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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 phone 07 5581 5275 or email division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

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

Local area works

Pat Fagan Park restoration and rockfall vegetation management, Coolangatta

Rockfall mesh vegetation and weed maintenance works were undertaken at Pat Fagan Park in June. Works involved the removal of small regrowth trees and weeds within the rockfall mesh area to prevent impacts on the structural integrity of the rockfall mesh. The rockfall mesh areas were previously revegetated with local coastal rocky headland species that are naturally occurring on the exposed coastal headlands of South East Queensland.

At the same time, weed management and tree planting works were also completed on Greenmount Hill. A combination of rocky headland and Littoral rainforest species suitable for the location were planted. Jute and steel mesh were installed throughout the planting area, located above the Oceanway adjacent to the old waterfall, to discourage bush turkeys from damaging the trees and to reduce debris being dragged onto the path.

Park improvements, Greenmount

Park improvement works were recently completed outside Tweed Heads and Coolangatta SLSC (Greenmount) including;

- Installation of new garden bed and artificial grass in high pedestrian areas
- Installation of double gate to restrict vehicle access to rear of building
- Installation of timber bollards to limit vehicle access to hard stand areas



Park improvements, Greenmount

- Reprofiling of batter and pruning of surrounding vegetation
- Reprofiling and removing sand build up and returfing
- Reinstating garden bed areas around the amenities building
- Replacement of the existing bike rack with new stainless-steel hoop racks

Due to supply delays, officers are waiting on timber platform seating which we anticipate will arrive for installation in August.

R T Peak Memorial Lookout renewal project, Kirra

Construction works on the Kirra Hill renovation commenced late in March. Early works were delayed due to additional escarpment rock removal works which were required to ensure a clear-cut edge for the new pavement. At the time of writing, works are currently on track for the programmed completion in late July. Civil kerb, pavement and stair replacement works are complete, and shelter and furniture works are starting to take shape.

Path improvements, Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters

Construction of a new 640 metre shared path for pedestrians and cyclists on the eastern side of Galleon Way, between the Merv Craig Recreation Park and

Beaumont Court, will commence in July 2021 (weather permitting, and subject to Council adoption of the FY21/22 budget). Works will take approximately 16 weeks and a temporary path detour will be in place with signage to guide the public around the work site safely. Pedestrian cut-through, kerb-ramps and build-outs will be installed in the vicinity of Galleon Park and the Merv Craig Recreation Park.

For the safety of road users and workers, a temporary reduced speed zone with traffic management will be in place. This project forms part of our investment to extend our active travel network.

Robert Neumann Park barbeque refurbishments, Currumbin Valley

Works to refurbish the barbeque area at Robert Neumann Park commenced on 15 June for approximately four weeks (weather permitting).

Wyberba Street Parklands furniture upgrade, Tugun

An allocation of \$50,000 from the Division 14 2020-21 Budget has been approved for the renewal of park furniture within Wyberba Street Parklands. Works will commence in the new financial year including replacement of four picnic settings and replacement of the existing bike rack and concrete slab with new stainless-steel hoop bike racks.

Spotlight on SouthernGC

Division 14 2021-22 Budget

Due to timelines for newsletter printing and the Budget not having yet been adopted through Council, the following is an overview of budget items allocated in the Division 14 2021-22 Budget. A detailed report on individual projects and budget items will be included in the August newsletter:

- Community Event Grants \$85,000
- Community Facilities Grants \$146,180
- Council Events \$164,070
- Discretionary Grants \$36,688
- Parks and Open Spaces \$121,312
- Road Reserves \$84,750
- Active & Healthy \$15,000
- Beaches and Waterways \$20,000
- Beaches to Bushland \$10,000
- NaturallyGC \$10,000
- Christmas Decorations \$15,000

Hinterland waste service expansion

A residential bin collection service will soon be available to most of the currently unserved residents in Currumbin Valley, Tallebudgera and Tallebudgera Valley, providing them with a more convenient and sustainable solution to managing their household waste disposal.

From August 2021 residents will be delivered the standard 240 litre general waste (red lid) and recycling (yellow lid) bin-set, or the option they choose during engagement. The kerbside expansion will not impact the operations of the current waste management centre in Currumbin Valley which will remain open.

Residents will have received correspondence regarding the service expansion. For more information visit: cityofgoldcoast.com.au/hinterlandwaste.

What's on in our community

Trans-Tasman Surf Competition

The biggest Australia-New Zealand surfing rivalry is coming to Kirra on the 10-11 July! Over two action packed days we'll see Australia and New Zealand battle it out to be crowned the first Trans-Tasman surfing champions. The best Aussie vs Kiwi surfing talent will go head to head showcasing their skills on both shortboards and longboards. The Trans-Tasman Surfing Comp will be held alongside the Kirra Longboard Klassic and the first ever Women's Surf Festival. Visit: transtasmansurfing.com.

Women's Surf Festival

Proudly supported with a Division 14 Community Events Grant, the Women's Surf Festival will be an incredible two-day event that brings together some of Australia's leading surfing women and specialists to share, inspire and entertain. They all share the same purpose: to live a clean, safe and eco-friendly lifestyle in and out of the surf. Join us to Celebrate women styling the waves in surfing, lifestyle and sustainability at Queen Elizabeth Park, Coolangatta on 10-11 July. The programme includes a stellar line-up of speaker inspiration, workshops, yoga, surf lessons, beach clean-ups, surf photography, artists, entertainment, and an eco-friendly surf-wear marketplace. Programme and tickets here: womenssurffestival.com.



All information correct when going to print.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



10th low-rates budget for all residents

Last month, we delivered our 2021-22 annual City Budget. As Mayor, I'm delighted to confirm that this is the 10th consecutive budget where we have kept any rate increases at, or below, CPI.

It has been a Team Gold Coast effort from all councillors.

As we know, cost of living pressures remain key challenges for businesses and families across our city.

The 2021-22 budget is a back-to-basics approach as we continue to focus on what matters for our ratepayers.

Through my annual mayoral budget surveys, I know that transport is critical for everyday Gold Coasters.

Traffic, roadworks and delays are the bane of all our lives so we are again investing record funding into transport – from roads to bridges, roundabouts and trial bus services.

The budget is also delivering a further \$3 million towards our safety camera network. Safety is a key priority for all Gold Coasters and we now have more than 700 cameras across the city – up from 110 in 2010-11.

For families, we will continue to invest in community assets across the coast – from the Miami Aquatic Centre to Palm Beach Pool upgrades, the Pizzey skatepark, Pimpama Sports Hub and more nature trails in the hinterland foothills.

Our city's 66,000 registered small businesses, and our valued residents and ratepayers, have all faced the challenges of Covid-19.

Through a 'Team Gold Coast' approach we've come through this global pandemic and are now starting to see the green shoots of economic – and social - recovery.

Together, we are meeting the challenges.

A blue ink signature of Tom Tate, written in a cursive style.

TOM TATE
MAYOR

