



Newsletter

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Welcome to the February edition of the Division 14 Newsletter for 2020.

For those who aren't aware 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 address concerns or give feedback at Coolangatta Library on Fridays whenever possible. Please contact my office on 07 5581 5275 to confirm my availability.

To keep up to date with important Division 14 related works and events 'like' our Facebook page by visiting: <https://www.facebook.com/gailoneilldivision14/> or search @gailoneilldivision14.

Focus on community

New Year's Eve Fireworks – After consultation with QFES and the lifting of the fire ban it was decided to proceed with the Coolangatta New Year's Eve fireworks. The displays were enjoyed by many local families and tourists.



Image: New Year's Eve Fireworks, Coolangatta

Galleon Park Mural – Division 14 has been in touch with Bravehearts and they have commissioned an artist to paint a new mural on the wall at Galleon Park. It will be wonderful to unveil the new look and concept which is about keeping our kids safe.

Bushfire appeal – Our hearts go out to those impacted by

the devastating bushfires affecting large parts of our country. Division 14 joins with the City of Gold Coast in encouraging donations to either of the following agencies;

- The Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund <https://www.redcross.org.au/campaigns/disaster-relief-and-recovery-donate> or
- WIRES (Wildlife Rescue) <https://www.wires.org.au>.

Tackle Bin Project 2019 – We now have 24 tackle bins in operation, double the 2018 number due to funding provided by the City of Gold Coast which allowed for the purchase of an additional 20 bins, 12 of which have been stickered, installed and adopted. The funding was also used to print and distribute new promotional tide-time brochures.

The Tackle Bin Project website was updated with resources for community groups, including videos on how to install, maintain and audit bins. Visit www.tacklebinproject.org for more information.

Data collected throughout 2019 shows that we safely removed nearly 24km of line and more than 3000 fishing hooks from the waterways and coastal areas of the Gold Coast.

The nearest tackle bins for Division 14 residents are located at Winders Park (Currumbin 1) and the Currumbin Estuary (Currumbin 2). We've had great success with people using tackle bins in Division 14 as you can see from the following statistics:

- Currumbin 1: 239 bait bags and packaging; 125 sinkers; 416 hooks; 6526m fishing line; 22 lures and floats.
- Currumbin 2: 282 bait bags and packaging; 85 sinkers; 342 hooks; 4682m fishing line; 22 lures and floats.

Local Area Works

BBQ Refurbishments – Works are due to commence Monday 3 February for approximately three weeks to refurbish the following BBQs;

- Wallace Nicoll Park, Currumbin
- Roughton Park, Kirra
- Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta
- Wyberba Street Parklands, Tugun
- Pat Fagan Park, Coolangatta.

Nailing the Coast – The *Nailing the Coast* sculptures have been recreated by the original artist and will be installed along Kirra foreshore in February.





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Switchboard replacement works – Works have commenced to replace the sewerage pump station switchboards at Bradshaw Drive and Mainsail Street, Currumbin Waters. Final project completion is scheduled by 30 June 2020.

Kirra Boardwalk renewal project – Great to see the project to renew the iconic Kirra Boardwalk is now complete following the installation of the railings during the last three weeks in January.

Road reconstruction, Boundary Street – Road reconstruction works are continuing along Boundary Street (Hill Street to Ward Street) with works due to be completed February 2021 (weather permitting).

Road reconstruction, Golden Four Drive – Commencing mid-February, this project will continue the rollout of road reconstruction works along Golden Four Drive, between Gibson Street and Graham Street. In addition, footpath and stormwater infrastructure will be upgraded as part of this project to improve pedestrian and cycling amenity and improve local area drainage.

Road resurfacing will include the removal and replacement of asphalt for approximately 670 metre distance. Kerb and channel will be replaced on the eastern side of Golden Four Drive. A concrete v-drain or kerb edge restraints will be provided on the western side of Golden Four Drive. A 1.8 metre wide footpath is to be constructed on the eastern side of Golden Four Drive to replace the existing substandard footpath. A new footpath is to be installed connecting the traffic signals at Gold Coast Highway (Kirribin Street) to the pathway on the eastern side of Golden Four Drive. A concrete v-drain will be installed on the western side of Golden Four Drive, between Gibson Street and Kirribin Street to assist with directing overland water from Golden Four Drive.

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

Local residents and businesses were informed of these works by letterbox drop in January.

Pedestrian safety improvements, Currumbin - The Department of Transport and Main Roads commenced pedestrian safety improvement works along Currumbin Creek Road (Duringan Street) between Mitchell Avenue and Thrower Drive on Monday 6 January.

Works will take four weeks and occur Monday to Friday from 6am to 6pm, with night works as required.

Lane closures and speed restrictions are in place.

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.

Saturday February 1: Sunflower + Benny D Williams

Saturday February 8: Hayley Grace & the Bay Collective + Katie Who

Saturday February 15: SameTime + Steve Cousins



Image: Seaside Sounds, Kirra

Grant Writing Information Session – Local groups are invited to develop their grant writing skills at an information session at Tugun Village Community Centre on **Thursday 6 February** from **5.30pm to 7.30pm**. Places are limited. Please phone 07 5581 6642 to register for this session. A maximum of two tickets per community group are available.

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 our community. Division 14 will celebrate youth week on **Saturday 4 April** with a free youth event at Tugun Park.

