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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, the Councillor will meet with residents by appointment only. For assistance, please telephone 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

Lighting upgrade, Coolangatta

The City will be upgrading the lighting in Lanham Street Park, Coolangatta. The upgrade is recommended as part of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) assessment with works anticipated to commence in July.

Landslip remediation, Coolangatta

Remedial works at the site of the landslip in Rutledge Street have now been completed.

Dolan Family Park, Tallebudgera



Dolan Family Park playground upgrade

I'm very happy with the playground upgrade works at Dolan Family Park, Tallebudgera Valley. Completed in April, the playground includes a climbing structure, slide, multiple swing sets, and is suitable for children of all ages.

Kirra Pavilion



Kirra Pavilion upgrade

The Kirra Pavilion upgrade is ongoing with the stage one roofing now complete. The project has experienced delays due to weather however, the project is expected to be completed by the second week in July, weather permitting.

Tallebudgera Valley Rural Fire Brigade carpark upgrade, Tallebudgera Valley

Division 14 funding has been allocated towards the renewal of the George Dacca Bramley carpark at Tallebudgera Valley Rural Fire Brigade. The current condition of the carpark is poor and is ponding water during and post rain events. The existing asphalt surface of approximately 450m² will be upgraded to 950m² and tie in with the log barrier perimeter. These works will enhance the turning circle area for larger vehicles and trailers and improve the general parking area.

Snapper Rocks amenities upgrade



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The completion of the amenities upgrade at Snapper Rocks has seen the facility receive a facelift both externally and internally.

Off-leash dog area, Goodwin Park

Division 14 funding will be used to activate Goodwin Park with a new fenced off-leash dog area at the site of the existing designated open space off-leash area, away from the main road. This will be a fantastic addition for our furry friends and their owners. A new combination water fountain with dog bowl will replace the existing taps and two new urban park seats will be installed.

Spotlight on SouthernGC

Division 14 2021-22 Budget

We are currently preparing the Division 14 2021-22 Budget and investigating the following park upgrades:

- Currumbin Hills Park, Currumbin Waters – basketball court renewal, outdoor gym station installation, new picnic shelter and picnic settings, and small connecting pathway to nearby car park.
- Gilltrap Park, Coolangatta – combining two playgrounds into one larger playground.
- Galleon Way Park, Currumbin Waters – playground upgrade.
- Lions Park, Tallebudgera – playground upgrade.

HubbleGC website launch

The HubbleGC website is now live! HubbleGC is a digital hub especially created to connect local youth with opportunities, support, activities, resources and more. HubbleGC Inc. was formed in response to community consultation conducted by Community Bank Tugun (part of Bendigo Bank) and is proudly supported by Division 13 and Division 14. Visit HubbleGC.com to connect with a wide variety of youth-related information including access to existing organisations, programs, support services, activities, and events.

FLEXiSKiP Bulk Kerbside Service

The City is aware of delays in service for the Bulky Kerbside Collection service delivered by FLEXiSKiP. Reported delays include response time to enquiries, and dispatch/collection of skips provided by the City's service delivery partner (Handel Group). These delays are a result of unforeseen resourcing shortages.

At the time of writing, we anticipate most service levels have returned to normal. If you have complied with the terms and conditions, and have experienced a delay in skip collection, you will not be charged. If you believe you have been charged in error please lodge a request for review by emailing: bulk-kerbside@goldcoast.qld.gov.au. To order a skip or book a collection please visit: kerbside.handel.group/.

We appreciate your interest in the program and apologise for the inconvenience this issue has caused our valued customers.

HOTA Gallery now open

The new HOTA, Home of the Arts, Gallery opened last month. The 6-level, purpose-built visual arts facility will be the largest public gallery in Australia, outside a capital city, with the ability and ambition to present exhibitions and projects of national and international scale.

In the first two years HOTA will host three major international exhibitions that are Australian exclusives and only seen on the Gold Coast.

Read more about the opening program of exhibitions you can expect to see in the new HOTA Gallery by visiting: hota.com.au.

What's on in our community

Cooly Rocks On Festival



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Get ready to rock at Cooly Rocks On Festival 2021 from 9-13 June! This would have to be my favourite event on the Southern Gold Coast Calendar.

From fan favourite Pat Capocci to newcomers Cherry Divine and Brody Finlay, our 2021 Cooly Rocks On artists are sure to have you movin' and shakin'. With multiple stages throughout the Coolangatta precinct you'll be able to enjoy the very best of rock 'n' roll, swing and rockabilly music, right here in Southern Gold Coast. Be sure to come down and check out Australia's largest rock 'n' roll and nostalgia festival. See you there!

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Simple question, hard to answer

When I'm out and about on the coast, I'm often asked this one simple question: what is your priority for our city? Simple question - hard to answer.

I strongly believe in the need to continue to diversify our economy. Broadening our economy helps our 65,000 small businesses and it helps secure jobs for all residents, particularly our youth.

In the past nine years, I've worked with all councillors to boost our marine, film, education, tourism and arts industries. The opening of our city's new \$60.5 million gallery at HOTA will finally deliver an arts and cultural heart to our city.

For decades, we have stored away more than 4500 art pieces. Left in dark storage, they have never seen the light and as a result, residents have been denied the chance to enjoy our \$32 million collection. Opening our gallery will further broaden our economy as the arts and cultural industries are rich, vibrant and unapologetic - a bit like our city!

Away from our push to broaden the economy, I know all councillors are focused on improving our roads and public transport, and keeping rates at, or below, CPI.

Together, we can ensure our city remains the envy of Australia and the world.

Tom Tate

**TOM TATE
MAYOR**

