



Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome to the January edition of my monthly Councillor Newsletter for 2020. I'm passionate about serving the needs of residents, schools, businesses and community groups within Division 14 and anticipate another fantastic year on Southern Gold Coast.

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 dates, 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 reopen for the New Year on Tuesday 7 January at 8.30am. For any issues that require attention before this time please contact City of 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

Kirra Boardwalk renewal project – Works are now nearing completion 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 reinstatement of the existing handrail. The footpath and road reopened to the general public before Christmas. Minor finishing works will be completed by 20 January.

Road reconstruction, Boundary Street – Road reconstruction works along Boundary Street (Hill Street to Ward Street) will reconvene 20 January with works due to be completed February 2020 (weather permitting).

Coolangatta and Kirra Business Centres Place Based Master Plan – The Coolangatta and Kirra Business Centres Place Based Master Plan has been endorsed through full Council.



Image: Coolangatta and Kirra Business Centre Place Based Master Plan

Focus on community

Green Heroes – Congratulations Green Heroes for being awarded with a 'Community Hero' award at the annual QLD Community Achievement Awards. With funding through Division 14's Divisional Donations grant round, Green Heroes recently hosted a family workshop on native wildlife rescue and rehabilitation in collaboration with Wildcare Australia Inc. Part of the workshop included a mock wildlife hospital in which children were able to engage wildlife 'rescue, care and rehabilitation'. With this same funding, Green Heroes has been able to continue with its regular workshops including its 'Pouches for Joeys Sewing Bees'. The sewing bees have been particularly productive in response to the many orphaned animals coming into care during the bushfire season.



Image: Green Heroes Pouches for Joeys Sewing Bees





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Image: Currumbin Community Christmas Carols

Currumbin Community Christmas Carols – It was a fantastic night at the annual Currumbin Community Christmas Carols on Monday 9 December. The local community came together in the spirit of Christmas to honour and raise funds for our heroes, The Currumbin Valley Rural Fire Brigade.



Image: Currumbin Valley Rural Fire Brigade

The Currumbin Tennis Club and Dragons Abreast – These two groups got together at our recent Division 14 'Thank You Morning Tea'. As both groups are looking for new members, they made a commitment to support each other with members of the tennis club agreeing to try dragon boating for the first time and members of Dragons Abreast agreeing to a friendly tennis match.

The Currumbin Tennis Club has been established for over 80 years and welcomes new members. Starting at 8.30am, social tennis is played on Wednesdays (ladies),

Thursdays (mixed) and Fridays (ladies only). For more information or to book a court online visit:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/currumbintennis/>.

Dragons Abreast Gold Coast is a dragon boat club which operates on the beautiful Currumbin Creek and is the only breast cancer survivor club on the Gold Coast. All members of the community - both supporters and survivors - are welcome. Dragon boating is an affordable and accessible sport catering for all ages and levels of fitness. The group trains three times per week during summer and twice a week in winter. Your first three paddles are free, so give dragon boating a go today. Register your interest at: www.dragonsabreastgoldcoast.com.au.

What's on in Division 14

Seaside Sounds – Seaside Sounds will return to Kirra's Roughton Park in January and February 2020 with free live music for everyone from **5pm-7pm** over five consecutive Saturdays commencing **Saturday 18 January to Saturday 15 February (inclusive)**. Free facepainting and jumping castle for the kids. This is a family friendly event and no alcohol is permitted in the park.



Image: Seaside Sounds, Kirra

Shout Out Fest – The annual celebration of young people aged 12-25 and their contribution to our community is locked in for 1-9 April 2020. This year's Queensland Youth Week theme is 'Yeah the youth!' which is a call to friendship, strength and unity between young people and a celebration of who they are and what they offer to our community. Division 14 will celebrate youth week on **Saturday 4 April** with a free youth event at Tugun Park.

