



Newsletter

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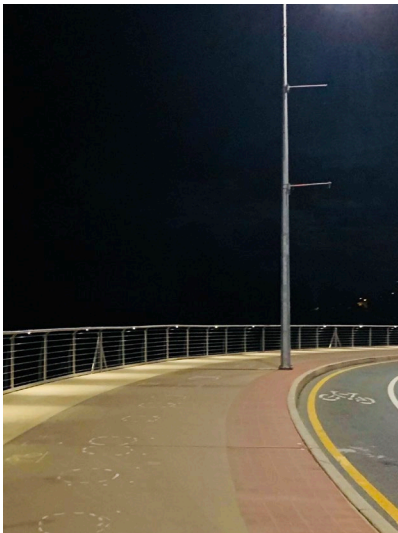
Thank you to the Division 14 community for giving me the opportunity to represent you over the next four years. We are in challenging times, but I will be working hard with Council to ensure we get through this and once again enjoy the wonderful lifestyle we have here on the Gold Coast.

My office in Tugun will continue to operate in isolation Tuesday to Friday between 8.30am and 12.30pm and from 1.30pm and 4.30pm. Residents are invited to contact me to discuss any community concerns, feedback or suggestions. Please telephone 07 5581 5275 or email division14@goldcoast.qld.gov.au for assistance.

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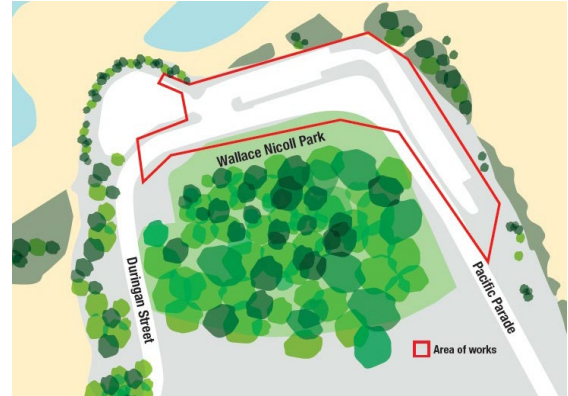
Local Area Works

Kirra boardwalk renewal project – Replacement of Kirra boardwalk is now complete. The architectural concrete structure has a 100 year life span and the feature lighting under the new railings looks spectacular. This stretch of road has one of the most outstanding views in our country.



Kirra boardwalk renewal project now complete

Currumbin Point path and carpark upgrade – Construction works for the Currumbin Point shared path and carpark upgrade project have commenced and are expected to be completed by September 2020 (weather permitting). This project will enhance safety, accessibility and active travel infrastructure at Currumbin Point (Currumbin Alley). Improvements will be made to the carpark with the addition of 10 car parking spaces and two dedicated bus zones.



Currumbin Point upgrade project area of works

Project works will include:

- Extension of the on-road cycle lane by widening the road on the eastern side of Pacific Parade approaching Duringan Street
- Widening the existing foreshore footpath from 1.8 metres to 5 metres on the northern side of the carpark and up to 3.5 metres on the eastern side
- Reconfiguring the car park to angled parking with a one-way exit to ease congestion and improve safety
- Realigning pedestrian crossing points to connect with newly constructed pathways in Wallace Nicholl Park and beach access areas
- Relocating the existing 'Local Area Information' sign
- Additional street lighting and tree planting

Local businesses and groups have been notified of the works via letterbox drop. Project signage will be erected to inform motorists and beach users of the temporary changes and traffic detours.

To minimise local impacts, the project will be delivered in stages. The eastern side of the carpark is currently closed with the western side to remain open as part of Stage 1. For more information about the project visit: www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/currumbin-path-and-carpark-upgrade-53812.html.

Currumbin Hills Park – The City will be undergoing maintenance activities at Currumbin Hills Park between April and June 2020. Works include soft-fall upgrade, swing replacement and carousel installation.

Eddie Kornhauser Equestrian Arena – The surface upgrade at Eddie Kornhauser Equestrian Arena is complete.

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway lighting – It is disappointing that the original lighting concept for the Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway is now required to be upgraded — as I am of the same opinion as many of the residents living along the path — that the existing bollard lighting is satisfactory. The Oceanway's





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popularity with residents and visitors has exceeded expectations. However in response to complaints about path safety after dark, the City conducted pedestrian surveys at five locations between November 2019 and February 2020 to monitor Oceanway usage with regards to the existing lighting arrangements. The City's Certifying Engineer analysed the survey data and conducted a detailed risk-based safety analysis of the peak patterns identified. As an outcome of this investigation, it has been determined that P3 lighting subcategory be installed to comply with Australian standards.

The lighting upgrade will involve removing and replacing the existing solar bollard lighting with pole lighting (inclusive of a combined LED luminaire and solar panel). Lights will dim outside of peak hours according to usage, and shields will focus light onto the pathway and away from residential buildings. Geotechnical investigations are underway and the project is likely to commence in November 2020. The Project Team has advised it will commence community engagement with key stakeholders in October 2020 prior to any construction works.

I have made the following requests in an effort to minimise impacts on local residents:

- A copy of the data collected and engineer's assessment be made available to me
- Community Engagement outlining the scope of the project and potential impacts be brought forward from October 2020 and commence as soon as possible
- Additional assessments be undertaken to determine potential timeframes for the dimming of lights

While I agree the City has a duty of care to ensure compliance with Australian standards for lighting on paths, I will be doing everything I can to ensure residents who live along the Oceanway are given every consideration during project planning and construction to minimise impacts.

Road reconstruction, Boundary Street – Stage 1 construction works along Boundary Street (Hill Street to Ward Street) are now complete following delays due to weather in February and unexpected water main renewals within the roadway. The City's water main contractor has completed works to replace the water mains within the Ward Street and Boundary Street intersection in preparation for the reconstruction of the intersection that commenced on 20 April 2020. Works at the Ward Street and Boundary Street intersection are scheduled for completion in mid-May. Following completion of these works, the project will continue along Boundary Street (adjacent to the Holiday Apartments building).

The Project Manager has been directly communicating with local businesses and residents since the project began and will continue to do so as the project proceeds. While construction can be a significant inconvenience to local businesses and

residents, (given the COVID-19 restrictions on businesses) it is an appropriate time to complete the intersection works adjacent to the shops. The footpath will remain accessible to the general public while the intersection works are completed and the construction team will continue to work with local businesses to reduce construction impacts.

Road reconstruction, Golden Four Drive – Works are ongoing to continue the rollout of road reconstruction works along Golden Four Drive, between Gibson Street and Graham Street. Footpath and stormwater infrastructure will also be upgraded as part of this project to improve pedestrian and cycling amenity and local area drainage.

All works are to be completed during the day between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and Saturday as required. Construction is expected to be completed in June 2020 (weather permitting).

Focus on community

Water Walls – Located just a few metres away from the Currumbin RSL cenotaph, the entire pump station was recently painted with red poppies in this ANZAC-inspired artwork.

Careful thought has gone into this artwork featuring a pair of hands gently cradling some freshly selected flowers. These held blooms are a symbol of remembrance for those who lost their lives in war; red for people, purple for animals and white to represent peace.

The hands were modelled by local Veteran, Tony Hornby, Chairman and Senior Advocate of Currumbin RSL's Veteran Support Centre. The Centre provides health, employment, education and social opportunities for veterans as well as advocacy services.

Kerry Shepherd, Community Relationships and Sustainability Manager at Currumbin RSL, liaised with the Water Walls curator, local company Art-Work, and the artist Mike Shankster (visit his Instagram page @mikeshankster) during the creation of this special piece.



Water Walls mural, Currumbin

