



Newsletter

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Welcome to the June 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.

I will be conducting listening posts at **Coolangatta Library** between **9am-11am** on **Friday 7 and 14 June**. Residents are invited to meet with me to discuss any local concerns.

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

Pedestrian refuge – A new pedestrian refuge has been installed at Stapylton Street and Dixon Street Coolangatta.



Image: New pedestrian refuge, Coolangatta

Stormwater drainage works, Boundary Street, Coolangatta – Stormwater drainage works are ongoing in Boundary Street, Coolangatta and are due to be completed by mid-June 2019 (weather dependant). Residents and businesses will experience some noise during construction hours between 7am-5pm. The City will endeavour to keep noise to a minimum. Pedestrian traffic to businesses will not be affected.

Restoration of boundary signs – City officers recently identified two remnant Council border signs that were in need of repair. These signs were commonly used as border markers from the 1970s to 1980s. Council officers recognised an opportunity to restore the signs using traditional hand painted techniques. The signs have been installed on the existing refinished poles in Dixon Street.



Image: Newly restored boundary sign, Coolangatta

Bilinga dune vegetation trimming and planting works –

The City is undertaking beach maintenance works along Pacific Parade between Archer Street and Mills Street, Bilinga. Stage one is scheduled to occur over two weeks beginning 10 June and consists of the selective removal of Cottonwood trees, Coastal tea-tree and dead trees. Stage two 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.

Speed Awareness Devices – Portable speed awareness devices are temporarily installed in streets across the Gold Coast where speeding has been identified as an issue. These 'Smiley Face' digital signs have been shown to achieve a significant reduction in speeding. Speed Awareness Devices will soon be deployed in the following streets for four months; Galleon Way, Currumbin Waters; Golden Four Drive, Tugun; Miles Street, Coolangatta; and Toolona Street, Tugun.

Safety improvements, Currumbin Creek Road – This project is part of the Australian Government funded Black Spot Program and involves road safety improvements on Currumbin Creek Road. The project was delivered in response to the findings of a Road Safety Audit carried out in June 2016. The audit identified a total of 28 issues along the 10 kilometre corridor, south of Tomewin Mountain Road. The crash history data supported the need for action.





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Barbeque upgrade – Works are ongoing to replace the existing barbeque (which had reached end of life) under the shelter at the Lions Park in Tallebudgera Valley, with a new double plated BBQ. These works are expected to be completed by 21 June (weather permitting).

Investigative seawall excavations – The City of Gold Coast will be undertaking public seawall condition assessments at the end of Wagawn Street and along Pacific Parade, Tugun for approximately seven days commencing 4 June (weather permitting). The investigations help to identify priority areas for improvements to community infrastructure to protect against coastal hazards, while ensuring suitable existing walls are not rebuilt unnecessarily. There may be some traffic management required during the works, with minor traffic delays and impacts to parking along Pacific Parade. Beach access will be maintained, however some access paths to the beach and ocean side footpaths will be closed during the works for public safety. Local residents will be informed by letterbox drop. Signs will be in place to notify road users, cyclists, pedestrians and beach users.

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. The wooden boardwalk and adjacent footpath will be closed for up to five months during this stage.

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.

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.

During the construction of the new amenities block, two temporary portable toilets will be located at Wyberba Parkland for 14 weeks from 29 April to 5 August for public use.

Golden Four Drive, Road Upgrades – Works are ongoing along Golden Four Drive to complete the Principal Active Transport route to encourage walking and cycling. This includes upgrading and widening the shared path between Short Street and Matters Street, and connecting the path and bus stop ramps to improve accessibility. The works also include renewal of the road pavement along Golden Four Drive (from Short Street to Gibson Street) to improve its condition.

To minimise impacts, works will be delivered in stages (block by block). Notification letters will be sent to local businesses and residents. Works are due to be completed mid-year with the majority of parking to remain.

What's on in our community

Cooly Rocks On – Get ready to rock at Australia's favourite nostalgia festival celebrating the '50s, '60s and '70s right here in one of the best destinations in the world. Music, dancing, cars, nostalgia and good old-fashioned family fun return to Cooly from Wednesday 5 June to Sunday 9 June. View the event guide here: <https://www.coolyrockson.com/>. Programs available from my divisional office at 413 Golden Four Drive, Tugun or Coolangatta Library.



Image: Cooly Rocks On

