

Newsletter

Councillor Gail O'Neill Division 14

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Welcome to the festive edition of my monthly Councillor Newsletter for 2019. It has been a pleasure to serve the needs of residents, schools, businesses and community groups within Division 14 throughout the year. Wishing Division 14 a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

My office in Tugun is open Tuesday to Friday between 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm. Residents are invited to meet with me to discuss any community concerns, feedback or suggestions. Please contact my office on 07 5581 5275 to arrange an appointment or email through your request to division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

I regularly conduct listening posts for residents to meet with me at either Coolangatta Library or Elanora Community Centre. For details of when I'll be conducting my next listening post please contact my office on 07 5581 5275.

To keep up to date with important Division 14 related works and events 'like' my Facebook page by visiting: https://www.facebook.com/gailoneilldivision14/ or search @gailoneilldivision14.

My office will be closed for the holiday period from 4.30pm Friday 20 December and will reopen on Tuesday 7 January at 8.30am. For any issues that require attention during this time please contact City of a Gold Coast Customer Contact on 1300 465 326 or email mail@goldcoast.qld.gov.au. Council after-hours emergency contact 1800 637 000.

Local Area Works

New footpath, Currumbin - the construction of a new footpath on the eastern side of Carlyle Drive is now complete.



Image: New footpath Carlyle Drive, Currumbin

New beach shower and water fountain station.

Currumbin – A new beach shower and water fountain station was recently installed near the boat ramp beside the Currumbin RSL along Currumbin Creek at the request of the Currumbin Creek Paddlers Club who will make use of the new facilities during their weekly sessions.



Image: New beach shower and water fountain station, Currumbin

Kirra Boardwalk renewal project – Works are ongoing to renew the iconic Kirra Boardwalk. The renewal project will involve a complete removal of the existing boardwalk and sub-structure, installation of concrete piers and precast architectural finished concrete deck and reinstallation of the existing handrail. Works will cease over the Christmas period. Any remaining works will be completed in January.

What's on in our community

Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Surf Lifesaving Club -Congratulations to the Tweed Heads and Coolangatta Surf Lifesaving Club on being awarded Australian Surf Club of the year for 2019.



Image: David Fuller, President TH&C Surf Club with Cr O'Neill





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Tugun Lights Up - The annual Tugun Lights Up returns in 2019 to kick off a month long celebration of Christmas in Tugun Village. Now in its 7th year Tugun Lights Up promotes the village spirit of coming together to enjoy the glittering Christmas Lights displays in each shopfront window.

A fabulous night is planned for **Saturday 30 November** from **4:00pm - 8:30pm** with Christmas entertainment, dining under the stars next to the iconic Fig trees, Christmas markets stalls, and a visit from Santa.

Tugun Lights Up is an initiative of Tugun Progress Association in conjunction with Connecting Southern Gold Coast and is proudly supported by the Blenkins Group, Tugun Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank and Division 14.

Valley Vibes – Tallebudgera Valley Community Project Association and Tallebudgera Uniting Church invite you to the annual Tallebudgera Valley Christmas Carols and food truck festival on **Sunday 1 December** at **4pm**.

Free Social Statistics Workshop – Community groups are invited to attend this free workshop on

Thursday 12 December between 1.30pm to 2.30pm at the Flinders Room, Kirra Hill Community and Cultural Centre. Learn how to use the City's community profiling tools to enable you to examine the population characteristics of your local community. Using demographic information can help you to plan and advocate for your community more effectively, deliver services and build the evidence you need for grant applications.

Contact Safe and Liveable Communities Branch on 07 5581 6642 to secure your place.



Currumbin Community Christmas Carols – Santa is coming to Currumbin for a magical evening under the stars. Get the whole family into the festive spirit at the annual Currumbin Community Christmas Carols on Monday 9 December from 5.30pm to 8pm.

Sing along to your favourite Christmas songs led by an impressive cast of local talent. Free children's activities including: craft station, hula hoops, jumping castle and face painting from 5.30pm. Traditional Christmas concert from 6pm with roving entertainment throughout the evening and a laser light show at the conclusion of the event.

Bring a blanket or chairs and enjoy a food truck picnic with a variety of dinner and dessert options available from local food trucks. Free admission. Proudly sponsored by Division 14.

Coolangatta Christmas Carols – Coolangatta's Queen Elizabeth Park will come alive with the spirit of Christmas on Sunday 15 December with the free Coolangatta Christmas Carols proudly supported by Division 14 and Hutchinson Builders.

Sing along to your favourite Christmas carols with legendary performer, Denis Walter. The Coolangatta Christmas markets and food trucks will commence trading from 4pm with the show starting at **5.30pm**. Please bring your own water bottle to refill at the water refill-stations as no plastic water bottles will be sold at the event.

Coolangatta New Year's Eve Fireworks – The night sky will light up over Coolangatta on Tuesday 31 December for the annual New Year's Eve Fireworks proudly supported by Division 14. There will be a family friendly display at 9pm (AEST) and another display at 12 o'clock midnight (AEST).

