



Newsletter

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Welcome to the September 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 September for residents to meet with me:

- **Coolangatta Library** – 9am-11am on **Friday 6, 13 and 20 September**

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

Water main replacement, Currumbin Waters – The City will be constructing a new water main in Station Street, Currumbin Waters. Works will commence on Monday 19 August and are expected to be completed within 6 weeks (weather permitting). Construction works will take place Monday to Friday between 7am and 5pm.

The work will be carried out in three stages - pipe laying, re-connection and restoration. During the re-connection stage, temporary water shutdowns will be required and affected residents will be advised in advance by notification letter. Access to properties will be provided at all times.

Reservoir supply valve replacement – The City will be replacing valves in the water supply network at multiple locations according to the following schedule:

- Reservoir CU1, Crest Drive Currumbin – 3 week period between July 2019 to January 2020
- Reservoir CO1, Rutledge Street Coolangatta – 6 week period between July 2019 to January 2020

During the construction stage temporary water shutdowns may be required. Advanced notice will be given to affected residents.

Coplick Footbridge replacement, Tallebudgera Valley – Works are ongoing to replace the footbridge located on

Scotty Logan Lane in Tallebudgera Valley with a single span steel bridge, built at a height to ensure improved safety during the event of a flood. Working hours are Monday to Friday 7am to 5pm. Construction is expected to be completed in October 2019 (weather permitting). For more information on this project visit:

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/tallebudgera-coplick-footbridge-replacement-works-49738.html>.

Bilinga dune vegetation trimming and planting works – Beach maintenance works are ongoing along Pacific Parade, Bilinga. Vegetation clearing as part of stage one is now complete between Archer Street and Mills Street and will continue through to Gibson Street. 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.

Kirra Boardwalk renewal project – The City will 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 with traffic management and lane closures in place. A pedestrian detour will be provided along Marine Parade. Beach access from the stairs along the boardwalk will be temporarily closed during construction.

Roughton Park improvement project – Park renovations involving irrigation installation, re-profiling and new turf will be taking place at Roughton Park, Kirra between 26 August to 18 October (weather permitting). The playground will be closed during this period however access to the amenities block and Oceanway path will remain open.

Pedestrian Crossing, Currumbin Waters – The City is currently upgrading the pedestrian crossing in Galleon Way.

Kirra Beach retaining wall – The City will be replacing the existing retaining wall in the carpark adjacent to unit





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complex 'Kirra Gardens', opposite the Kirra Pavilion.

What's on in our community



Image: SWELL Sculpture Festival 2019

SWELL Sculpture Festival – Queensland's largest outdoor sculpture exhibition is preparing to transform the seascape at Currumbin Beach into a specially curated, art gallery for the 17th annual festival held from 13 to 22 September.

Proudly supported by Division 14 Cr Gail O'Neill, this year's exhibition will showcase 52 unique sculptural works of art and see the inclusion of the playful, children-focused SWELL Kids Elements area. There will also be a space dedicated to small-scale sculptures – the SWELL Smalls Gallery – plus a host of adult and child masterclasses created to inspire and engage. For bookings visit:

<http://www.swellsculpture.com.au/whats-on-all>

I CAN Be Active & Healthy – it's time to silence that inner voice that grumbles 'I CAN'T' and replace it with one that shouts 'I CAN'. Our new program offers 170 free and low-cost activities to keep you active and healthy. Activities on offer in Division 14 include:

- **Active & Healthy Yoga**
Mon 6am Queen Elizabeth Park \$3 (Runs Oct to Mar)
Mon and Thu 7.30am Kirra Hill Community Centre \$5
Tue 6.30am Len Wort Park, Currumbin Free
Fri 8.30am Kirra Hill Community Centre \$3
- **Active & Healthy Mums n Bubs Yoga**
Wed 9.30am Tugun Community Centre \$5
- **Active & Healthy Group Fitness**
Tue and Thu 6am Roughton Park \$5
- **Active & Healthy Move and Groove for 2-5yrs**
Tue 10.30am Tugun Community Centre \$4
- **Active & Healthy School Fitness**
Wed 8am Coolangatta State School Free
- **Parkrun**
Sat 7am Roughton Park Free

- **Walking Group**

Tue and Wed 7am Pines Shopping Centre Free

Pick up a copy of the new guide from my office, at your nearest library or online:

<http://www.cityofgoldcoast.com.au/activehealthy>.

SandTunes – I need to advise local residents of SandTunes, a major music festival event being held in Coolangatta on 30 November and 1 December which was approved through Council. There may be disruption to traffic during bump-in and bump-out. As widely publicised, I am not in support of the festival and am doing my best to mitigate disruption for local residents and businesses. I will advise of information as it comes to hand and nearer to the time of the festival.

'I Love Frida' – I was delighted to attend the opening of local Tugun artist Bev Cosgrove's first art exhibition, 'I Love Frida'. Bev dedicated two years to bring this exhibition to life. Her passion for her subject matter was evident with quite a few of her works selling. Congratulations Bev!



Image: 'I Love Frida' art exhibition

