



Newsletter

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Division 14

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Welcome to the budget 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. 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 me through your request to division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

I will also be conducting the following listening posts during the month of July for residents to meet with me:

- **Coolangatta Library** – 9am-11am on **Friday 19 and 26 July**
- **Elanora Community Centre** – 9am-11am on **Thursday 18 July**

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.

Budget 2019-20

Division 14 Budget 2019-20 – With the recent adoption of the City Budget, here's a list of how Division 14's discretionary budget of \$912, 385 has been allocated:

Division 14 Parks & Reserves \$80,000
 Division 14 Roads & Drainage \$50,000
 Division 14 Miscellaneous Investigations \$5,000
 Division 14 Divisional Donations \$30,000
 Division 14 Community Facility Contributions \$150,000
 (Includes \$120,000 contribution towards the construction of new clubhouse facilities at Tallebudgera Football Club)
 Division 14 Local Promotions Program \$36,890
 Division 14 Local Streetscaping Program \$14,495
 Division 14 Parks Activity Program \$30,000
 Division 14 Community Consultation & Meetings \$2,000

Contribution to the Surf World Museum to assist with operating expenses \$20,000

Contribution towards the construction of the public amenities at the Captain Cook Memorial and Lighthouse at Point Danger \$75,000

Playground enhancements within Joe Doniger Park \$30,000

Carlyle Drive Currumbin - Construct 1.5m wide concrete path from Blamey Drive to Domain Road \$69,000

Upgrade of the entrance to the Ingleside State School carpark \$120,000

Division 14 Community Concerts & Functions \$200,000 includes sponsorship of the following:

- Cooly Rocks On festival
- Swell Sculpture festival
- Tugun Lights Up for Christmas
- Coolangatta New Year's Eve fireworks event
- Coolangatta Christmas Carols
- ANZAC Day Ceremony at Elephant Rock
- Buskers By the Creek event
- Currumbin Community Christmas Carols
- Youth Week 2020 event
- Gold Coast Film Festival event

Whole of City funding towards Division 14 projects includes:

- Road reconstruction works to repair roads at the end of their useful life including Golden Four Drive, Tugun; and Boundary, Ward and Petrie Streets, Coolangatta
- Footbridge replacement at Coplick Family Sports Park, Tallebudgera
- Kirra Point boardwalk renewal
- Extend Bermuda Street through to Tallebudgera Creek Road, Tallebudgera to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion

Local Area Works

Len Wort Park – At my request, the City will be installing timber bollards to replace the temporary rocks beneath the Wayne 'Rabbit' Bartholomew Bridge which is considered high risk of vandalism and to deter the lighting of fires beneath the bridge.

Bilinga dune vegetation trimming and planting works – The City is undertaking beach maintenance works along Pacific Parade (Archer Street and Mills Street), Bilinga. Stage one is complete and included the selective removal of Cottonwood trees, Coastal tea-tree and dead trees. Stage two has commenced and will involve uplifting the tree canopy adjacent to the park, weed control, and revegetation with suitable coastal species to replace lost canopy due to vandalism. This project is due to be completed by October.





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Sewer main upgrade - The City will be constructing a new sewer main under its infrastructure renewal program from Sewer Pump Station B20 at Gold Coast Highway, Currumbin. Construction of the 630 metres of sewer main commenced on Wednesday 19 June and is expected to be completed within eight weeks (weather permitting). Works will generally take place Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm. It is expected that the work will be restricted to the road reserve however partial road closures may be necessary and motorists and pedestrians are urged to follow the directions of traffic control officers.

Bike lane markings – New bike lane markings have been installed along Golden Four Drive in Tugun Village.



Image: Bike lane markings, Tugun

Speed Awareness Devices – Speed Awareness Devices will soon be deployed in the following streets for four months; Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters; Golden Four Drive and Toolona Street, Tugun; and Miles Street, Coolangatta.

Roadside hazard removal – Commencing 1 July for three weeks, the Department of Transport and Main Roads will be removing roadside hazards, including trees and vegetation within the clear zone of the centre median on the Gold Coast Highway, directly north of Terminal Drive. Once the clearing has been completed, native grasses will be planted in the centre median. Works will take place between 7am and 5pm Monday to Friday, with lane closures only occurring outside of peak hours.

Kirra Boardwalk renewal project – The City of Gold Coast will soon be commencing a project to renew the iconic Kirra Boardwalk. Built in 2001, the popular wooden structure is reaching the end of its design life. The renewal project will involve a complete removal of the existing boardwalk and

sub-structure, installation of concrete piers and precast architectural finished concrete deck and reinstallation of the existing handrail. This type of structure will improve the load capabilities and ensure the safety of pedestrians. The robust concrete structure will ensure the boardwalk is able to withstand the environmental impacts of the beachfront location, and provide a maximum life span of 100 years.

The renewal project is expected to commence in September 2019. Works will take place Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm. The wooden boardwalk and adjacent footpath will be closed for up to five months. A pedestrian detour and alternative pedestrian paths will be provided along Marine Parade. Beach access from the stairs along the boardwalk will also be temporarily closed during construction. Traffic management and lane closures will be in place.

Wyberba Street Parklands, new public amenities - The City of Gold Coast will be replacing the existing public amenities at Wyberba Street Parklands with a new facility in response to public need and condition of the current facility. Wyberba Street Parklands is a very popular park that includes features such as playgrounds, picnic facilities and a lifeguard patrolled beach.

The open and airy design of the new public amenity is consistent with other new facilities across the Gold Coast and will include stalls for male, female, unisex persons with a disability and a fully accessible unisex change room. During construction, two temporary portable toilets will be located at Wyberba Parkland for 14 weeks from 29 April to 5 August for public use.

As part of the amenities renewal, the beach shower located at the nearest beach entrance will be upgraded to a double beach accessible shower.

Construction commenced in April with a construction period of three to four months.

What's on in our community

Gold Coast Business Week – Don't miss a week-long calendar of free and ticketed events designed to put your business way ahead. This year's signature event, Gold Coast Way Ahead, will feature Glen Richards, Steve Baxter and Chris Riddell who will cover topics including emerging business trends, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and marketing to today's consumer. For more information visit:

<https://events.goldcoastwayahead.com.au/home.html>

