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COUNCILLOR NEWS

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My office in Tugun continues to operate in isolation Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm. Residents are invited to contact me to discuss any community concerns or suggestions. For assistance, please telephone 07 5581 5275 or email division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

To keep up to date with important Division 14 related information, 'like' my Facebook page by visiting: facebook.com/gailoneilldivision14

Local area works

Footpath construction, Miles Street

Construction of a 76 metre footpath to connect the existing footpath on Miles Street with Winston Street, Coolangatta is scheduled to commence in October 2020.

Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade

Motorcycle parking bays and landscaping works are ongoing as part of the upgrade works. It's great to see the connectivity in Wallace Nichol Park and over to the beachfront.



Wallace Nichol Park footpath

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway

City officers are liaising with wildlife experts regarding turtle hatchings on Tugun beach in relation to the proposed Oceanway lighting plan.

Pedestrian refuge proposal, Tallebudgera Valley

In response to several requests for safer crossings, I am looking into funding the design for two pedestrian refuges and connecting paths which will provide safer opportunities to cross Tallebudgera Connection Road, to access the Dolan Family Park and Tallebudgera State School. Design is proposed for 2021-22 with construction to commence the following year, subject to funding.



Proposed pedestrian refuge locations

'Drive safe' speed awareness

The next round of speed awareness devices will be deployed in the following streets between September and November 2020:

- Millers Drive, Tugun;
- Tierney Drive, Currumbin Waters;
- Morshead Street, Tugun;
- Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters; and
- Kitchener Street, Tugun.

What's on in our community

SLSQ Point Danger Branch

SLSQ Point Danger Branch had its annual awards dinner on Saturday 1 August. Congratulations to all the Division 14 clubs including: Currumbin SLSC, Tugun SLSC, Bilinga SLSC, North Kirra SLSC, Kirra SLSC, Coolangatta SLSC, Tweed Heads Coolangatta SLSC and Rainbow Bay SLSC.

Currumbin Creek Care tree planting

Join the Currumbin Creek Care Group on 19 September and help restore a 1.5km section of Currumbin Creek. Free. Suitable for all ages. Registrations via Eventbrite: naturallygc.eventbritestudio.com

Marquees to hire

Division 14 has two large Southern Gold Coast branded marquees and one Division 14 branded marquee available for local community events.

Open Garden 2020

From 9am to 4.30pm on 26 and 27 September, the must-see open garden, Tani Tei En, at 519 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin Valley, will be on show with its beautiful rainforests, themed plantings, restored dairy, and spectacular Japanese garden with tea house and lake. A Bonsai technician will be on site for sales and advice from 9am to 1pm.

\$5 entry (18+). Plants and food available for purchase. All proceeds will be distributed to Southern Beaches Community Garden and Currumbin Wildlife Hospital.



Tani Tei En Open Garden

Swell Sculpture Festival 2020

Come face to face with Queensland's largest outdoor sculpture exhibition, proudly supported by Division 14. Enjoy the awe-inspiring sculptures by local, national and international artists at the 18th SWELL Sculpture Festival 11 to 20 September 2020, connecting people, art and place.

Discover a range of unique experiences; guided twilight walks, artist talks and artist led workshops. For the full program visit: swellsculpture.com.au.



Migration by Parvaneh Roudgar courtesy of PBR Images

Virtual Youth Hub Committee

Tugun Community Bank Branch has formed a committee, with sub-committees, to create a digital platform/s with information on services, programs, and events for youth.

Division 14 will have representation on the committee, as the Virtual Youth Hub will become a valuable resource for the City to use in the new physical Youth Hub when it is built as part of the masterplan for Palm Beach Aquatic Centre.

Discretionary Grants Program 2020-21

Division 14 funding round open now!

The funding round for the Discretionary Grants Program (previously Divisional Donations Program) opens Monday 17 August and closes Friday 11 September.

The Discretionary Grants Program is allocated funding each financial year to support community organisations to deliver projects between \$250 and \$10,000 with a community purpose. Funding for this program is allocated via one funding round per financial year.

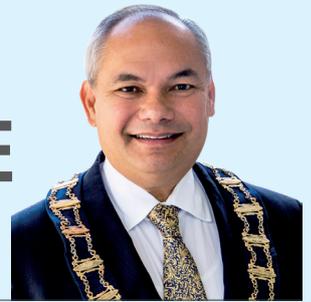
All projects funded by the Discretionary Grants Program over \$500 must be acquitted within eight weeks of project completion or 12 months from the date of remittance of funds (whichever is earlier).

To check your eligibility or to apply online visit: cityofgoldcoast.com.au/communitygrants.

To complete the online application, select the division in which your project will take place.

For further assistance, please phone 07 5581 6461 or email discretionarygrants@goldcoast.qld.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Protecting and enhancing Gold Coast's natural assets

Gold Coast enjoys a well-deserved reputation for offering some of the best lifestyle options available on the planet with natural areas one of our great attractions. That's why we have an on-going program of maintenance and improvement to keep these areas in tip-top shape.

One of the major projects underway currently is our annual dredging program which will see 40,000 cubic metres of sand reducing the Tallebudgera Creek outflow and used to replenish Burleigh beach. This has been an annual program since 1990.

This sand would fill 16 Olympic-sized swimming pools and is a key factor in reducing beach erosion. An additional 30,000 cubic metres of sand will be dredged from Currumbin Creek to replenish southern Palm Beach.

This is part of a larger program of coastal management work to ensure the city's 52km of coastline from Coolangatta to South Stradbroke remains in the best condition possible. Additional coastal management works include the Palm Beach shoreline project, Narrowneck artificial reef renewal and on-going beach nourishment.

Another great project is a \$2.8 million upgrade to Paradise Country Parklands to create a world-class adventure playground that will enable youngsters, in particular, to play, explore and learn. Adults will be able to relax and soak up the beauty of enhanced natural landscaping that will incorporate a half-hectare of picnic areas with barbecue facilities. Car parking will double to over 100 spaces.

This is all part of a \$10.2 million investment in upgrading and developing playgrounds in various Gold Coast parks over the next year.

Country Paradise Parklands covers 12 hectares with sprawling grounds that feature stables and a large paddock for the Healing Hooves program, a community garden, a large hall, a workshop for the local Men's Shed and a large oval for events.

If you like to enjoy our beautiful weather why not try our new ferry service, Hopo, that is now operating two new vessels offering five stops servicing Home of the Arts (HOTA) at Evandale, Appel Park at Surfers Paradise, Marina Mirage at Main Beach, Broadwater Parklands at Southport and Sea World at Main Beach.

The new 60-capacity open plan design is specifically for Gold Coast waterways with features to protect marine life and habitats. There is free Wi-Fi, two allocated wheelchair spaces and space for prams, bikes, surfboards and other sporting equipment on-board.

Please stay healthy and safe while you enjoy living in the best place on Earth.

TOM TATE
MAYOR