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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

Artbox 2020

New artwork by local artist Christen Salmon was recently installed on the traffic signal box located at the intersection of Stapylton and Miles Street Coolangatta to improve visual amenity and reduce opportunities for graffiti vandalism.



Artbox artwork by local artist Christen Salmon

Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade

Footpath installation and landscaping works are ongoing at Wallace Nichol Park as part of the Currumbin Point shared path and carpark upgrade. The new footpath will link with the pedestrian crossing to improve safety.

Palm Beach Aquatic Centre

I have received a copy of the plans for Stage 1 of the \$53 million upgrade to Palm Beach Aquatic Centre which includes a new community youth hub.



Palm Beach Aquatic Centre concept image

New footpath, Miles Street

Construction of a 76 metre concrete footpath to connect the existing footpath on Miles Street with Winston Street in Coolangatta is scheduled to commence during the 2020-21 financial year (\$38,000).

Wyberba Parklands, Tugun

The climbing structure and shade sails over the picnic tables at Wyberba Parklands were recently replaced having reached end-of-life.

Kropp Park change room extension

Construction of the change room extension to the existing amenities block have commenced with anticipated completion mid-October. The existing amenities will remain open and operational during construction.

Seawall construction, Tugun

Commencing Monday 3 August, the City will undertake public seawall construction works along Pacific Parade between Wagawn Street and Kropp Park. Works will take place Monday to Friday, 7am - 3.30pm. The project is expected to be completed in December 2020 (weather permitting).

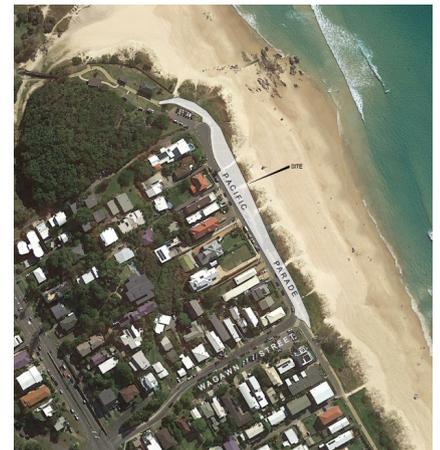
The seawall construction will require the removal of two platforms. The first platform will be relocated to a more

suitable location adjacent to Kropp Park. The second smaller viewing platform and stairs adjacent to Wagawn Street will be replaced with a sand ramp access way.

Works will also include an upgrade of the existing footpath along Pacific Parade to the Oceanway standard design. The upgrade will begin at Kropp Park and connect to the existing path to the south of the site. Restoration of any affected areas will be completed as part of the works.

Due to the importation of rock material, minor impacts on local traffic are expected. Pedestrian access will be maintained and signs will be in place to notify road and path users.

For project information visit: goldcoast.qld.gov.au/seawall-construction-pacific-parade-tugun-54487.html



Seawall Construction Location Plan, Tugun

Road resurfacing, Tallebudgera Valley Rural Fire Brigade

I have allocated \$85,000 plus additional funds to cover project management costs to expand and resurface the carpark at Tallebudgera Valley Rural Fire Brigade, making it more user-friendly for the fire brigade, park users and equestrian riders.

City of Gold Coast Budget 2020-21

Division 14 allocation

With the recent adoption of the City Budget, here's a list of how Division 14's discretionary budget of \$750,000 has been allocated.

Allocation to upgrade playgrounds throughout Division 14:

- Construction of a new shade structure over the existing playground within Dolan Family Park, Tallebudgera (\$30,000)
- Major upgrade to the playground within Currumbin RSL Reserve, Currumbin (\$60,000)
- Major upgrade to Robert Neumann Park, Currumbin Valley to include new nature-based playground, pathways, picnic furniture, additional seating and removal of the existing entrance structure which has reached end-of-life (\$290,000)

Allocation to Local Area Works within Division 14:

- Further \$150,000 contribution to the upgrade of the RT Peak Memorial Stage 2 within RT Peak Memorial Park, Kirra Hill (total \$300,000)
- \$97,000 allocation towards Division 14 local streetscaping program 2020-21
- \$80,000 allocation towards roadworks within Division 14
- \$20,000 contribution towards parks and beaches
- \$20,000 contribution towards beaches and waterways
- Upgrade Bus Stop 21 Currumbin Creek Road, Currumbin (\$22,200)

Contribution towards the staging of the following Division 14 sponsored events:

- Coolangatta Christmas Carols (\$30,000)
- Currumbin Community Christmas Carols (\$20,000)
- Tugun Lights Up (\$15,000)
- Coolangatta New Year's Eve Fireworks (\$25,000)
- Seaside Sounds (\$25,000)
- Shout Out Fest during Queensland Youth Week (\$15,000)

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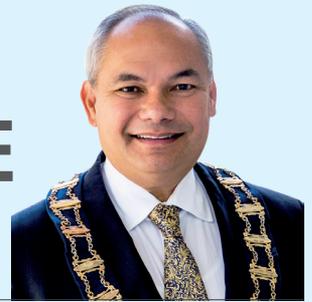
- ANZAC Day Ceremony at Elephant Rock (\$15,000)
- Swell Sculpture Festival (\$40,000)
- Allocation to Storyfest's Creative Life event (\$4,000)
- Gold Coast Film Festival (\$15,000)
- Beach Rugby, Kirra Beach (\$5,000)

Contribution towards programs to be delivered in Division 14 including:

- Active & Healthy (\$10,000)
- Naturally GC (\$10,000)

Fifty per cent rental contribution to support Surfworld Museum (\$20,000).

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Our love affair with books – and clean, green living

There were many things we took for granted before COVID-19 and we discovered libraries are one of our city's most-loved assets when we had to close the doors to save lives.

We were able to use digital work-arounds to enable access to our e-Library but the great news is that our bricks and mortar facilities have their doors open once again although it is expected to be another couple of weeks before Robina's refurbishment is completed.

There are still social distancing and other health protection measures in place but the Browse & Borrow service enables up to 50 items to be borrowed for 4 weeks. Showing your borrowing card as you enter and leave remains essential for contact tracing if necessary.

I want to thank library lovers for their patience over recent months and want to remind you that we acted only to protect your health and safety. For all details of current services check out our new Gold Coast Libraries website. The fresh look and layout can really enhance your experience so bookmark it as one of your favourites.

Keeping our air fresh and clean is vital to health and wellbeing so we have introduced six new electric vehicles to the City fleet. They have zero petrol or diesel fuel costs, emit zero greenhouse gas emissions and require less ongoing maintenance than regular cars. A real winner for our environment and we will continue as more options become available.

It's all part of our continual focus on energy management to source as much renewable power as possible. To help others join the clean emissions movement, the City is working towards potentially trialling publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points across the Gold Coast later this year. I'll keep you informed.

Meantime, the City is trialling a new road recycling technology which halves greenhouse gas emissions normally produced during conventional asphaltting. When resurfacing local roads we can recycle 100 per cent of the existing road to create a superior pavement.

This innovative technology offers significant environmental and economic benefits. This is important as we are responsible for 3,230 kilometres of local roads extending annually by around 25 kilometres. For ratepayers this is a positive benefit because it can cut costs by 30 to 50%.

Please stay healthy and happy until next time I bring you up to date.

TOM TATE
MAYOR