



Newsletter

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Happy New Year and welcome to the first edition of my monthly Councillor Newsletter for 2019. As your Councillor, I am passionate about serving the needs of residents, schools, businesses and community groups within Division 14.

My office in Tugun is open Tuesday to Friday between 8.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-4.30pm. Should you have any community concerns, feedback or suggestions I am available to meet with you. Please contact my office on 07 5581 5275 to arrange an appointment or email me through your request to division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

Commencing **Friday 8 February**, I will be conducting pop-up listening posts between **9am-11am** at **Coolangatta Library** so if you are in the area please call in and see me to say hi.

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.

Local Area Works

Greenmount Hill Viewing Deck – The new viewing deck on Greenmount Hill is almost complete with a few finishing touches to be made including the installation of a portion of railing. Vegetation restoration between the path and deck will commence shortly. Residents are advised for safety reasons there is no beach access from the viewing deck.



Image: Million dollar view from the new Greenmount Hill Viewing Deck

Golden Four Drive, Road Upgrades – The upgrade of Golden Four Drive between Short Street and Gibson Street are due to commence in early 2019 with the majority of parking to remain.

'Drive Safe' Speed Awareness – Portable speed awareness devices are temporarily installed in streets across the City where speeding has been identified as an issue. These 'smiley face' digital signs have been shown to achieve a significant reduction in speeding. The next round of Speed Awareness Devices will be deployed in the following streets between February and June; Millers Drive, Tugun; Monash Street, Tugun; Kitchener Street, Tugun; and Morshead Street, Tugun.

Coolangatta and Kirra Master Plan Project Update – The City is preparing a place based master plan for the Coolangatta and Kirra business centres that will improve public spaces and enhance the lifestyle within the area.

Over the last year the City has been working closely with a group of stakeholders to identify what matters to the local community and visitors to the area.

From this engagement, approximately one third of responses in relation to 'what is important' related to the natural environment, particularly the beach. Other important aspects were local identity, street trees, pedestrian access, seating, meeting places, personal safety, public art and footpath quality.

This feedback has helped us to establish a vision that will inform design concepts that aim to improve the street environment and public spaces, and ultimately contribute to the liveability of Coolangatta and Kirra.

The Vision of the project is to celebrate the uniqueness of the place and enhance the experience of being in Coolangatta and Kirra by:

1. improving the walking experience
2. celebrating the history, beach culture, location and relaxed vibe
3. looking for opportunities to improve cycling.

Once the design concepts for the project have been finalised, the community will be invited to have their say about the master plan with consultation to be held early in 2019 for a period of three weeks. Feedback from the consultation will be tabled at the next stakeholder workshops and inform final concepts.



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What's on in our Community

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway Celebration – Join us to celebrate the opening of the Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway on **Sunday 13 January** from **9.00am to 11.00am**. The new 1.7km shared path provides an oceanfront link for pedestrians and cyclists between Toolona Street, Tugun and the Bilinga Surf Life Saving Club.



Free entertainment includes music, face painting and jumping castle. Enjoy a food truck picnic with a selection of food and drinks available for purchase. Bring a chair or picnic rug and remember to slip, slop, slap.

Walking and cycling information will be available. Parking will be limited so please consider riding, scooting, skating, walking or carpooling to the event.

Funding for the Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway project was approved in the City Budget 2018-19. For more information visit: <http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/tugun-to-bilinga-oceanway-project-42300.html>.



Seaside Sounds Kirra 2019 – Held at one of the Gold Coast's finest beach side locations, Seaside Sounds returns this summer for 5 consecutive Sunday afternoons of free live music on the iconic Kirra foreshore.

Brought to you by Division 14 Cr Gail O'Neill, Seaside Sounds commences **Sunday 27 January** to **Sunday 24 February** inclusive from **4.00pm-7.00pm** at Roughon Park, Kirra.

Pack your blanket for a food truck picnic and enjoy beats by the beach in the cool ocean breeze. Free jumping castle and face painting for the kids.

Hear from your favourite bands with a line-up including: The Twine, Josh Lovegrove, Felicity Lawless, Claire Anne Taylor, Tay Askee, Felipe Baldomir, Tones & I, Satisfibes, Alisha Todd & the Volcanic Lovers; and The Lyrical.

This is a family friendly event and no alcohol is permitted in the park. For the latest event details visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/514800765696830/>.



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