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COUNCILLOR NEWS

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My office in Tugun is open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Due to COVID-Safe practices, I will meet with residents by appointment only. For assistance, please phone 07 5581 5275 or email division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

To keep up to date with important Division 14 related information visit our Facebook page @gailoneilldivision14.

Local area works

Currumbin Beach viewing deck

Works to replace the decking boards at the beachfront viewing platform at Currumbin Beach are complete. Maintenance works were also completed on the 'Sun Spirit' sculpture which has been reinstated.



Viewing platform, Currumbin

Captain Cook Lighthouse, Point Danger

Update on the redevelopment of Point Danger Lookout - Tweed Shire Council has undertaken the final design review after seeking advice from specialist contractors on ways to reduce construction costs. Once the final revised designs are received from the architect, a

modification to the planning approval will be sought. Tweed Shire Council will then seek revised tender pricing with the hope of awarding a construction contract by the end of the year.

The project team will continue to monitor border restrictions and will take these into consideration as part of the construction phase.

Gold Coast Highway and Toolona Street Intersection, Tugun

The Department of Transport and Main Roads commenced pedestrian safety and road maintenance works on the Gold Coast Highway at Tugun in late August. A combination of day and night works, with some weekend work as required, will continue for about 4 months, weather and contractor conditions permitting.

Stage 1: Road re-surfacing works

- Pavement repairs from Toolona Street to Wanda Avenue
- Asphalting
- Drainage works and line marking

Stage 2: Pedestrian crossing at Toolona Street intersection

- Construction of a fenced pedestrian refuge area in the central median
- Change the existing pedestrian crossing to a two-staged staggered crossing
- New kerb ramps and pedestrian push buttons and line marking
- Road resurfacing from Wyberba Street to 100m south of Toolona Street

Residents and businesses can expect noise, dust and vibrations at times during the roadwork activity. Changed traffic conditions will apply, including temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits, with traffic control on site to monitor the intersection. Motorists will be advised of changed traffic conditions via electronic message signs, traffic alerts, and updates at QLDtraffic.qld.gov.au.

Spotlight on SouthernGC

Southern Beaches Community Garden, Tugun Community Centre

The dedicated, volunteer green thumbs at Southern Beaches Community Garden have been busy expanding their plot space and building new garden beds ready for Spring. Find out more by visiting: southernbeachescommunitygarden.com/ or follow them on Facebook @southernbeachescommunitygarden.



Southern Beaches Community Garden

Probus Club of Kirra-Tugun celebrates 30 years

I was happy to be invited to present a certificate to Probus Club of Kirra-Tugun as part of their 30th birthday commemorative celebrations. This great bunch of people like to keep informed and regularly meet to lift each other's spirits during these uncertain times.



Probus Club of Kirra-Tugun's 30th Birthday

Essentially Cooly

Local Coolangatta and Kirra businesses doing it tough due to the current border restrictions are banding together, and local identities are lending their voices to encourage other Gold Coasters and Queenslanders to visit Coolangatta to show their support. The local community funded its own tourism ad campaign emphasising what's really important – looking after each other.



Essentially Cooly tourism ad campaign

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4

I continue to encourage everyone to submit their feedback regarding Stage 4 of the Gold Coast Light Rail. You can do so in writing to my office which I will collate and send through to our Transport and Infrastructure team, who will be liaising with Transport and Main Roads on this project. For more information visit tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4.

Off-leash dog area, Goodwin Park

Following public consultation with local residents along the park boundary, and the City's Animal Management and Parks and Recreational Services officers, the proposal for a fenced off-leash dog area at Goodwin Park was thoroughly considered. We looked at an alternative location to the existing off-leash area but due to the low-lying area being subject to intense flooding at times it has been determined that it is no longer feasible for a fenced area.

What's on in our community

Gold Coast Beach 5s Spring Break Festival

The organisers of the Beach 5s Rugby Spring Festival at Greenmount Beach on 30 and 31 October have reported overwhelming support for this year's event with a sell-out record of 110 entries representing 1300 competitors, 95% of which are from Queensland. With the addition of player supporters and their families this should bring over 3500 visitors to Southern Gold Coast to inject a much-needed boost to local businesses.

The most welcome news for the event weekend was the announcement by Queensland's Tourism Minister that Brisbane's Ekka Show Day Public Holiday would be moved to Friday 29 October. For Brisbane visitors this will be a three day long weekend with some visitors possibly extending their stay to include Melbourne Cup on Tuesday 2 November.

Beach 5s Rugby Spring Festival is free to the public. The major attraction in the beach competition arena will be the Beach 5s All-Star Legends Game and Beach 5s Finals from 3pm Saturday 30 October. This will be followed by the not-to-be-missed and very first Sunset Beach Concert from 6pm, proudly supported by Division 14, and starring Trent Bell and Band (Voice Australia semi-finalist).

Everyone is invited to come on down to Greenmount Beach with their beach chairs and enjoy the free live entertainment.

For more information visit beachrugbyaustralia.com.au or follow @beachrugbyaustraliafestival on Facebook.

All information correct when going to print. For up-to-date information visit our Facebook page @gailoneilldivision14.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Let's do what we do best: support locals

There has never been a more important time to shop, play, stay, and dine locally.

This global health pandemic has challenged our city like nothing before. At the same time, our city is known for its generous spirit and community pride. As Mayor, I urge every Gold Coaster to "think local" and choose to support their local businesses - however possible.

Right now, there are amazing deals right across the coast. To support this, Council recently introduced a \$3 million Play Money campaign to help stimulate the local economy.

As summer approaches and people start to think about short holidays, time away from work and, importantly, time with the family, I ask that we all look to buy local.

Please plan a short-stay holiday at one of our amazing local resorts, shout the kids fish 'n chips at a local business, or take a day out to enjoy our theme parks, broad water experiences, hinterland trails, and adventure rides.

As a city of almost 700,000 people, we can all play a vital role in helping our local economy.

There are more than 67,000 small businesses in our city, making us the small business capital of Australia. Now is your chance to show them your care.

We all hope 2022 will be a year where we learn to 'live with Covid' and the country has hit the 70-plus percent vaccination rates.

Once we are at that level, the Federal Government is rightly looking to open up our country so we can learn to live with this virus and rebuild our economies.

Together, we can get the Goldie through this.

TOM TATE - MAYOR

