



# Councillor Gail O'Neill

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# COUNCILLOR NEWS

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My office in Tugun is open Tuesday to Friday from 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm. Due to COVID Safe practices, I will meet with residents by appointment only. For assistance, please telephone 07 5581 5275 or email [division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au).

To keep up to date with important Division 14 related information visit our Facebook page: [facebook.com/gailoneilldivision14](https://facebook.com/gailoneilldivision14).

## Local area works

### Road rehabilitation and reseal projects

- Works to reseal Reynolds Road (between Currumbin Creek Road and the end of Reynolds Road) were completed in March
- Sealing works along Currumbin Creek Road (between Bains Road and Reynolds Road) were completed in March
- Works to reseal Tallebudgera Creek Road (between Len Dickfos Road and the end of Tallebudgera Creek Road) are scheduled for completion in April.

### Beach access, Dune Street

The new public beach accessway between Dune Street and Shell Street Tugun has been installed.



Beach Access, Tugun

### School entrance upgrade, Ingleside State School

After meeting with Principal Crichton Roberts of Ingleside State School and hearing of concerns with only having a one-way entry and exit to the school carpark, I committed \$120,000 from the Division 14 Budget allocation to widen the road and upgrade road infrastructure to improve safe access to and from school. The photos may not do it justice, but the Principal and school community are elated with the results.



Ingleside State School

### Viewing Platform, Kropp Park

We have been advised by the Project Manager that the issues surrounding the Kropp Park platform design and location along with stakeholder feedback was discussed and a recommendation was put forward to cancel the project. Considering the feedback we received from residents and interest groups, the recommendation to cancel the project was upheld by those in attendance. The appeals of the public to leave the grassed area in its natural state has been recognised and the issue is now closed.

### Garden and Parking Upgrade, Dutton Street

Garden Upgrade and parking bay works along Dutton Street, Coolangatta are complete. Works included replacing the turf/decomposed granite sections

with new turf and upgrading the garden beds that run beside the roadway. Three parking bays were also marked with a yellow line installed along the front of the kerb to prevent motorists from stopping.

## Spotlight on SouthernGC

### Rotary's 100th Birthday

In celebration of Rotary's 100 years of activity in Australia, the Rotary Club of Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed Inc. is part of an Australia-wide baton relay taking a stand against domestic violence. The baton relay has travelled through 56 clubs in the Rotary district and will finish on Saturday 15 May at the District Conference at Twin Towns Services Club & Resort. More information will be available closer to the date.

### Southern Gold Coast Tourism and Major Events Luncheon

2020 was a difficult year especially for our business community so it was great to hear from the new CEO of Destination Gold Coast, Patricia O'Callaghan and CEO of Major Events Gold Coast, Jan McCormick at the Southern Gold Coast Tourism and Major Events luncheon hosted by Greater Southern Gold Coast Chamber of Commerce. I was able to deliver the good news that Council is funding a dedicated officer through Economic Development to drive business opportunities for southern Gold Coast with a focus on our CBD area at Coolangatta.



Southern Gold Coast Tourism and Major Events Luncheon, Currumbin RSL

## Currumbin Wildlife Hospital extension

The Currumbin Wildlife Hospital officially opened its major building extensions at the Hospital Open Day in late February. The extensions have increased the capacity of the hospital to cope with high patient admissions during the busy season and emergencies such as bushfires. Currumbin Wildlife Hospital recognised the generosity of WIRES for their contribution towards the \$312,000 extension.

Please continue to support their mission by donating today: [currumbinwildlifehospital.org.au](http://currumbinwildlifehospital.org.au).



Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Open Day 2021

## What's on in our community

### Gold Coast Softball Association

Batter up for the start of the senior softball and junior mixed T-ball / rookie ball season on Saturday 24 April. Join Gold Coast Softball Association at their new home at Division 14's Coplick Family Sports Park, Tallebudgera. New players and all abilities welcome. To sign on visit @GCSoftball on Facebook or for seniors call Seeta on 0416 180 378 and juniors call Lexie 0413 807 821.

### Shout Out Fest

Shout Out Fest 2021 is scheduled during Queensland Youth Week on Saturday 17 April from 2pm-6pm at Tugun Skatepark, Boyd Street, Tugun (subject to Qld Health and City Events approval). Bring your friends for an afternoon of fun with skatepark jams, clinics and demos; live music and skatepark DJ; rock-climbing; custom vinyl stickers; HubbleGC and Fight4Youth activations; food trucks; and more.

Proudly supported by Division 14, this year's event will be conducted under a COVID-19 Safe Event Plan.

Visit [ShoutOutFest.com.au](http://ShoutOutFest.com.au) for more information.

### Rotary Charity Golf Day

The Rotary Club of Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed is hosting a Rotary Charity Golf Day on Friday 14 May at Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club in aid of the Currumbin Wildlife Hospital Foundation Koala Chlamydia Vaccine Project.

For information and tickets visit: [stickytickets.com.au](http://stickytickets.com.au) and search for 'Rotary Club of Currumbin Coolangatta Tweed Charity Golf Day'.

*All information correct when going to print.*

# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



## Gold Coast is bouncing back

Generations of Australians have made the Gold Coast Australia's favourite holiday playground and this love affair is blossoming like a new romance as international travel restrictions remain in place.

Unable to hop on a jet plane or cruise ship to distant shores, southerners especially are flocking north to rediscover the wealth of attractions we offer. This is leading a very welcome revival for Gold Coast Airport with flights now back to 50% of pre-COVID numbers. Bear in mind that it was fully closed for 45 days and operated at just 5% capacity for much of last year.

The turnaround has been boosted by Rex Airlines launching direct flights from Sydney and Melbourne to here from the end of this month. As the Easter break nears, Rex is to offer two return services each day on the Gold Coast's two busiest routes.

I have to say this is fantastic news at a time when our city is recovering from the biggest economic challenge in its history. New visitors will discover that the Gold Coast absolutely deserves its reputation as a destination of global standing.

Our food and drink scene offers world-class taste thrills from one end of the coast to the other. Our constantly evolving festivals and events have proven to be a major new drawcard for visitors of all ages. When it opens its doors shortly, the HOTA gallery will deliver us a world-class facility to let us see the cream of the world's best art. And for those who like a real rush, our theme parks are about to unleash three major new thrill rides. It's exciting.

Let me please just remind everyone that as we strive to stop any further erosion of jobs, we should shop and spend locally as much as we can. We are all one big family here on the Coast so let's stick together and share our good fortune.

**TOM TATE**  
MAYOR

