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COUNCILLOR NEWS

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Thank you to the Division 14 community for giving me the opportunity to represent you over the next four years. We are in challenging times, but I will be working hard with Council to ensure we get through this and once again enjoy the wonderful lifestyle we have here on the Gold Coast.

My office in Tugun will continue 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.

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Local Area Works

Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade

Construction works for the Currumbin Point shared path and carpark upgrade project have commenced and are expected to be completed by September 2020 (weather permitting).

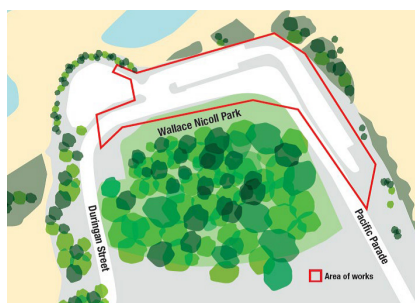
Project works include:

- extension of the on-road cycle lane by widening the road on the eastern side of Pacific Parade approaching Durigan Street
- widening the existing foreshore footpath from 1.8 metres to 5 metres on the northern side of the carpark and up to 3.5 metres on the eastern side
- reconfiguring the car park to angled parking with the addition of 10 car parking spaces and two dedicated bus zones and a one-way exit to

ease congestion and improve safety

- realigning pedestrian crossing points to connect with newly constructed pathways in Wallace Nicholl Park and beach accesses
- relocating the existing 'Local Area Information' sign
- additional street lighting and tree planting.

For more information about the project visit: www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/currumbin-path-and-carpark-upgrade-53812.html.



Currumbin Point upgrade project area of works

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway lighting

It is disappointing that the original lighting concept for the Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway now requires an upgrade - as I am of the same opinion as many of the residents living along the path - that the existing bollard lighting is satisfactory. The Oceanway's popularity with residents and visitors has exceeded expectations. However in response to complaints about path safety after dark, the City conducted pedestrian surveys at five locations between November 2019 and February 2020 to monitor Oceanway usage with regards to the existing lighting arrangements. The City's Certifying Engineer analysed the survey data and conducted a detailed risk-based safety analysis of the peak patterns identified. As an outcome of this investigation, it has been determined that P3 lighting subcategory

be installed to comply with Australian standards.

The lighting upgrade will involve removing and replacing the existing solar bollard lighting with pole lighting (inclusive of a combined LED luminaire and solar panel). Lights will dim outside of peak hours according to usage, and shields will focus light onto the pathway and away from residential buildings. Geotechnical investigations are underway and the project is likely to commence in November 2020. The Project Team has advised it will commence community engagement with key stakeholders in October 2020 prior to any construction works.

Kirra boardwalk renewal project

Replacement of Kirra boardwalk is now complete. The architectural concrete structure has a 100 year life span and the feature lighting under the new railings looks spectacular. I may be biased but this stretch of road has one of the most outstanding views in our country.



Completed Kirra boardwalk renewal project

Retaining wall, Guineas Creek Road

Retaining wall replacement works on Guineas Creek Road, Elanora are expected to commence in early June 2020 and construction is expected to be complete by 20 August 2020 (weather permitting). Please note the City is experiencing some delays with programming of works due to COVID19 impacts.

Sections of the existing wall are beginning to exhibit signs of varying degrees of deformation. The wall is believed to be over 25 years old and has reached end-of-life. The selection of a stabilisation solution comprising of a concrete post and panel wall will provide a robust solution with the least impact on local residents, road users and the environment.

The scope of repair works includes the following activities:

- Weed and tree removal - It is anticipated that seven mature gums will require removal. The City will maintain control and closely monitor vegetation removal by having an independent arborist on site, and a licensed wildlife catcher should this be required
- Demolition of existing dilapidated timber retaining wall
- Removal of existing pedestrian mesh barrier
- Excavation for new retaining wall including pile footings
- Construction of reinforced concrete pile footings
- Construction of 117 metre long concrete retaining wall
- Installation of galvanised cyclist barrier and new guardrail
- Landscaping and tree planting

Works will take place Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm and will involve the use of trucks and earthwork machinery. Piling and drilling of bore holes is also required. A section of Guineas Creek Road will be reduced to 40km/h during the works period. Two lanes and pedestrian movements will be maintained. The project team will work to minimise disruptions, however local residents may experience minor traffic delays, noise and dust.

Local residents will be advised of these works via letterbox drop and telephone at least four weeks before works commence. Project and VMS signage will be used to notify residents and motorists of the works and traffic management.

Road reconstruction, Golden Four Drive

Works are ongoing to continue the rollout of road reconstruction works along Golden Four Drive, between Gibson Street and Graham Street. Footpath and stormwater infrastructure will also be upgraded as part of this project to improve pedestrian and cycling amenity and local area drainage.

All works are to be completed during the day between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and Saturdays as required. Construction is expected to be complete in June 2020 (weather permitting).

Currumbin Hills Park

The City will be undergoing maintenance activities at Currumbin Hills Park between April and June 2020. Works include soft-fall upgrade, swing replacement and carousel installation.

Eddie Kornhauser Equestrian Arena

The surface upgrade at Eddie Kornhauser Equestrian Arena is complete.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



A mood of cautious optimism

Gold Coasters, you deserve a pat on the back. You have been handling the threat of COVID-19 with good grace and a determination to not surrender to this pandemic.

With few exceptions, you have behaved very sensibly and generally with good humour. For those who have lost your jobs or income, you have my own and the community's deepest sympathy. Public health and safety aside, you are our highest priority.

Your Council – both staff and Councillors – are working exceptionally hard to minimise the disruption to the lifestyles we love. We are getting things back to normal in a way that protects people's health and wellbeing.

I encourage you to check our website for latest details on the provision of services by visiting: cityofgoldcoast.com.au/covid19

Meantime, Councillors and senior staff are working through a massive amount of financial data, statistical evidence and concept plans to bring together a program that gets our economy humming once again with minimal delays.

Unfortunately, I have to remind everyone that there is no money tree in the backyard. The City depends on ratepayer revenue and the more we offer by way of discounts or relief measures, the less income we have to operate with. Whatever debt we take on has to be repaid ultimately by ratepayers.

So, on your behalf we have to be sensible and prudent. We will certainly be delivering as much stimulus as humanly possible and, thanks to sound budgeting over recent years, we have the capability to use debt and I am urging that this be done.

Back when I first became Mayor, the city was in deep strife, mired in recession and things were grim. I promised certainty and confidence and delivered it. That's what I am all about once more: certainty and confidence.

So . . . top priority is public health and safety. Next is getting people back into paid employment. Third is stimulating the local economy until it hurts the hip pocket but remains manageable.

At the same time, we have a rare opportunity to re-imagine our city's future. We intend to continue the mission of diversifying our local economy so that we can offer an ongoing stream of new, secure and satisfying employment that will let us maintain our family networks and circles of friends without having to leave the very best place on Earth. We can do it. We WILL do it.

TOM TATE
MAYOR