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It was an ambitious task, and in the space of just one year, the second annual Shed Music Festival went from a single-day event to a whole weekend of music. Put on by the Coolum Men's Shed, the festival was actually a health initiative disguised as a music event, with the main agenda to get men to have a health check. The festival was held at the Coolum Peregian RSL and featured an outdoor stage, food and drink vendors, and most importantly, a health check marquee run by Queensland Health with some 300 health checks carried out across the weekend. Pictured are Bob Barford, Doug Harbrow, and Bruce Uhlhorn from Coolum Men's Shed with MC Pat Cavanagh inside the Coolum Peregian RSL, where the Saturday night music was held and drinks were served. More photos page 8. Photo: Vanessa Hall

POLICE PLACE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ON NOTICE AS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS APPROACH

SUNSHINE Coat Police from various departments have joined forces in a collaborative operation in an effort to stamp out anti-social behaviour from young people in the local region and they are calling on parents and guardians to do their part as well.

Police from the Tactical Crime Squad, Child Protection Investigation Unit, Criminal Investigation Branch and local officers have established Operation Xray Sorcerer to prevent and disrupt anti-social behaviour by young people with the targeted operation commencing on Saturday September 6.

The operation will run across the September school holidays and then lead into the CONTINUED PAGE 2

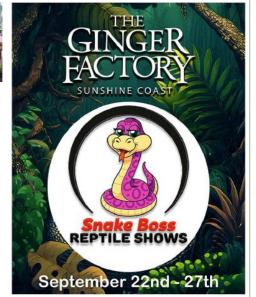
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Ninderry MP Dan Purdie gave all students a book and bag.

Police place anti-social behaviour on notice as school holidays approach

Christmas school holidays.

Several disruption and prevention strategies will be executed, targeting 11 to 17-year-olds in public places, including high visibility patrols, wanding for weapons, and bail compliance inspections.

"Though we haven't seen a notable increase in youth crime on the Sunshine Coast, we know that young people tend to gather in groups in public places during the school holidays, which can lead to anti-social behaviour," Detective Inspector Chris Toohey said.

Beyond enforcement, the operation will prioritise engagement with children

alongside the Sunshine Coast Youth Co-Responder Team (YCRT).

The YCRT engage with young people who come into contact with the criminal justice system or are at risk of doing so.

The team may be involved in proactively de-escalating and problem solving where groups congregate, transporting young people to safety, connecting young people and their caregiver with support services, and exploring diversionary pathways.

"It's important that we surround young people who are at risk of coming into contact with the criminal justice system, and their friends and family, with support and the

tools they need to stay on the right path," Detective Inspector Toohey said.

"We're asking parents to work alongside us in preventing and disrupting anti-social behaviour and offending.

"Particularly during the school holidays, I urge you to be aware of where your children are, who they are with, and what items they have with them."

Detective Inspector Toohey said that it is a priority to ensure children are safe and directed away from any criminal offending.

"We want to ensure that both our young people and the wider community are safe and feel safe."

Minister for Police and Emergency Services Dan Purdie said that the operation was an example of the work the new government was undertaking to make the community feel safer.

"We've delivered Jack's Law to give police the power to detect weapons before they're used, introduced our Making Oueensland Safer laws so that those who continually break the law face real accountability, and tripled the size of the Police State Flying Squad.

"Operation Xray Sorcerer is another example of the proactive work our police are doing, supported by a government that has their back."

If you have information for police you can report this by calling 1800 333 000.

Coolum's youngest students celebrate love of reading

NOW in its fourth year, the annual 'Paint the Town Read' event at Coolum State School showcased the joy and love of books which is evident by way of reading on Tuesday August 19.

A collaborative Coolum event, some 400 Prep to Year 2 students visit businesses

in the local region and are read to by the participating community members. This year however heavy rain prevented the students from leaving school, but despite the rain nothing could dampen the joy of reading with the event facilitated within the grounds of Coolum State

The Prep to Year 2 students embraced the day with smiles, stories and plenty of

A highlight of the event was the Treasure Hunt Interactive Adventure Show, which had students laughing, learning, and engaging with the magic of books.

Some local businesspeople came to school to read, as well as former Principal Pat Cavanagh. There was a delicious BBQ morning tea courtesy of Woolworths, Coles and the Salvation Army, and Ninderry MP Dan Purdie once again gifted all students with a book and bag



The fourth annual Paint the Town Read event celebrates reading and books.



Former Principal Pat Cavanagh came back to school for the day.

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Some 400 Prep to Year 2 students took part in the event where local businesses read to the students.



A yummy BBQ lunch was provided by Woolworths, Coles and The Salvation Army. All photos: Contributed

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Community Update

YAROOMBA COMMUNITY GARDEN

THE NEW Yaroomba Community Garden (YCG) is now located at Meadowlands Park at 10 Boneham Avenue, Yaroomba (backing onto Jenyor Street).

It just took a couple of Yaroomba locals to chat about a common garden and next thing you know, a little community garden has sprung up! The garden beds were delivered earlier this month and now the planting has begun.

All in the community are welcome to come down and have a look or get involved.

Peregian Veggie Village and Mudjimba Community Gardens have been an inspiration, and we have received great support from them.

If you have experience growing vegetables and you would like to share, please pop in on a working bee day. We would love to hear your knowledge, especially on how to keep bush turkeys away from the garden.

At present the YCG will be classified as a pop up, however as it progresses and with further engagement with Council it will become a full time Community Garden.

We have received incredible support from our local councillor Taylor Bunnag and Elliot Lacy from Sunshine Coast Council. The location of the garden is conveniently placed near the Coolum Community

Native Nursery and the lovely neighbours, who back onto the garden, are being very helpful. A big shout out to kind local John, who has donated a very long hose.

Working together as a community in building these gardens emphasises the importance of shared responsibility, cooperation, and mutual support.

The key benefits of any local community garden are many. Food production, social interaction, educational opportunities and most importantly community building are all inherently intertwined. We have seen these attributes already and have received wonderful support from that great crew at Mitre 10 Coolum.

A Facebook page has been set up Yaroombacommunitygarden check it out for upcoming working bees and open days. We hope to see you soon.











Things are really starting to take shape and most importantly grow at the new Yaroomba Community Garden. Photos: Contributed

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Letters to the editor

TOWN PLAN

Dear editor.

As a very regular visitor to Coolum, may I add my voice to that of local Councillor Maria Suarez in calling for residents to make submissions for the Proposed Town Planning Scheme for the Coolum-Peregian Local Plan Area.

The Proposed Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme is open for public submissions with forums and displays to inform residents. All submissions, regardless of size, will be reviewed. The Council will use AI to evaluate public preferences for future developments in their communities.

So, if you are concerned about building heights, narrow streets, lack of parking, etc. have your say.

If you are concerned about planning for climateresilience, protecting our environmental assets and green spaces - have your say.

Check out the Council's website to see how to make your submission. Submissions close on Friday September 19.

> Robyn Deane, Nambour.

GEN Z WOMEN

Dear editor,

Gen Z Australians (1997-2012) have been dealt a tough hand to play with the legacy of heightened house prices creating ambiguity in their lives. While a long way in years from Gen Z, I'm concerned for their happiness and the ability of Australia to replace its ageing population.

What is different today from the past?

At a stage when their parents were pairing up and contemplating starting a family, Gen Z are barely out of the dating starting gate. They may be reluctant to form a permanent bond after seeing the dissolution of their parents' marriages or the rise in domestic violence.

Meanwhile, young women are taking on further education at a greater rate than men and studying longer for higher degrees. They could be well into their thirties before they feel it might be the right time to have kids, and then they've got to find the right partner.

Meeting the right partner online has proved increasingly problematic as trust in dating apps has declined following horror stories and the exasperation of incessant ghosting and breadcrumbing. Online dating has become the fast fashion of romance in the hope that there's always going to be someone better with the next swipe.

Young people increasingly view dating and finding a life partner as two separate endeavours, whereas in the past they tended to go together. Rightfully, they don't want to rush into a relationship to fulfill their dream of starting a family.

They may be torn between their parents' expectations and the biological clock ticking, while not wanting to miss the boat in finding a loyal partner as a good father. These challenges of Gen Z dating are resulting in an increasing number of young women freezing their eggs. Without that fallback, the generation following WW1 faced even greater difficulties when so many men did not return from the front or were a shattered shell of the young man who departed our shores.

It was hard for young women to find a suitable life partner from a diminished pool of eligible men, but they did, enabling Gen Z to try again today.

> Garry Reynolds, Peregian Springs.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

Dear editor,

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Dementia doesn't just impact the person living

with the condition and their immediate carers; it also impacts their family, friends and wider social network.

With an estimated 433,300 Australians living with dementia and 1.7 million people involved in their care, chances are you know someone who is impacted by dementia.

People living with dementia tell us that friends and family often drop away, not knowing how to interact with them once they have a diagnosis.

That's why this Dementia Action Week (September 15-21) we are challenging everyone in the community to reach out and reconnect to someone impacted by dementia because nobody can do it alone. For some practical ideas about how to reconnect, visit dementia.org. au/dementiaactionweek

For support any time, please contact the National Dementia Helpline on 1800 100 500, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Merran Kelsall AO - Chair Dementia Australia Ann Pietsch - Chair Dementia Australia Advisory

HOUSING

Dear editor,

Australia has a housing affordability crisis. The people who are tasked to fix it - their interests lie elsewhere. Their interests lie in increasing the value of their often vast housing portfolio. Normally this is just good capitalism. Increasingly though, people are looking for meaning in ways that diverge from this. Living in a country where politicians represent all classes of interest fairly might be a start! A country with no homeless people might be another. Impossible cry the (Libs/Lab) naysayers ... wrong. There are NO homeless people in Russia and China. It's time to set the bar higher for our elected reps.

> Dylan White, Coolum Beach.

SURF CLUB RENO

Dear editor.

We have been watching the renovations to the Coolum Surf Club with anticipation . We heard on the grapevine that the entertainment area was a priority, and we could soon enjoy some music and dancing without the interruption of drinkers and diners. We were previously embarrassed for the musicians, with people laughing and talking as no dedicated area was available.

Well guess what? More poker machines and a flash entrance - that's all that's been done! This is disappointing and insulting as it is obvious the pokies are all they are interested in for obvious reasons. Music doesn't bring in more money.

A very disappointed long-time member here - if the view wasn't so good I wouldn't go anymore, but I won't be going as much as I have been. Shame on you!

> Robyn Blakemore Coolum Beach

WIND ENERGY

Dear editor,

Confirmation from 2 windmill Dons; Don Ouixote (1612) and Don, the USA's Mad King. Both Dons intend to slay the windmills. The Mad King pronounced (2019) that "I know windmills very much. They're noisy, they kill the birds. You want to see a bird graveyard? Go under a windmill someday. You'll see more birds than you've ever seen in your life".

Is the science now settled?

Margaret Wilkie, Peregian Beach.

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Community Update

SAVE STUMERS OFF LEASH DOG BEACH

THE TEAM from the Save Stumers Off Leash Dog Beach have been keeping busy with many fundraising initiatives of late.

The group is actively fighting any changes that may eventuate at Stumers Creek, with the creek potentially becoming an on-leash dog exercise area. At present, the area is off-leash.

A major raffle was recently

drawn with 'Rosie' and her human Bruce on hand for the draw with the two arriving in their unique red car.

The group also has T-shirts for sale which feature their slogan 'Keep Stumers Off Leash'. These can be purchased via direct messaging the group's Facebook page at – Stumers Creek Off Leash dog beach. All Photos: Contributed





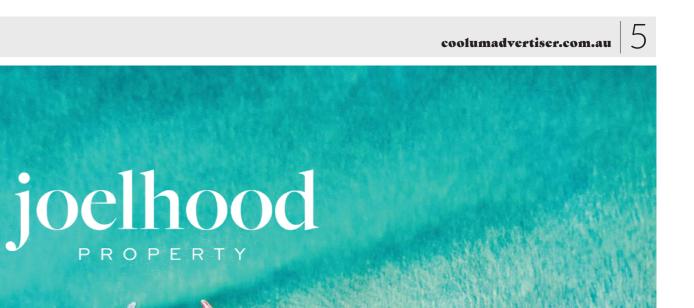


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33 Augusta Circuit PEREGIAN SPRINGS 4 = 3 2 =

Tucked away in one of Peregian Springs' most coveted pockets, this home has been reimagined to capture the essence of relaxed luxury.



2 Fantail Square PEREGIAN SPRINGS 4 = 2 2 2

Year-round poolside living takes centre stage at this modern family home on a corner allotment, opposite a nature reserve.



4 Silver Wattle Grove PEREGIAN SPRINGS 4 = 2 \(\text{ } 2 \)

A deluxe north-facing home in a peaceful setting opposite a nature reserve, this modern residence exudes quality, calm, and ease.



26 Koel Circuit **PEREGIAN SPRINGS** 3 = 2 \(\hat{P} \) 2 =

A rare find on the doorstep of the Peregian Springs shops, this turn-key property delivers a private backyard pool and premium access to amenities.



34 Lorien Avenue **COOLUM BEACH**

Welcome to a leafy coastal oasis

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featuring two spacious living rooms, a private guest quarters, and north facing entertaining deck.



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SPRING INTO SPRING

We are all connected to nature, and the seasons with spring the time of renewal and growth for us. I love a walk in one of our national parks like Noosa National Park. where you can see spring wildflowers and passing humpback whales.

In the five elements connections of Traditional Chinese Medicine the element in spring is wood, the colour is green and in the life cycle it is about birth.

As we move into spring with Oriental Yoga Chi Gung (OYCG) practice the meridians for focus are the gallbladder and liver. These meridians run on the

outside and inside of the legs so the spring practice stretches and releases those areas to help the flow of energy.

Spring clean the body, mind, and spirit with exercises, nutrition, and lifestyle practices for that feeling of vitality and wellbeing. In spring, it is particularly important to detoxify and revitalise the body with your nutrition. A regular day with predominantly organic raw foods, juices and warm water can help to detoxify and cleanse the body.

OYCG poses, flows and nutrition will help your body, mind, and spirit refresh and revitalise as you so contact Tony on 0419 791 860.



spring into spring. Spoil yourself this spring and try something

Three (3) classes a week are offered at the North Shore Community Centre at Mudjimba



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SHED MUSIC FESTIVAL DELIVERS THREE DAYS OF MUSIC AND AWARENESS

FROM PAGE 1

IT WAS a big weekend of music and awareness with the second annual Shed Music held from Friday, September 5 to Sunday, September 7 at the Coolum Peregian RSL. Put on by the Coolum Men's Shed, the weekend was all about promoting physical and mental health by way of a fun and inclusive musical event, which also provided free health checks. Be sure to keep an eye out for the 2026 Shed Music event, which will no doubt be just as entertaining and a highlight on the Coolum social calendar.



David, Doug and Bob from the Coolum Men's Shed.



Gary and Laurie.



Marie, Rebecca and Vicki.



Megan, Raz, Gerry, Anne and Tracey.



Psychologists Rose and Emma from Sunshine Coast Health were on hand offering health checks for free.



Georgia and Karen from the Coolum Women's Shed.



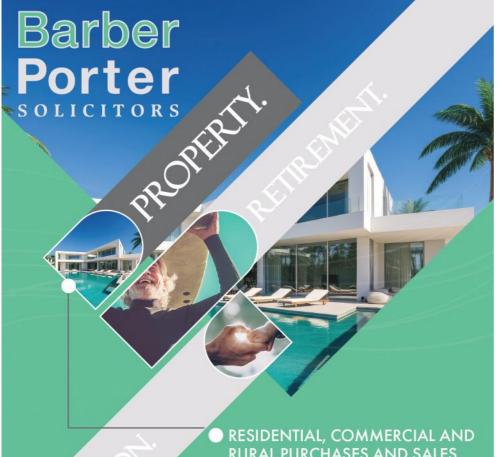
The weekend featured lots of dancing.



The Billabong Bush Band performing on Sunday afternoon.



All those who took part in the festival or volunteered got up on stage for one final song together to close the festival, All Photos: Vanessa Hall



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Yandina Country Music

THE AUSTRALIAN Country Music Association (ACMA) which is located in Yandina is pleased to welcome guest artists Andy and James to the Hall of Fame on Sunday September 21.

The Hall of Fame is located at 24 Steggalls Road, Yandina and the concert will take place from 11am. The event will also feature popular country music and

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other upbeat, crowd-pleasing favourites from talented local artists backed by a great house band.

There will be raffle and door prizes. People can byo their lunch and there will be free tea and coffee. Entry is just \$10 and only \$8 for members with all money raised going towards the upkeep of the hall. The ACMA is a not-for-profit organisation and proud to keep the spirit of community country music alive in Yandina.



Andy and James will be performing on Sunday September 21.
Photo: Contributed

Event Showcase

WHISPERING SKY

CELEBRATE the joy of living and dying with Tibetan singer-songwriter Tenzin Choegyal and the Black Square String Quartet for one night only at the Coolum Civic Centre on Friday September 19.

Tenzin Choegyal is one of the world's finest musicians in the Tibetan tradition. As a son of Tibetan nomads, he feels a particular connection to the music of the high Himalayan plateau.

Featuring selections from Tenzin's latest album, Whispering Sky, arranged for strings by Robert Davidson, alongside favourites by Katherine Philp, the performance blends structured and spontaneous elements to celebrate the joy of living and dying.

This fusion of Tibetan music and string arrangements explores themes of impermanence, compassion, interconnectedness, and the cycle of life, all of which are central to Tenzin's spiritual and musical practice.

In a career spanning more than 20 years Tenzin has performed at festivals across Australia and curated numerous events and concerts including Brisbane's annual Festival of Tibet. Internationally he has performed in New Zealand, Ĵapan, India, Germany, Bangladesh, Russia and USA, including performances at New York's Carnegie Hall. He has also opened many of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Public Talks in Australia, New Zealand and Japan.

Tenzin will be joined by the Black Square Quartet who comprise Camille Barry and Mike Patterson (Violins), Charlotte Burbrook de Vere (Viola) and Dan Curro (Cello).

The quartet was founded in 2018 and were inspired by the iconic and controversial artwork 'The Black Square' by Kasimir Malevich - one of the first true examples of artistic minimalism. The quartet aims to challenge and inspire audiences with unique and innovative repertoire choices. Strong advocates of new and Australian music, they have collaborated with some of Australia's finest musicians and ensembles, including Trichotomy, Shugorei, Sarah Curro, Aaron Brown, Steve Newcomb, and various others.

TOUR DATES & INFO

Fri September 12: Cleveland Sat September 13: Eudlo Sun September 14: Maleny Fri September 19: Coolum Sat September 20: Pomona Info: www.redchair.com.au

This project is supported by the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland. This initiative was supported through the Creative Industries Investment Program and is jointly funded by Sunshine Coast Council's Arts and Heritage Levy and the Regional Arts Development Fund in partnership with the Queensland Government.



Whispering Sky will be performing at Coolum Civic Centre for one night on Friday September 19. Photo: Thomas Green





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SAFER SCHOOL ROUTES - HAVE YOUR SAY

COUNCIL has been meeting with schools to discuss the RideScore Program and how we can better plan for safer active transport around schools. In 2026, Pacific Paradise State School will join this fantastic program.

The RideScore Active Schools Program encourages children to choose active, sustainable ways to travel to and from school like bike riding, scooting and skating. The benefits are great and help students stay active while reducing traffic congestion and emissions around schools.

Pacific Paradise State school parents and carers are encouraged to complete a short survey and tell us where you think new paths or crossings are needed to help kids walk or ride to school safely. Your feedback will help shape future infrastructure planning.

Visit Council's website to learn more.

GREENOAKS DRIVE PATHWAY COMING SOON

Exciting news for Coolum walkers and cyclists! A new 1.8-metre-wide pathway will soon stretch 247 metres along Greenoaks Drive, connecting existing footpaths at Yungar Street. Construction begins later this month, and we expect completion within three

weeks, weather permitting.

This is part of Council's ongoing commitment to improving connectivity across our region.

BIRRAHL PARK YA-ROOMBA - NOW OPEN

The Birrahl Park playground renewal is now complete and open for play. With brand-new equipment, softfall and a newly planted tree, this space is ready for families to enjoy.

PET REGISTRATION - A SMALL COST FOR BIG BENEFITS

As a proud pet parent myself, I know how important it is to keep our furry friends safe. Pet registration helps reunite lost pets and funds vital education programs. Renewal notices are on their way to owners of over 65,000 registered pets across the Sunshine Coast. Visit Council's website and search "pet registration" to renew before September 30.

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

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Sandy Bolton MP

MEMBER FOR NOOSA

DEMONSTRATIONS

REPORTS from across Australia regarding demonstrations on federal immigration and population policies have indicated that genuine housing and sustainability concerns were sadly 'hijacked' by extremists. This is a reminder for our community to remain aware when holding community gatherings, that there are some who do not share the same focus of resolving and uniting. Remember - "We share a dream and sing with one voice." Now onto some updates.

WATERWAYS

Details of the Sunshine Coast Waterway Authority remain unclear, including regarding Noosa's inclusion. Our major concerns involve having resources 'on the ground and river' to manage our waterways, so the development of an extra level of bureaucracy understandably raises many questions. We have requested government undertake immediate consultation with key Noosa stakeholders before any further consideration of our inclusion.

TEWANTIN BYPASS

The planning of the next stages of the Tewantin Bypass is underway again utilising the \$8.5m we achieved last year with survey works and investigations scheduled to enable construction to commence in 2028, subject to environmental approvals.

DANIEL'S LAW

Consultation is currently open on Daniel's Law, which proposes a three-tiered public child sex offender registry in Queensland. All interested residents are invited to submit feedback on any aspect of the Bill at www.parliament.qld. gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Commi

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The Queensland Redistribution Commission is also seeking public feedback on suggestions received about changes to state electoral boundaries with submissions closing on Monday September 22, 2025. For more information, visit https://submission.redistribution.ecq.qld.gov.au/s/comments-on-suggestions

QPS AWARD

A special shout-out to Noosa's 'Zappo Stoppie' team who were recently recognised at the Queensland Police Service's Sunshine Coast District Medal presentation for their outstanding work on e-bike safety and enforcement in Noosa and Coolum.

KEEP IN TOUCH

With so much to share and limited space, stay 'in the loop' by heading to Noosa 360 where 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 5319 3100.

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Fiona Simpson MP

MEMBER FOR MAROOCHYDORE

SPORTS AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN!

THE SUNSHINE Coast Sports (SCS) Annual Awards nominations are now open. The Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of local athletes - both able-bodied and para-athletes – across all sporting disciplines. I thank SCS for their support in celebrating and supporting the local sporting community for over 55 years by promoting participation and lifting athletes from the grassroots level through to elite competition by supporting clubs, programs and individuals who embody the spirit of sport in our region.

I encourage you to nominate sporting individuals, teams, coaches, clubs, volunteers and events that have inspired you and deserve recognition for their achievements. Submitting a nomination is a powerful way to officially shine a light on the people who help take sport on the Sunshine Coast to the next level.

This SCS will be honouring those sporting achievements that took place between October 1, 2024, and September 30, 2025. The awards night will be held at Altitude Nine Rooftop Event Space on Thursday, November 20.

For more information go to: https://sunshinecoastsports.com.au/sunshine-coast-sports-awards

THARGOMINDAH CHILDREN CAMP AT APEX TWIN WATERS

It was great to meet the

children from
Thargomindah on their
APEX camp at Twin Waters
recently.

Their school and the entire town were devastated by flooding in March, leaving children and their parents traumatised and many still living in temporary accommodation. The students experienced significant trauma, being evacuated from town, leaving their parents behind, flying over their inundated town, not knowing what was going to happen next.

APEX Foundation approached the school to offer support in whatever way would most benefit the children, their mental health and wellbeing. As a result, the children were able to participate in a "Journey of Hope" program – a first in Queensland.

The program has won awards all over the world for supporting children and young people recover from natural disasters and it was so great to meet the children and see it all in action. It was a life changing opportunity for the students. Thank you to local, Tony Wilshire OAM, Director of Apex Foundation for inviting me to meet the students and funding this to happen.

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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 maroochydore@parliament.qld. gov.au



Fiona Simpson with students from Thargomindah who recently spent time at the APEX camp at Twin Waters. Photo: Contributed.

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Observations

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



THE WEATHER has been so wet this year that when I attempted to take groups on wildflower walks in the wallum lowland heath at Marcoola, I found flooding prevented this. Fortunately, we also have our montane heath with Mount Coolum and Mount Emu covered in a range of white, gold and purple wildflowers at the moment.

As often is the case you just need to be flexible and look at alternatives or maybe just take a break.

We were able to schedule a small keen group to walk to the top of the Mount Emu (Peregian) for some wonder. We enjoyed the blue sky and the wildflowers that were vivid in large bushes and tiny plants. Tiny plants like the yellow donkey orchid were hiding however, we managed to find them. Hopefully, next year we can return to the lowland wallum heath once more.

We are so fortunate to live in a region where there is such a wide variety of opportunities to explore nature and connect with our community. I came across a great Lonely Planet publication to "Explore Every Day – 365 Daily Prompts to Refresh Your Life". You would think a Lonely Planet publication would have you leaving home on a great global journey with you packing your bags. However, "you don't have to travel to discover a world of new experiences.

From new ways to connect with friends, family and community... to unleashing your creative side".

Some suggestions might include finding a tree and giving it a nick name and a hug and making a random act of kindness day pact with friends and observing the results. You might try new types of cuisine or spices such as Vietnamese or Vegan. What about a new visual art project or giving your time and effort to volunteer or supporting a charity or conservation group. There are so many things that can be done to "explore more".

We need our community members to live healthy and meaningful lives which are refreshing and avoiding becoming bored or stressed out. We need everyone to try and pace themselves whilst managing their energy – whether as employees, self-employed or volunteers, sometimes we need to just chillout.

Explore every day with joy, whilst being kind to yourself



Principal's Post

TROY ASCOTT
COOLUM STATE HIGH SCHOOL

FORGET about the Logies. Ignore the Oscars. Give up on the Grammies. There is only one awards ceremony that really matters and it's coming up soon – the Coolum State High School 'Celebration of Excellence'.

The Celebration of Excellence honours 'Gold' award winners from each year level who have excelled in their studies. Students in year 12 who have received a gold award in each of their high school years receive a 'Platinum' award, and I know it is something that is treasured and very much sought after, with students setting their sights for the stars. This year, we have more gold and platinum award winners than ever before.

Special awards are given to students who have excelled in sport, in any of our celebrated Academy programs and those who have demonstrated exceptional qualities at school in striving for their goals.

Any local resident who has attended a Celebration of Excellence can attest to the sheer quality of the musical performances that complement the evening, showcasing Coolum High's extraordinary range of student musical talent. The music always makes the night unforgettable.

At the end of the evening, the Wandama Award is presented to the year 12 student with the highest results at the time of the ceremony. It is an award that is very much anticipated and is extremely competitive amongst the students. In 2023, Jessnee Ng, set new benchmarks by having not lost a single grade at the time of winning the award. That's right – Jessnee was on 100% in all subjects. This was a feat matched by last year's winner, Noah-Jay McArdle.

What truly extraordinary

the Coolum community.

representatives of the culture of

students and what

After hours of hard work, years at school, striving, working, polishing performances and examining and refining essays - who will be the 2025 Wandama Award winner? I can honestly say I don't know, but what I do know is that there is an incredible field of students all in the mix and vying for the award who are amongst the finest students in Queensland. The Coolum High 'Celebration of Excellence' sets an incredible benchmark and is a highlight of our year. And it's all happening on Wednesday of next week. I know that it will be a night to remember!

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Legal News

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RUMPOLE TYPE REMINISCENCES

THERE are times that you can find happiness at work. In carpentry or nursing - even in law - the collegiate nature of a trade or profession is occasionally wonderful.

Were you to wander through the Inns of Court off Fleet Street in London, you might wish you were part of that apparently peaceful environment. Brisbane's own Inns of Court are contained in a high-rise in Turbot Street. The denizens try to create a bookish atmosphere through the use of law reports, artworks and Persian rugs. Above all, the air is silent. Shoosh: people are thinking.

The good nature with which tradespeople and professionals treat each other is rooted in money. They are happy because together they are earning a living. My favourite barristers are always happy to receive my call.

However, look further and you often find good behaviour that owes itself only to kindness and humour. It is an unwritten rule in law that you can telephone any practitioner – no matter how famous – and ask for advice. Further,

the unwritten thank-you for a favour given is a bottle of scotch whiskey.

The bar is jolly hard work. If a barrister has a trial commencing Monday, then Sunday is given to preparation. A solicitor is likely to receive late night phone calls about deposing a new witness in time for trial or to locate a missing document.

My own admission to the law was in 1984. A barrister moved my admission, as they say, in the Supreme Court of Queensland. My firm called this fellow "Herbert of Turbot". My subsequent gift to Andrew Herbert of a tray of unblemished avocadoes probably non-plussed him. However, I will never forget the day that I joined the legal profession. And Andrew will never forget the day that he missed out on the scotch.

Returning to Fleet Street for a moment, fictional Rumpole's chambers had an old and eccentric honorary member called Uncle Tom. Now, there's a role model for me at the end of my career: giving unwanted advice from the back of the

As I said, happiness can be found in the workplace every day. If you look for it.



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Sports News

RESERVE GRADE COLTS GRAND FINAL BOUND

BY PAT CAVANAGH

THIS SUNDAY Coolum Colts will be represented by the Reserve Grade in the Sunshine Coast Gympie Rugby League Grand Finals at Sunshine Coast Stadium.

The Coolum Reserve Grade team were the first team to make the Grand Final as they comprehensively defeated Beerwah 34 to 6 at Coolum on August 30 in front of a packed Ronnie Cargill oval.

The team will be up against Stanley Rivers in the decider.

Coach Blake Batton in his first year as coach said he was extremely proud of the boys and how they played leading into the Grand Final.

He further added that

throughout the year they have had a lot of injury setbacks.

"The players are mostly fit and healthy, and this is at the right time of the year, and we are all very excited about next Sunday."

Club president Simon Kidman is asking everyone to get on board with the Colts for the Grand Final.

"Wear your colours, bring your energy, and let's show our team the support they need to become the 2025 Reserve Grade Premiers."

Last Sunday three Coolum teams participated in the Preliminary finals – a stellar showing for the club.

The U19 were defeated 38 to 6 by Beerwah. The Open Women's team went down to Maroochydore by 30 points to 14 and the A Grade played an enthralling game of football before going down to Maroochydore 13 to 12.



The Coolum Colts Senior Men. Photo: Digital Barista

HOME GROUND FINALS GAMES FOR COOLUM FC SENIORS

IN WHAT was a huge weekend of finals football Coolum FC O'35's Div 1 Men's claimed both the League and Final double by defeating Maroochydore FC 3-1 at home last Friday night in front of a large crowd.

In a very tight tussle with Maroochydore, Coolum scored early to take a 1-0 lead in the third minute however Maroochydore levelled it ten minutes later to make it 1-1.

Coolum then scored a superb goal through a Ryan Daley header in the fifty sixth minute and then with five minutes remaining Coolum scored on the counter to cement a 3-1 win and put two more trophies in the club

cabinet for 2025.

The Coolum FC O'35's Div 2 also claimed a League and Final double this season by winning the Final against a fellow Coolum FC team 4 -0 in a dominant display, controlling the match from start to finish.

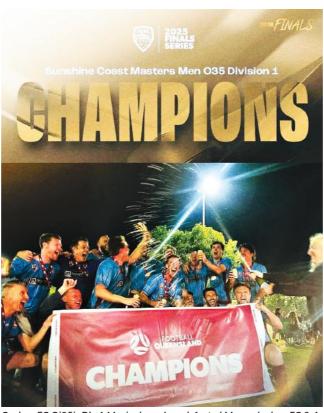
The boys scored two goals in each half and produced a strong display in defence and kept a clean sheet to top off a very successful season.

The Div 1 Women went up against Kawana FC and went 1-0 down after thirty minutes but brought it back to 1-1. With six minutes remaining Coolum were awarded a penalty in the box but put it wide so at full time the scores were still even, and the game went into extra time.

The teams couldn't be split with both having chances and a penalty shootout secured the win for Kawana which they won 5-3. The women won the League title but just fell short on doing the double

but overall also had a very successful season.

Coolum FC would like to thank the large crowds that turned up to show their support on Friday night at home to watch and support the senior teams.



Coolum FC O'35's Div 1 Men's champions defeated Maroochydore FC 3-1 on Friday night at home in Coolum.

COOLUM FC JUNIORS SECURE WINS AT SUNSHINE COAST STADIUM

SUNSHINE Coast Stadium played host to a huge day of football on Saturday September 6 with four Coolum FC iunior boys teams taking to the field in their respective finals.

The U16 Div 1 boys team put in a gallant effort and overcame N.Y.U 1-0 who pipped Coolum to the League title, but Coolum got their square up by bringing home the trophy on Saturday.

The U15 Div 1 boys were unlucky and lost their final to their local derby rivals Noosa, but the Coolum lads will take heart from that and will only improve into next season.

The U15 Div 2 boys put on a full force display and gave Maleny Ranger's FC a 5-1 hiding and in the U13 Div 1 game Coolum FC defeated Maroochydore FC 1-0 in a fantastic battle in their Final.

Three out of the four teams came home victorious in an almost clean sweep on the final day which is an extremely good effort from the junior's and the football club is extremely proud of their results.

A bigger trophy cabinet might need to be on the cards after the efforts from all the teams this year.



The Coolum FC U16 Div 1 team who beat NYU 1-0 at Sunshine Coast Stadium on Saturday September 6. Photo: Contributed





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To complete what has been another fantastic year at Coolum FC - Football

Queensland Sunshine Coast awarded the Women's Div 1 team the Senior

Community Team of the Year 2025. Photos: Contributed

Set on a private and level 800m² block in a prestigious street, this exquisite home redefines easy luxury living. Designed with a striking U-shaped layout that frames a sparkling central pool, the turn-key residence invites an abundance of natural light through expansive glass windows and doors, creating a seamless connection between indoor and outdoor spaces.

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Flashing school zone signs to be rolled out for Coolum State School

DURING Road Safety Week, the Crisafulli Government took action to improve road safety around schools, with the rollout of flashing school zone signs at 100 high-risk locations across Oueensland.

Coolum State School has been funded for Flashing School Zone Signs is a part of a \$7million roll out across Queensland to help keep children safe.

Member for Ninderry Dan Purdie MP said installing flashing school zone signs leads to a 45 per cent decrease in the number of motorists exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 km/h. "The upgraded signs compliment a raft of measures being delivered by the Crisafulli Government to improve road safety, including the parliamentary inquiry into e-mobility use and more speeding enforcement measures

"Every child deserves to feel safe on their way to and from school. These flashing signs are a simple but powerful reminder to drivers to slow down and stay alert."

Last year, 12,384 infringement notices were issued across Queensland for motorists speeding in 40km/h school zones.

Tragically, more than

63 school aged children in Queensland were injured in 2024 as a result of a crashes in school zones, with around 30 of those casualties hospitalised.

The selected school zones were identified based on a comprehensive assessment of crash history, pedestrian activity, traffic volume, speed limits, visibility concerns, and feedback from school communities.

"This safety initiative builds upon the road safety upgrades at the School Road intersection, where signalised lights replaced an unpredictable round about." Mr Purdie said.



Coolum State School Principal Shannyn Taylor and Ninderry MP Dan Purdie at the announcement of the flashing school zone signs which will be located at the school in an effort to improve safety. Photo: Contributed

Community Update

COOLUM LIONS

Coolum Lions support Marcoola Nippers

COOLUM Lions greatly appreciates the Marcoola Surf Club's Nipper program which provides our young people with essential skills to succeed in life and reach their full potential. One can only

stand in awe when witnessing the dedication and commitment of the Nipper training team. Coolum Lions recently presented a cheque for \$2,000 to the Marcoola SLSC Nipper program. Coolum Lions have been supporting the local community for over 40 years. Pictured at the presentation are Lion Mark Newlan, Alanna Patterson, Emily Patterson, Lion Doug Alford, Dave Patterson and Skye Rosevear. *Photo: Contributed*



Beach buggies to be used by Noosa Council to enforce responsible pet ownership

NOOSA Council's Local Laws officers will be visible in the community more often, especially at off-leash areas with the aim of educating before enforcing fines.

Mayor Frank Wilkie said this increase in visibility follows changes to the 'Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act' by the state which will soon see fines for not having a dog under effective control increase to \$834.

"We love our pets and want to ensure they're not harmed or cause harm to other dogs or people, which is why these regulations exist," Cr Wilkie said.

"Given the increase in fines we will be taking an educationbefore-enforcement approach to ensure our local dog owners are well informed of the rules and the significant fines they risk by not being responsible pet owners," he said.

Acting Local Laws and Environmental Health Manager Clint Irwin said keeping a dog under effective control is more than just having it on a leash.

"Effective control of a dog means you must be physically able to hold the dog on the leash and in an off-leash area such as our off-leash beaches, a dog must be under continuous supervision and control using voice commands, so it needs to be well trained," he said.

For more information about responsible pet ownership and off-leash dog exercise areas, visit Noosa Council's website - https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/Community/Animals-and-Pets/Dogs



Mayor Frank Wilkie and local laws team members Andrew and Jodie with the ATV and Council's responsible pet ownership education mascot 'Buster'. Photo: Contributed



5 years ago local man Andrew Toolis told his new art teacher Chony Bowden from @chonysartroom about his LOVE for the hit American TV series Bay Watch.

Andrew relayed how much he wished he lived at Bay Watch, because, he believed the people who 'live there' look after each other, are really good friends, save each others lives and are really good looking!.

Andrew Toolis was born with down syndrome, together with a huge heart, wonderful sense of humour and ready to be 'on the big screen'.

'Beach Watch', is a a heart warming, inclusive, local short film.

Produced by @chonysartroom

Filmed by @timothybirchstudio

And @kerbsidecollective

The attendees at this event will be glammed up, ready to walk the red carpet and be photographed by paparazzi! Think 'Golden Globes' and then you are close to understanding what to expect.

Even more of the "good feels' with all proceeds from ticket sales being donated to Tallulah Whitrods - 'Out Moons Mission's find a cure for SPG56 rare diseases.

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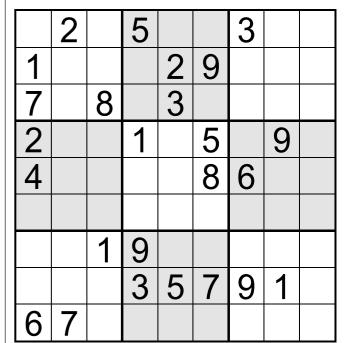
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Need to keep the kids busy these holidays?

Discover the fun with Sunshine Coast Council's School Holiday Guide! Packed with free and low-cost boredom-busting activities, there's something for everyone. Ditch the devices and head outside for exciting adventures and make memories that will last a lifetime. Places are limited for some events, so book early to avoid disappointment. For all the details, check out Council's website.

Time to register your best mate

Registering your cat or dog helps reunite them with you if they get lost and ensures pet-related services are provided where they're needed most. Registration renewals are due by Tuesday 30 September. So check your mailbox or email.

Protection tips for swooping season

Some native birds, like magpies, can act defensively to protect their territory, their nests and their young. On the Sunshine Coast, this usually happens between July and November each year. Please be tolerant of these protected and iconic native birds if you walk or ride near nests. Search "defensive birds" on Council's website for tips on how to protect yourself.

Calling young artists

Do you like to draw Aussie plants and animals? Then go wild and unleash your creativity. The 2025 Wild HeART Student Art Prize is calling all creative kids to explore nature and turn it into art. Capture native plants, animals or fungi in your masterpiece and you could win prizes and be featured in a summer exhibition! Council's Wild HeART Student Art Prize is for children and young people under 18 who love our local environment. Entries close Sunday 5 October. Head to Maroochy Regional Bushland Botanic Garden's website to enter.

Watch Council's next Ordinary Meeting

View online on Council's website or at Sunshine Coast City Hall Chambers on Thursday 18 September at 9am.

Celebrate Disability Action Week at the FUNctional Market Day

Join us on Sunday 30 November from 10am-1pm at Venue 114, Bokarina. Enjoy market stalls, live music, workshops and a sensory room - all in a welcoming, inclusive space. It's free, fun and for everyone! Discover accessible tools like the Cérge app and enjoy entertainment from Sunny Coast's Got Talent. Visit Council's website for more details.

Free workshop series for creatives

Are you an artist, creative business or arts organisation on the Sunshine Coast? Ready to sharpen your skills, grow your audience or get your work out into the world? Join Creative Plus Business for a free workshop series designed to help you market your work, manage your practice and build confidence—no jargon, no fluff. Workshops run from September to November. Sign up for one, two or the full series. Search 'MadeSC' on Council's website for more details.

Don't miss Museum Mystery Madness

Discover exciting secrets about local history and enjoy interactive games and activities at museums throughout the Sunshine Coast from 20 September -5 October. Fun for all ages. To find museum opening hours and other details, go to 'Museums' at Council's heritage website.

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Happy Gardening

SANDRA GODFREY BLI BLI AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

SPRING is here, and that means sunny days and new life. Gardens are looking good filled with pretty flowers. Annuals such as, primulas, snapdragons, candytuft, flocks, pansies, poppies, and alstroemerias, all do well on the Sunshine Coast The flowers last longer if they are picked in the morning. Orchids are at their best too, with lots of orchid shows around for us

Australian Natives are showing off, especially the wonderful grevilleas. They are a diverse genus with attractive, evergreen foliage, and colourful longlasting flowers. There are about 360 species, and the striking flowers are a great source of nutrition to birds, bees and other

Gardeners can choose the type of grevillea to suit your garden. For instance, ground covers will provide cover and protection for small birds such as the Fairy Wren, bees, and butterflies. The taller varieties attract lorikeets, and white cheeked honeyeaters etc. Some grevilleas do better in full sun, others will cope with partial shade. It is noticeable though that the sunnier position produces more flowers, however the soil must be well drained at all times. With fertiliser, never use anything containing phos-

phorus as that might kill off the plant and make sure you read the directions on the label. Best to fertilise after the spring flowering is finished, trim off the dead branches and flowers. The foliage can vary from each species - some can be delicate and fern like, or sometimes serrated and tough. Grevilleas can often flower for many months of the year.

Green and Gold: Golden Wattle (Acacia Pycnantha) is Australia's floral emblem and we have a special day for the iconic plant. September 1st is celebrated as Wattle Day in Australia!

There are about 1000 species of wattle found all over Australia. Their seeds are food for the wildlife and their foliage and can differ from area to area. Some of the wattles are green and gold, but not all. There is a pink wattle that comes from North Queensland which is quite rare. The Cootamundra wattle puts on a glorious display in Tasmania, with its beautiful purple foliage.

So whatever type of garden you have, a certain Spring is in the air!

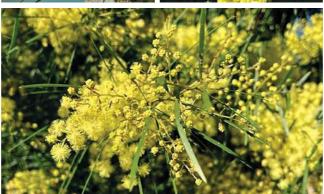
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A look back in time

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

REMEMBERING THE COOLUM KITE **FESTIVAL**

RECENTLY several people have spoken of the period when Coolum was "up in the air" more than ten years ago.

Newer residents may be puzzled by this, but there was a time when some 30,000 locals and visitors crowded onto the beach between the Surf Club and Stumers Creek to fly kites, watch kites flying, listen to kites making whale-like sounds, and to admire an amazing array of kites of all sorts.

From 2000- 2006 the Coolum Kite Festival attracted kiteflyers of all ages and from a range of different countries, including Taiwan, China, and New Zealand, as well as from other parts of Australia.

The first kite festival, based at the Stumers Creek end of Coolum Beach, was organised by Justine Francis and Karen Allen, who had "come up with the idea" after seeing the Festival of Wind at Bondi Beach. The festival attracted up to 12,000 people, watching or participating on a single day of celebrations, including amateur kite-flyers as well as huge, inflated kites of all shapes and colours.

By the 2004 Kite Festival we were told that "the usually disserted beach between Coolum and Stumers Creek looked like Brisbane's Queen Street mall at lunch time as

an estimated 30,000

visitors and locals headed to the festival, held in ideal kiteflying conditions where perfect blue skies formed the backdrop to a swirling sea of kites of all shapes and sizes."

The 2004 festival included more than just kites- there was a 'flying sound garden' where the 'kite string DJ', (Linsey Pollak), "harnessed the wind, creating whale-like sounds,' and "Madame Lark entertained the crowd with her crazy renditions of bird calls, saw playing and gravity-defying hair."

The spokesman for the 2004 Kite Festival, Noel Mooney, told the Coolum Advertiser that the number of spectators in that year had doubled, and that the kite flyers who had attended, rated the festival as one of the best they have attended anywhere in the world.

However, by 2005 the Coolum Kite Festival had begun to outgrow itself, extending its area as far as Sunshine Beach, from where 60 competitors "made a spectacular sight" as they raced back to Stumers Creek in an effort to collect a total of \$5,000 + in prizes.

The 2006 Kite Festival included a kite flying team, the RAAF roulettes and a 'Knight Kite Ballet'. Sadly the Kite Festival had, by this time, outgrown itself- many Coolum people still miss it!

Coolum Kite Festival



A poster for the Coolum Kite Festival. Photo: Windolf Collection

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COOLUM ANGLICAN CHURCH ONLINE SAFETY INFO

Free information session for community members on **Thursday, September 11th** at 12.30pm in the hall downstairs at the Church. Emily Klien from QLD Community Alliance will be present online safety and how to recognise scams. This is particularly aimed at older persons however everyone is welcome.

FRIENDS OF YAROOMBA

Friends of Yaroomba's AGM will be held on **Saturday**, **September 20th** at 3:00 pm at Birrahl Park, Yaroomba. Ever considered getting involved? We'd love for you to join our friendly community group. Membership is free. All are welcome.

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 & semiretired. 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**, **7th October**. We provide a generous morning tea on the day (small cost of \$4.00/guest). All enquiries please contact Faye 0419 644 651.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST COFFEE AND CHAT

Coffee and Chat is held on the 3rd Tuesday each month from 10-11am. Many new people came to share the morning with us and tell their family stories. If you would like to share your story with us, then come along to our next one on 16th September at our rooms in Petrie Park Rd. opposite the Nambour Aquatic Centre. Email: genealogysc@gmail.com

COOLUM ART COLLECTIVE

The Coolum Art Collective is once again exhibiting their art this Spring at the Coolum Civic Centre 9am to 5pm from Friday, October 3rd to 5th, and on Monday, October 6th 9am to 3.00pm. This popular event will feature a diverse range of art and crafts by some of the Sunshine Coast local artists, and artisans. The art is entirely original and comprises both traditional and modern styles in all mediums. Entry is free with the opportunity to purchase art works and various items from the artisans on display. David Hinchcliffe will be the Guest Speaker at the event and Karol Oakley will be the VIP Judge of the art works. The official

opening will be on **Saturday** 4th at 3.00pm.

DANCE EXERCISE CLASS

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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, 27th September 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

SUNSHINE COAST SCRABBLE CLUB

Sunshine Coast Scrabble Club

meets at Nambour RSL at 1 pm every Friday. Games, while competitive, are low key, with an emphasis on enjoying the game in the company of other Scrabble lovers. New players are welcome and are given a gentle introduction with an initial open-book game. For more information, call Trevor on 54457770.

AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENT RETIREES (AIR) NOOSA BRANCH

Are you retired and fully or partly self-funded or planning to be so? AIR is a National not-forprofit advocacy organisation. We meet on 3rd Thursday each month at Sunrise Uniting Church, Grasstree Ct, Sunrise Beach Time: 9:15am for 9:30am start. AIR/ASA Members - no charge for meetings. Visitors \$10 pp incl morning tea (first 2 visits free of charge). airnoosasecretary@gmail.com Tel 0417 431 303 www.facebook. com/AIRNoosa Membership: \$28 per person valid to 30 June 2026. Helping to improve financial literacy. We are a volunteer, non-party political organisation. Our Vision: To advance a sustainable quality of life in retirement.

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COOLUM HeARTS

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

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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

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COOLUM CONNECTIONS

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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.

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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.

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.

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Noosa Bridge Club, 3 Wallace Street, Noosaville on Tuesday, 9 September, 12.30 – 2.30pm with follow-up Supervised Play, from Wednesday, 17 September, 1.00 – 3.00pm. Cost \$80. Contact noosabridge@gmail.com or phone 07 5447 1341 to register or for more information. NBC provides a friendly atmosphere with lots of events and sessions including a relaxed Saturday afternoon session.

COOLUM BRIDGE CLUB - YAROOMBA MEETING PLACE

Enquiries:
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
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Send in your details to michelle@coolumadvertiser.com.au



Tuesday, 26th August

Social Bowls 1st B Griffiths, JP Sengers +31 2nd S Moss, D Roberts +24 3rd P Croft, J & K Wilson +19 S Lubowicz, R Wallish +15

Thursday, 28th August Social Bowls

J Shipstone, D Hickey +37 2nd B Dryland, M Cadamy +35 3rd S Moss, J Wilson +33 4th M & J Curnow +23

Friday, 29th August Social Bowls

1st H Briggs, J Williams +28 2nd K & M Emerton +27 3rd A Hateley, G Brown +18

Tuesday, 2nd September Social Bowls

A Horsburgh, M Curnow +36 2nd Sandy & Scott Wilson +22 3rd P Bain, M Corcoran +20 4th L & J Cullen +14

Thursday, 4th September

Social Bowls 1st J & M Curnow +27 2nd T Solas, H Hancock +26 3rd G Dodd, P Bain +24 4th L & J Cullen +20

Friday 5th September

Social Bowls 1st P Teale, Scott Wilson +16 2nd A Horsburgh, M Curnow +16 3rd P Spencer, C Hawthorn +12

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/).

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/

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

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- Coolum Beach Bowls Club
- Coolum Beach Caravan Park
- Coolum High School Coolum News
- Coolum Village News
- Coolum-Peregian RSL
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- Ma Boulange Café
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 - of Seaside
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onto the finals with the Pennant competition wrapping up by the end of the month. Photos: Contributed

Tide heights taken from Coolum Beach & Maroochy River. For other areas visit www.qld.gov.au

1.73m

WED 17 SEP



Friday bowls on September 5.

WED 10 SEP

Maroochy River

Maroochy River

TUE 16 SEP

Coolum







Lots of happy bowlers for the Tuesday September 2 games.

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3:53 am

1.04m

3:31 am

5:46 am

TIDE TIMES 2025

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 - SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

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0.24m

Coolum 3:27 am 9:35 am 3:39 pm 9:44 pm Maroochy River 6:37 am 11:50 am 6:49 pm 11:59 pm **THU 11 SEP** 0.13m 1.76m 0.37m 1.55m Coolum 4:03 am 10:23 am 4:29 pm 10:25 pm Maroochy River 7:13 am 12:38 pm 7:39 pm FRI 12 SEP 0.52m 0.2m 1.73m 1.35m Coolum 4:43 am 11:14 am 5:28 pm 11:10 pm SAT 13 SEP 1.35m 0.3m 1.67m 0.65m 12:16 pm Coolum 5:27 am 6:50 pm 10:00 pm Maroochy River 1:25 am 8:37 am 2:31 pm **SUN 14 SEP** 0.69m 1.16m 0.4m 1.63m Coolum 12:06 am 6:23 am 1:36 pm 8:39 pm Maroochy River 2:21 am 9:33 am 3:51 pm 11:49 pm MON 15 SEP 1.03m 0.48m 1.63m 0.64m Coolum 1:38 am 7:43 am 3:05 pm 10:14 pm

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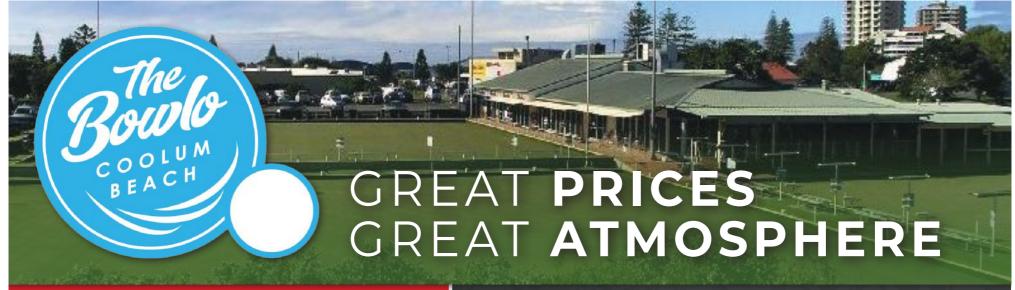
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Coolum		4:45 am	10:33 am	5:17 pm
Maroochy River	2:28 am	7:00 am	1:43 pm	7:32 pm
THU 18 SEP	0.45m	1.25m	0.34m	1.79m
Coolum	12:01 am	5:39 am	11:31 am	6:04 pm
Maroochy River	3:11 am	7:54 am	2:41 pm	8:19 pm
FRI 19 SEP	0.37m	1.36m	0.27m	1.81m
Coolum	12:37 am	6:22 am	12:18 pm	6:43 pm
Maroochy River	3:47 am	8:37 am	3:28 pm	8:58 pm
SAT 20 SEP	0.31m	1.46m	0.24m	1.8m
Coolum	1:09 am	7:00 am	12:58 pm	7:17 pm
Maroochy River	4:19 am	9:15 am	4:08 pm	9:32 pm
SUN 21 SEP	0.27m	1.53m	0.25m	1.76m
Coolum	1:38 am	7:36 am	1:36 pm	7:47 pm
Maroochy River	4:48 am	9:51 am	4:46 pm	10:02 pm
MON 22 SEP	0.24m	1.59m	0.28m	1.7m
Coolum	2:05 am	8:10 am	2:12 pm	8:17 pm
Maroochy River	5:15 am	10:25 am	5:22 pm	10:32 pm
TUE 23 SEP	0.23m	1.62m	0.34m	1.61m
Coolum	2:30 am	8:43 am	2:46 pm	8:45 pm
Maroochy River	5:40 am	10:58 am	5:56 pm	11:00 pm

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TUESDAY

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5:30PM

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

500 CARD CLUB 5:45PM

WEDNESDAY

9AM - 12PM Under cover area next to green #3. New players welcome.

2PM - 5PM

HI VIS PROMO Tradies welcome. Prize draw end of month

MEMBERS PROMO NIFTY FIFTY 4PM - 7PM

Swipe your card to win.

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

THURSDAY

7PM

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

SOCIAL DARTS You must be a Social member to play.

FRIDAY

TGIF RAFFLE

5PM

Tickets on sale carton of beer, breakfast tray then a 6 pack of beer. Drawn around 6:45pm.

SOCIAL SATURDAY

10AM - 2:15PM

THE BOWLO BIG SPIN

11:30AM - 1:10PM

4 lucky gaming members will be drawn for a chance at \$200.

LIONS CLUB SATURDAY RAFFLES Mega Meat Raffle.

1:30PM

APL POKER

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