meet each Tuesday from 3.30-5.30pm and every

Friday from 8-10am and on the last Saturday of each month from 8-10am.

For more info on the Mudjimba Community Garden please visit their Facebook page at 'Mudjimba Community Garden' or visit the garden at 128 Mudjimba Beach Road, Mudjimba.



Students from the 'Industry School' had a day of giving back recently and volunteered their time at the Mudjimba Community Garden. Photos: Contributed



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Event Showcase

OUR MOON'S MISSION

Stepping out for a cure for young Coolum girl

TALLULAH Moon is bravely fighting a rare disease, and her family have been gallantly fighting and raising awareness about her condition for many years. The Coolum community are invited to their 'Moonwalk' fundraiser which will be taking place on Saturday August 9 from 2pm in Tickle Park with recent Australian Idol winner Marshall Hamburger making a special appearance.

The ticketed, family-friendly, inclusive festival is raising funds to help cure SPG56, a rare and progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting Tallulah Moon and children globally.

The event will feature an afternoon of live music, inclusive entertainment, and a moonlit coastal walk.

Golden Whitrod, co-founder of Our Moon's Mission and mother of Tallulah Moon, said this year's Moonwalk comes

at a pivotal moment.

"We're so excited to be pushing toward clinical trials after all these years. This Moonwalk is about more than hope now – it's about getting to the finish line. Every step taken on that boardwalk brings us closer to a cure not just for our daughter, but for children living with SPG56 around the world."

Queensland music icon Tom Busby of Busby Marou will headline the event, supported by the soulful and captivating Jesse Higgins, and Australian Idol 2024 winner Marshall Hamburger, will be dropping in to sing a special tribute to Tallulah and her supporters, known as #TallulahsArmy.

The festival will also include a drumming circle, silent disco, face painting glitter bar, food trucks, raffle prizes and more.

The Moonwalkers will

walk together led by drummers at 5pm, along a pram and wheelchair-accessible boardwalk to Wilkinson Park at Point Perry, symbolising unity, perseverance, and progress for rare diseases and rare families around the world.

This year's event is proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council, Joel Hood Property, PNP Group, Bendigo Bank and local partners

including Team Musicare, Sunshine Coast Music and Events, Peregrine beach Hotel, Sunshine and Sons and The Shop Coolum who are all helping create an inclusive and uplifting experience for all.

Funds raised will support the final stages of gene therapy manufacturing and the first-ever clinical trial for SPG56, expected to begin in late 2025.

Event Details:

What: 2025 Moonwalk for Our Moon's Mission

When: Saturday 9 August, 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Where: Tickle Park, Coolum Beach

Tickets & Info: <https://events.humanitix.com/2025-coolum-moon-walk-for-our-moon-s-mission-cure-spg56>



Around the Greens

Richardson & Wrench Coolum Men's Pairs

Congratulations to our place getters in the Richardson & Wrench Coolum Men's Pairs held on Sunday July 20. This was a great day of bowls and thanks to Maddie from R & W for your ongoing support of our game and the Coolum community. A big shoutout to all of our behind-the-scenes workers, volunteers and everyone who contributed to make this event happen. Event

placings listed below-

1st Dan Hollingworth, Paul Warren, Ron Weatherby, Brandon Hill

2nd Aaron Hewson, Jessie Turnbull, Jamie Camara, Trent Healey

3rd Ray Whittaker, Shane Jacobson, Jason Horn, Keil Jacobs

4th Jeremy Henry, Col Pritchard, Mark Gunders,

Geoff Harrison

5th Mark Tonkin, Darryl Gray, Don Bennett, Greg Davidson

6th Rob Weiners, Wayne Edwards, Jim Inglis, Rick Blackburn

7th Kristian Crocker, Ash Van Winkle, Jay Dawe, Jason Membrey

8th Rick Griffith, Mark Newlan, Alan Jones, Dave Roberts



1st place winners in the Richardson & Wrench Coolum Men's Pairs Dan Hollingworth, Paul Warren, Ron Weatherby and Brandon Hill with Maddie from R & W Coolum.



Spectators watching the action on the greens for the Richardson & Wrench Coolum Men's Pairs.



Our ladies featured in Club Maroochy's Fiesta last week. Congrats to Lee Cowie, Sharyn Moss, Liz Hitchcock and Terri Spencer.



A great day of bowls was had on Sunday July 20 for the R & W event. All Photos: Coolum Bowls

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SAMMY RAY JONES

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"My latest mural reflects the customs and practices of local First Nations people, including the nautilus shell known as 'Du'lin' or 'Dalung', which was once used to turn into necklaces as a form of currency and had huge economic significance in the area," Mr Jones said.

"The unique flora and fauna of the Noosa region is also depicted, and a powerful image of a First Nation's Elder."

Learn more about Unitywater's Community Art Program and other upcoming artworks at www.unitywater.com/artwork

Photos: Unitywater

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10 Sunday Blues Sit-In Sessions Coolum Bowls Club 1pm \$10 entry	11 I'm Still Standing Choir Coolum Uniting Church Hall Every Monday 10:30am - 12noon \$50 / term members \$10 / wk non-members	12 Mahjong Coolum Women's Shed 26 Research Street 1pm - 3pm thewomensshed.org	13 Meditation Coolum HeArts Shed 10am - 11 am Gold coin donation	14 Quota Club Pop-Up Stall Pacific on Coolum Courtyard 8am - 12 noon	15 Contraband Coolum Bowls Club 7pm - 11pm	16 Drawing Group Coolum Women's Shed 26 Research Street Card Mania 10:30am - 12:30pm thewomensshed.org
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A look back in time

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

LADIES OF COOLUM - PART 3

MONDAY April 2, 1917, was a very important day in the life of Coolum – the day that Coolum Provisional School, No. 1571 opened in the multi-purpose School of Arts building at the corner of today's South Coolum Road and Toolga Street.

The first teacher was Miss Ellen Chapman, an 'unclassified teacher' who had attended school at Fairhill and at Yandina. Miss Chapman had a brother and a sister teaching at Yandina but had been teaching at Cattle Gully Provisional School near Jimboomba, on the Darling Downs prior. On the first day of the school she had

eleven pupils – ranging in age from 5 years old to almost 14 – and seven more joined them before the end of 1917. Miss Chapman was very strict, but she was "loved by her pupils and admired by their parents".

Life wasn't easy for a teacher in those days – there was no accommodation provided for teachers, and Miss Chapman had to board with the families of some of her pupils, first with the Abbott family, and then with the Wintzloff family.

It must have been dreadful to have to live with her students, with no respite from children whom she taught! At one stage Miss Chapman had 42 pupils in six classes, and one past pupil, Jean Warren, recorded a com-

ment that "She sure had some tough ones to teach!"

Most children in Coolum had to walk to school or ride their ponies – it was a long distance from today's central town area to the north-west corner of Mount Coolum! At one stage a small bi-plane made a forced landing "out the back of the mountain, somewhere ["between today's golf links and the aerodrome"] and Miss Chapman gave the children "half a day off" and walked with them to see the pilot, Captain Tracy and the plane ... it was recorded that "the higher class had to write an essay" about the exciting event!

Closer to school, some of the boys "rubbed wet clay on the fence where Miss Chapman had to get through" ... one past pupil recorded that "she got clay all over her clothes" and no-one would own up, so the students "had to write out the 'Good Manners' chart".

Miss Chapman took a strong part in Coolum community affairs and served as secretary of the School of Arts Committee for most of her time in Coolum.



Miss Ellen Chapman who was the first teacher at the Coolum Provisional School in 1917 with some of her students. Photo: Windolf collection.

The parents loved her, and although she left the Coolum school at the end of 1925, her pupils remembered her right through until she retired in

1960. Recently, Barbara Want showed me beautiful embroideries sewn by Miss Chapman in her spare time. She is remembered as a real, "Coolum Lady"!

Ted O'Brien MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FAIRFAX

LAST WEEK I was officially sworn in as the Federal Member for Fairfax in the 48th Parliament of Australia in the first sitting week since the election.

While it was a very busy week, I had the chance to meet the next generation of Australian leaders in Parliament House - and I can assure you, the future is in good hands.

It was a pleasure to welcome students from Sunshine Coast Grammar School to chat about how Parliament works and the role of elected representatives.

I asked them, if you were Prime Minister, what would you change about our country and there were some terrific answers ranging from health to energy to infrastructure.

My hope is the visit sparked an even greater interest in our democracy and left them inspired for the future. I know I was.

Locally, there has been good news this month with three Sunshine Coast Olympic venues having secured funding in the recent State LNP Budget.

The Nambour mountain bike facility, Maroochydore Athletes' Village and Kawana Stadium upgrade are now a step closer to delivery.

Securing improved infrastructure for the Sunshine Coast was the reason we fought so hard to secure the 2032 Games and so I'm delighted by this milestone.

There is a lot more work to be done ahead of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games and I am determined to see there is a legacy for the Sunshine Coast beyond the games.

To the people of Fairfax - thank you for your trust.

Serving my community and my country is the greatest honour of my life and it's a responsibility I'll never take for granted.

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.



Maria Suarez CR

DIVISION 9
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SAFETY & BUDGET NEWS

MAKING it safer to get around our communities has long been a priority for Sunshine Coast residents and residents of Division 9. In this year's budget, and in the years ahead, we will continue delivering more pathway connections, while several multi-year road projects will either continue or reach completion.

Improving the accessibility and offerings in our outdoor spaces will get a boost, with an all-abilities ramp at Coolum Beach, plenty of park upgrades, and enhancement of our environmental recreation areas. Bike enthusiasts will be able to take advantage of the new pump track in Coolum.

After extensive planning with many stakeholders, the Coolum District Sports Ground will move into detailed design, with construction to follow in future years.

At the Maroochy North sports area, preliminary investigations will begin. We look forward to meeting with sporting groups and the community on how this space will evolve.

Essential works will continue at the Nambour Landfill site to ensure we can responsibly manage our region's waste. Responsible management of waste is a vital service for our region.

PLANNING SCHEME OPEN FOR FEEDBACK

The proposed Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme is now open for community feedback until Friday September 19. For the first time, the planning scheme is fully web-based, making it much easier to use and navigate. You can explore

the interactive maps and search your address to find out what the proposed planning scheme means for you and your local area. I encourage you to take the time to find your property and have your say. There is also the option to attend an information session to be able to meet with and ask questions of staff. Please visit haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au for all the details.

NAMBOUR TIP TEMPORARY CLOSURE

To allow for construction of a new access road, the Nambour tip will be closed for six weeks and will reopen Monday September 8, 2025. During this time, please use the Buderim or Caloundra facilities - locations and opening times are available at sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au. Thank-you for your patience while we complete this work.

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.



Dan Purdie MP

MEMBER FOR NINDERRY

GREAT news for Peregian Breeze, Peregian Beach and Coolum residents. The Crisafulli Government has invested \$2.3 million to deliver a shared pedestrian and cycle pathway that will link Old Emu Mountain Road to the David Low Way roundabout. A new crossing on David Low Way will make it safer for students to get to and from school.

The Crisafulli Government's 2025-2026 Budget has delivered for the people of Ninderry. All infrastructure promises I made have been funded as well as \$300 in vouchers for every child's education essentials and sport participation, more healthcare than ever before, more social housing and more police.

As promised, we can look forward to a new interchange at Mt Coolum that will connect the Sunshine Motorway to Council's planned extension of South Coolum Road. Once constructed this will ease congestion and pressure on the intersection at Coolum State School.

Safer pedestrian access in Bli Bli has been a great concern and \$250,000 has been guaranteed to begin addressing it.

A brand new multi sports facility and home base to the Coolum Beach Breakers Junior AFL will be delivered on the grounds of Coolum State High School, thanks to our \$5 million investment for Stage 1.

Peregian Springs State School received \$25,000 towards the upgrade of the school tuckshop. North Arm State School received \$1 million towards parking and school drop-off upgrades. Kuluin State School and Eumundi State Schools can now deliver access and safety upgrades as part of the \$70.668 million School and Education Boost funding.

A nation leading home ownership scheme will help first home buyers to enter the market by reducing the deposit gap. Stamp duty on all new homes for first home buyers has been abolished and the First Homeowner Grant has been extended for 12 months.

This Budget delivers better access to healthcare with additional funding to grow the healthcare workforce, more hospitals and hospital beds, funds to perform more elective surgeries to reduce wait times, and funding to meet legislated midwife to patient ratios. Kindy kids will also receive free vision, hearing and speech development checks.

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Observations

TONY GIBSON

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



GREAT, ENJOYABLE AND EXCITING

RECENTLY, a walk down to the beach at the Marcoola Esplanade brought great excitement with a view of a humpback whale. The whale was enjoying breaching and regularly slapped its tail, and the view ensured a "whale of a time" for all involved. I find this time of year most enjoyable and exciting.

The whale migration is a major tourist attraction on the Australian coastline and here on the Sunshine Coast we are privileged to witness it. However, it is not so enjoyable for whales and humans when whales become entangled in shark nets.

I would like to see net removal become mandatory at least during the migration season. Also, the bycatch is not only whales but dolphins, turtles and other marine species that are drowned in these nets. Our community groups like the Australian Marine Conservation Society, Coolum and North Shore Coast Care and Sea Shephard have been active in seeking removal of the nets.

The bio-diversity of our oceans suffer from these practices employed by the Queensland Government as large predator species like sharks are missing from the environment. We need these species for healthy oceans.

Similarly, on land we see the unnecessary endangerment of wildlife and reduction in terrestrial biodiversity with quolls, echidnas, swamp wallaby and kangaroos as past or recent roadkill. We have had a large male eastern grey kangaroo carcass in the middle of the road adjoining the Twin Waters West development for several days and this is a regular event.

Why the Stockland Twin Waters West land clearing is allowed to go ahead without the Sunshine Motorway being properly fenced and providing bridges and tunnels for wildlife is a serious question. The killing of our native wildlife is criminal.

Over the school holidays I took my grandchildren to the great Wildlife HQ and Big Pineapple complex at Woombye. This attraction was very well patronised with people enjoying both native and exotic species of animals. However, we don't want our children and grandchildren to only see wildlife in zoos and animals need their freedom.

We need more appreciation of our wonderful natural environment and the vulnerability of the wildlife. Hopefully, more of our wildlife can be born and live free and this will benefit our well-being so that we can all continue to have a "whale of a time!"

Legal News

JULIAN PORTER

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For financial decisions, a principal might forbid their attorneys from investing their money in cryptocurrency, or from selling their house, except as a last resort. For lifestyle decisions, they might state that the power does not extend to decisions about the friends and family they have contact with, or that the attorneys may not move into their home.

They might require attorneys to consult with other important persons in the principal's life when making their decisions.

In positive territory, principals who appoint spouses can authorise them to engage in 'conflict transactions' ie decisions regarding the principal which also benefit the attorney financially. They can allow professional advisors who agree to take on the attorney role to be paid for their work.

Depending upon superannuation fund rules, they may be able to authorise attorneys to update, but not change, a binding death benefit nomination. They can make clear the sort of financial assistance or gifts that can be paid to people in their life who are dependent upon them.

As much as it is technically the wrong place for it, we often include directions about burial and cremation in the EPA, because the same instructions in a will which gets locked away somewhere in a safe, might not be seen.

With just a little bit of extra thought, well drafted 'terms and instructions' clauses can add a lot of value to your EPA.

Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT

COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL



I HOPE our whole community knows just how well Coolum High's students are achieving! Our recent report cards set new records with more students achieving straight A grades than ever before, and more students reaching the level of gold and silver awards than at any time in our history. Make no mistake, these are high achieving students who would do well on any measure!

Generally, the year 12 subject called 'Specialist Maths' ranks highest in scaling calculations for ATAR scores. It's a tough and challenging subject, yet, at Coolum High 76 per cent of our year 12 students achieved an A in Specialist Maths on their report card. It's hard to believe!

But this is no fluke. In 'Aerospace Systems' 71 per cent achieved an A, in English and Literature Extension it was 72 per cent and in Physics it was 71 per cent. In fact, it was right across the board. Our students and their achievements are truly extraordinary.

So, why are our students performing so well? The answer to this question begins with their intrinsic self-belief,

with motivation and the desire to do well playing a big role in their achievements. All of this needs to be reinforced by hard work – it doesn't just happen. Supporting these students are outstanding teachers who work with a deep commitment and moral purpose in assisting every student to achieve at their best. As my educational hero, Geoffrey Canada, says "when you see a great teacher you are seeing a work of art." And the final piece of the puzzle is supportive parents – students need their parents on board cheering them on, and also nagging occasionally to keep them on track.

It's true that we have outstanding students who are achieving so well academically but this is only part of it. We also have students who are cooperative, respectful and humble – these traits underpin success. Coolum High's students are a credit to our school and even more so to our community. In Coolum, we have every reason to get right behind our young people and support them to achieve at the highest possible levels.



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Sports News

COOLUM BEACH BREAKERS AFL FOOTBALL CLUB

The under 9 Girls kicked off the recent weekend and shone bright on Friday night July 25 under lights in what was their best performance this year. The development of these girls has been outstanding. Other games were played on Sunday July 27 with a mixed bag of results however just getting out onto the field is always a win.

The previous weekend saw all of the youth teams come away with wins – well done to these little Aussie rules superstars! Shoutout as always to the game day sponsors 'Coolum Farm Fresh' and 'Domino's Pizza Coolum'.

The Breakers are also looking for new people to join the Committee. A spokesperson for

the club stating that the current committee has given years of passion and energy to the club. "As many of their kids are moving on, it's time for a new group of Breakers parents to jump on board."

"This is their opportunity to contribute ideas, help drive the club forward, give back and to be part of a friendly and supportive group."

Without a committee, the club can't run and now is the perfect time to get involved. Meet great people and help build the future of Coolum Breakers AFL. For more info please email - info@coolumbreakers.com.au



U9 Girls - Cleo, Talloh and Indi.



U11 Blue - Nixon, Cooper, Cooper (Big Dog) 50 games, Ollie, Charlie and Taj.



Congrats on 50 club games to Ollie and Noah with their teammates.



U13 Girls - Mae, India and Bella.



U9 Red - Ollie and Charlie.



U9 Blue - Jett, Tanner, Ravi and Eli.



U13 Girls - Lani, Isla S and Abby.



U8 Red - Ziggy, Flynn, Seth, Harvey, Finn and Harlan.
Photos: Coolum Breakers

Noosa Council restricts overnight parking at Peregian Beach



Two Peregian Beach carparks at the Esplanade and Victory Park will now be off limits from 10pm to 4am in an effort to stop people camping illegally overnight. Photo: Contributed

NOOSA Council is further extending their roll out of parking restrictions to two areas at Peregian Beach in an effort to curb illegal campers parking up overnight.

The expansion of these parking restrictions comes after community concerns were raised over the amount of people illegally camping overnight

From Thursday July 24, carparks at Beach Access 50 (Peregian Esplanade) and Victory Park (Lorikeet Drive) will become no-parking zones between 10pm and 4am, as Council moves to deter campers who leave food waste and other mess behind.

The move expands the successful trial already underway at Noosa Woods, where restrictions have been well received following positive community feedback.

Council's Acting Local Laws Manager Clint Irwin

said complaints from Peregian Beach locals have surged, arriving almost daily over the past month.

"We've received a significant number of reports about overnight camping, cooking, loss of amenity and mess left behind — the issues are occurring daily," he said.

"These new trial restrictions help address the issue and strengthen our enforcement powers."

Recent patrols have issued more than 50 fines of \$333 for illegal camping.

"The community have been clear that they have had enough of public carparks being used as campgrounds. These public carparks are designed for day use and for the community to enjoy the beach and the natural environment — not for overnight camping which requires proper amenities and services."

Mayor Frank Wilkie said

Council is working closely with the Queensland Police Service on targeted patrols to protect the amenity of key public areas.

"We're doubling down with joint enforcement blitzes and regular patrols to keep places like Peregian Beach and Noosa Heads clean, safe and enjoyable for all," he said.

The signage also gives Council added enforcement powers.

"These rules are about stopping illegal campers," Mr Irwin said.

"People experiencing homelessness are not the target of this trial — they'll be referred to support services."

Council expects minimal community impact from the changes at Peregian Beach and residents can continue to report any instances of illegal camping via the Council website, Snap Send Solve app or by calling (07) 5329 6500.

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COOL CONNECTIONS WOMEN'S GROUP

Inviting all ladies to our group where we bring together women from all walks of life to enjoy each other's company and form friendships.

Meeting from 9.30am to 11.30am each Friday (during school term) at Yaroomba Meeting Place, 1443 David Low Way, Yaroomba. Entry fee includes morning tea, guest speakers or activities. Esme 0408 077 882.

NINDERRY BRANCH ALP MONTHLY MEETING

The Ninderry branch of the ALP holds its monthly meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Coolum Beach Hotel starting at 10.30 AM. Visitors are welcome and you are also invited to join us afterwards for lunch. You can also log into our Facebook page for up-to-date details of other events. <https://www.facebook.com/ALPNinderry>. For more information and to book, please contact Melinda Dodds Ph. 0409 890 186.

COOLUM BEACH DISTRICT SENIORS CLUB

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

COOLUM BEACH QUILTERS

Meet every Thursday morning 9am-11.30 at the Baptist Church, David Low Way, Coolum Beach. All welcome.

COOLUM CONNECTIONS

Join us for Relaxed Mid-Week Worship every second Thursday of the Month (during school term) at 9.30 am. Coolum Salvos meets at Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. Enquires 5335 8500. All welcome!

COOLUM CROQUET CLUB

Croquet for fun and fitness. New members and visitors are very welcome. Try it with 3 free games and lessons. Mallets and free coaching are available. Social Golf Croquet Monday and Friday starting 1.15pm. For more information contact: Barb 0423 277 951 Sea Cove Lane, Coolum

MARCOOLA COMMUNITY GROUP

We would like to invite new members and visitors to our meetings where we discuss concerns and development of Marcoola area and beaches. Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday, every second month at 7pm. marcoolacommunity@gmail.com. Phone April 0413 137 182

COOLUM AMIGOS

Coolum Amigos is a social club for the over 50s. We meet at 10am every Tuesday at the Coolum Surf Club for coffee and a chat and to arrange outings. All welcome. For more information call Carol on 0419 423 367 or just come along!

COOLUM CRAFT GROUP

If you enjoy craft and good company join the Coolum Craft Group. We meet every Tuesday, in the Coolum Lions Community Centre, 15 Russell Street Coolum Beach. 2pm – 4pm.

A variety of crafts are on offer and our friendly participants are always ready to lend a hand or maybe you have a craft you could teach the rest of the group.

New members welcome and for \$3 you will receive tea/coffee and cake/biscuit as well as a fun few hours. For more information, please contact Patricia: 0403 017 247.

TRY TOASTMASTERS

Practice your public speaking, gain confidence, improve your leadership and communication skills. Coolum Communicators supports members to practice speaking to an audience while having fun.

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, 7pm at North Shore Community Centre, Mudjimba. Guests welcome! Email coolumtoastmasters@gmail.com.

HOME LEAGUE COOLUM BEACH

Are you looking to make new meaningful friendships? This women's group meets every Thursday 9.30-11am 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: coolumbridge@gmail.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
Partnership Contact: Trish Gatt on 0412 546 575

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COOLUM BEACH BOWLS RESULTS

Tuesday, 15th July

Social Bowls
1st G Roulston, G Mahoney, P Bartlett +29
2nd L Young, S Clarke, D Young +24
3rd P Hammond, G Lamb, B Clappers +22
4th U Ford, P Teale +21

Thursday, 17th July

Social Bowls
1st J Wilson, L Cattanach +33
2nd J Davison, T Coyne +28
3rd D Moore, D Roberts +18
4th K Barnes, J Beattie +15

Tuesday, 22nd July

Social Bowls
1st A Jones, J Cook +29
2nd J Inglis, R Partridge +25
3rd G Davison, K Brown +23
4th T Bowden, R Short +20

Thursday, 24th July

Social Bowls
1st J Mahoney, M Haines, A Catterall +30
2nd C Belsham, G Kennedy +23
3rd T Bowden, R Short +22
4th J & I MacKay +18

Friday, 25th July

Social Bowls
1st J & R Temple +42
2nd G Osman, D Gray +27
3rd R Husselbee, W Pierce, G Bourke +20
4th P Spencer, B Smith +18

2025 SCDBA Pennant Results

All Pennant results available on club website at [2025 SCDBA Pennant/Bowlslink Results](https://results.bowlslink.com.au/event/526cd75b-3f06-4052-8195-26682f9da13c/) (<https://results.bowlslink.com.au/event/526cd75b-3f06-4052-8195-26682f9da13c/>).

Club Championships

All Club Championship results available on club website at **Club Championships** (<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 on club website at **Weekly Social Bowls** (<https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/free-coaching/>) or contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0493 216779.

coolumbeachbowls.com.au/social-bowls/.

• For all social bowls enquiries contact the Social Bowls Coordinator on 0499 167922.
• Barefoot bowls every Friday night from 4.30-7pm and Sunday afternoon from 1-5pm. For all barefoot bowls enquiries, including social functions, contact the Club Manager on 5446 1153.
• Coaching is provided free of charge every Wednesday morning commencing at 10am. Register on club website at **Free Coaching** (<https://coolumbeachbowls.com.au/free-coaching/>) or contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0493 216779.

VOUCHERS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS AVAILABLE NOW

QUEENSLAND’S youngest swimmers now have the opportunity to have up to \$150 towards swimming lessons covered with Round 3 of the SwimStart program open now.

Open from July 28 eligible Queensland families can apply for vouchers valued up to \$150 to cover the cost of swimming lessons with the program designed to improve water safety for children up to four years of age.

Swimming remains one of Queensland’s biggest sports for kids, and lessons from an early age support an introduction to physical activity.

Parents and carers will have until June 2026 to redeem their vouchers.

Minister for Sport and

Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tim Mander urged all eligible families to apply.

“The SwimStart program sets our youngest Queenslanders up to learn the necessary skills to become confident swimmers,” Minister Mander said.

“Swimming is a huge part of the Queensland lifestyle, so it’s important that our kids learn about water safety from a young age.

“I strongly encourage all eligible families to take advantage of the program and apply for SwimStart vouchers.”

More information can be found at www.qld.gov.au/swimstart or call 13QGOV.

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TIDE TIMES 2024

JULY 30, 2025 - AUGUST 12, 2025

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach					Coolum & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au				
WED 30 JUL	5:35 am	11:42 am	5:32 pm	11:39 pm	WED 6 AUG	0.64m	1.16m	0.41m	1.76m
Coolum	5:35 am	11:42 am	5:32 pm	11:39 pm	Coolum	12:34 am	5:42 am	11:38 am	6:33 pm
Maroochy River	8:45 am	1:57 pm	8:42 pm	1:21 am	Maroochy River	3:44 am	7:57 am	2:48 pm	8:48 pm
THU 31 JUL	1.51m	0.49m	1.36m	0.77m	THU 7 AUG	0.55m	1.23m	0.33m	1.85m
Coolum		6:11 am	12:36 pm	6:27 pm	Coolum	1:10 am	6:27 am	12:23 pm	7:12 pm
Maroochy River	1:54 am	9:21 am	2:51 pm	9:37 pm	Maroochy River	4:20 am	8:42 am	3:33 pm	9:27 pm
FRI 1 AUG	1.38m	0.52m	1.36m	0.86m	FRI 8 AUG	0.47m	1.3m	0.25m	1.93m
Coolum	12:15 am	6:52 am	1:44 pm	7:42 pm	Coolum	1:43 am	7:07 am	1:04 pm	7:48 pm
Maroochy River	2:30 am	10:02 am	3:59 pm	10:52 pm	Maroochy River	4:53 am	9:22 am	4:14 pm	10:03 pm
SAT 2 AUG	1.25m	0.54m	1.4m	0.88m	SAT 9 AUG	0.4m	1.38m	0.18m	1.98m
Coolum	1:02 am	7:42 am	3:05 pm	9:24 pm	Coolum	2:16 am	7:47 am	1:44 pm	8:24 pm
Maroochy River	3:17 am	10:52 am	5:20 pm		Maroochy River	2:16 am	7:47 am	1:44 pm	8:24 pm
SUN 3 AUG	1.15m	0.55m	1.48m	0.82m	SUN 10 AUG	0.33m	1.45m	0.16m	2m
Coolum	2:10 am	8:40 am	4:13 pm	10:54 pm	Coolum	2:50 am	8:27 am	2:25 pm	9:00 pm
Maroochy River	4:25 am	11:50 am	6:28 pm	12:34 am	Maroochy River	6:00 am	10:42 am	5:35 pm	11:15 pm
MON 4 AUG	1.1m	0.54m	1.57m	0.73m	MON 11 AUG	0.28m	1.51m	0.18m	1.96m
Coolum	3:37 am	9:43 am	5:08 pm	11:52 pm	Coolum	3:26 am	9:11 am	3:06 pm	9:36 pm
Maroochy River	5:52 am	12:53 pm	7:23 pm	2:04 am	Maroochy River	6:36 am	11:26 am	6:16 pm	11:51 pm
TUE 5 AUG	0.73m	1.11m	0.49m	1.66m	TUE 12 AUG	0.25m	1.55m	0.25m	1.87m
Coolum		4:48 am	10:44 am	5:53 pm	Coolum	4:02 am	9:55 am	3:50 pm	10:13 pm
Maroochy River	3:02 am	7:03 am	1:54 pm	8:08 pm	Maroochy River	7:12 am	12:10 pm	7:00 pm	

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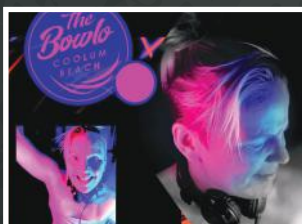
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4PM - 6PM

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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 - 2nd & 4th 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.

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

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