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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, feedback or suggestions. Please telephone 07 5581 5275 or email division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au for assistance.

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

Local Area Works

Division 14 Local Area Works Budget 2020-21

I will be publishing details of the City of Gold Coast 2020-21 Budget including Division 14's Local Area Works in my next newsletter.

The Council Budget has concentrated on relief for residents and businesses due to the COVID19 crisis.

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway lighting

In response to my request, the project team has advised that dimming of the lights is possible from 9pm. They have also advised that the lighting poles will be reduced in height from 7.2 metres to 6.2 metres.

I have now received a copy of the data collected from the pedestrian count survey conducted between November 2019 and February 2020.

For anyone wanting more information, this project is now on the City of Gold Coast website. For a comprehensive list of FAQ's and answers visit: www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/documents/bf/faqs-tugun-bilinga-lighting-upgrade.pdf.

Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade

The Currumbin Point shared path and carpark upgrade is really taking shape. With the widening of the footpath this area will be a great asset for local residents and visitors. Works are expected to be completed by the end of September 2020 (weather permitting). The pedestrian crossing, line markings and installation of a pathway linking the pedestrian crossing with the adjacent park will improve safety.



Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade

Road reconstruction, Golden Four Drive

I have received numerous complaints from residents about the number of bus services using the detour via Pacific Parade. I have requested that the Project Manager contact Translink or Surfside Buses in regard to the number of buses being reduced. The latest update on completion is mid-July.

Palm Beach Aquatic Centre, Master Plan

I am hoping to be able to announce details of major upgrades to Palm Beach Aquatic Centre in my next newsletter. Division 13 Cr Daphne

McDonald and I have now viewed a draft Master Plan that will be put to Council for approval.

Robert Neumann Park Currumbin Creek Road, proposed park upgrade

I am working with officers to finalise plans which will include a nature-based playground, pathways, picnic furniture and additional seating.

Goodwin Park, proposed park upgrade

As part of the 2020-21 Budget planning, I am looking at plans to upgrade Goodwin Park with a fenced off-leash dog agility area and playground upgrades.

RT Peak Memorial Park, proposed park upgrade

Detailed plans are now being prepared for an upgrade to the park on top of Kirra Hill which will see additional viewing platforms, sheltered barbeque areas and seating. Parking will also be increased. This is to take advantage of the magnificent 360 degree views.

'No Smoking' signage, Tugun

A new 'No Smoking' sign was recently installed at the Tugun Village Precinct bus stop.



New 'No Smoking' signage, Tugun.

Tugun shines again

If you thought Tugun Village was looking a bit dark, we were waiting for new lighting for the iconic fig tree. The old lights needed to be removed and the tree pruned before the new lights could be installed.



Photo courtesy of Sue Cordin, Tugun Progress Association.

Dune maintenance, Bilinga

The City's Coastal Management team is currently working with residents on a rejuvenation program for the dunal area along Pacific Parade between Mills Street and Gibson Street.

City of Gold Coast Waste and Recycling Centres

Given the State Government's advancement to Stage 2 of easing of restrictions on activities, the City has removed the 'odds and evens' arrangements at Waste and Recycling Centres. Every second bay will remain closed however, to ensure social distancing until further easing of this requirement.

Eddie Kornhauser Reserve environmental offset

The City of Gold Coast will be delivering a tree planting project in partnership with the Department of Transport and Main Roads within identified priority areas of Eddie Kornhauser Reserve. This project is ongoing with works expected to be completed in October 2020 (weather permitting).

The project will see 14,000 koala food and habitat trees planted to offset the impacts of tree removal from the M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade between Varsity Lakes and Tugun. Eddie Kornhauser Reserve is part of a known koala corridor with regular sightings of healthy koalas within the park.

There is expected to be minimal impacts to park users, however there will be a planned time where there will be limited access connecting to Tallebudgera Connection Road due to trail upgrades to allow machinery onto the site.

For more information about this project visit: goldcoast.qld.gov.au/eddie-kornhauser-reserve-environmental-offset-54098.html

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Roads to Recovery

The recent City Budget lay out our economic plan for our roads to recovery from the global pandemic.

Our city has faced challenging times before, from natural disasters, and economic challenges like the global financial crisis. Of course this is the biggest challenge we have experienced, but we can and will overcome the health, economic and social challenges we currently face, and protect and preserve the Gold Coast lifestyle we all love.

The last eight years of strong and disciplined financial management has meant that when faced with framing this year's budget we were able to do so from a position of strength. This gave us the ability to actively respond to the changed circumstances, and provide the leadership and support our residents and businesses need at this difficult time.

By investing in our infrastructure, as well as maintaining our community assets, we can protect local jobs while supporting both our community and our businesses.

This budget delivers significant investment in community infrastructure including the Pimpama Sports Hub, Palm Beach Pool and Community Centre, and a significant upgrade of the Pizzey Park skate park.

As we face the ongoing challenge our focus will continue to be that we are all in this together.

Details on the City Budget 2020-21 can be found at cityofgoldcoast.com.au/annualplan.

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MAYOR