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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, I will meet with residents by appointment only.

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### Local area works

#### New picnic setting, Currumbin Hills Park

A new outdoor picnic setting was recently installed at Currumbin Hills Park.



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#### Currumbin Hills Park Upgrade, Currumbin Waters

Stage One of the Currumbin Hills Park project is planned for late Sep-Oct and involves the demolition of the western basketball court (nearest the car park). Turf installation will take place soon after ready for the new outdoor fitness station, picnic shelter, furniture and pathway planned to be installed in Jan-Mar 2022.

#### Froggy's Boardwalk, Coolangatta

The Froggy's Boardwalk suffered damage due to heavy rain events earlier in the year which caused landslips which undermined the structural footings of the structure.

To ensure the structure is repaired in a way that ensures public safety, detailed engineering assessments have been conducted over the past 6 months and a repair methodology developed.

Rectification works for the boardwalk commenced 23 August 2021 for 4-5 weeks (weather permitting).

#### R T Peak Memorial Park Upgrade, Kirra Hill

Completion works at R T Peak Memorial park have been delayed awaiting the Energex supply upgrade to Kirra Hill.

The lookout is reliant on power for the operation of lighting, CCTV, BBQ and hot water. Until the new power board is operational, the area is considered unsuitable for public access and therefore the temporary fence will need to remain in place.

We are hoping to have a community day (subject to Queensland health directives) to open the new facilities when works are complete by the end of October (weather permitting).



R T Peak Memorial Park Upgrade

#### Boyd's Bridge, Currumbin Valley

Bridge replacement works on Boyd's Bridge on Currumbin Creek Road over Currumbin Creek are due to commence in October 2021 until June 2022 (weather permitting). Boyd's Bridge is a timber structure with two traffic lanes and

provides sole access to the southern end of Currumbin Valley for residents, business operators and emergency services including the Currumbin Valley Rural Fire Brigade. The existing structure is over 60 years old, load limited (20T), has no pedestrian access and has reached the end of its useful life.

This project will replace the existing timber bridge with a modern equivalent concrete structure. The new bridge will be constructed on a similar footprint as the existing timber crossing and feature two traffic lanes, safety shoulders and a pedestrian walkway. The new bridge will be raised and more robust to improve flood resilience. The current 20T load restriction will also be removed to provide unrestricted vehicular access.

A temporary single-lane side track with traffic lights will be installed for the duration of the works to maintain access for all road users. Works will be completed under the supervision of an environmental scientist and fauna spotter to mitigate the impact on local fauna and flora.

Considerable effort will be made to reduce disruptions. However, local residents may notice travel delays, speed restrictions, construction noise, piling operations and dust at times. No night works are planned. Signage will be installed to notify motorists about the changed traffic conditions. Working hours will be from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

The scope of works will include:

- Vegetation clearing for temporary side track and new bridge
- Installation of temporary side track
- Upslope embankment stabilisation
- Demolition of existing bridge
- Construction of concrete bridge
- Road works approximately 45-meters either side of bridge
- Post-construction environmental rehabilitation and tree planting

## Spotlight on Southern GC

### Claude 'The Mower Man' Harvey

Claude Harvey OAM has been fundraising for child protection organisation Bravehearts for many years. Claude pushes his lawnmower (as a visual aid) around Australia collecting donations. To date, he has raised over \$1,296,789, and his goal is to raise \$2 million.

Claude's next walk will commence in Coolangatta on Monday 6 September, travelling throughout Gold Coast to Main Beach and returning to Coolangatta on Sunday 19 September. This walk is in line with Child Protection week and National White Balloon Day on 10 September.

Follow Claude on Facebook @ClaudeTheMowerMan or visit his fundraising page [fundraise.bravehearts.org.au/claudemowermanharvey](https://fundraise.bravehearts.org.au/claudemowermanharvey) or visit [bravehearts.org.au](https://bravehearts.org.au)



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## Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4

Planning has begun for the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 4 with the Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland inviting residents to continue to have their say at the various community consultation drop-in sessions during the month of September. For more information about how you can participate and have your say, visit [tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4](https://tmr.qld.gov.au/gclr4).

## What's on in our community

### SWELL Sculpture Festival 2021

SWELL Sculpture festival is rolling into town from 10 – 19 September, connecting people, art and place for nineteen years! SWELL 2021 will see over 65 large scale artworks transform beautiful Currumbin Beach into a stunning outdoor gallery.

Free for the community to enjoy, SWELL invites engagement with public art through sculpture, performance and conversations. Visit [swellsculpture.com.au](https://swellsculpture.com.au)

Pop-up exhibitions across the City of Gold Coast; westerlySWELL, easterlySWELL, northerlySWELL and SWELL Smalls Gallery, on various dates from 1-19 Sept.

SWELL Fringe Festival at Dust Temple Gallery and a masterclass at The Valley Estate, Currumbin.

SWELL Kids Elements at Wallace Nicoll Park, Currumbin.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



*Re-imagine our city like never before*

## Now the dust has settled on the announcement that our city will co-host the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics, it's time to ensure the facts are not distorted.

I have long said that the Olympics and Paralympics is about two outcomes: great sporting rivalry; and the acceleration of major city-building infrastructure for our incredible Gold Coast.

The focus of our council will be on maximising the infrastructure investment without ratepayers copping the bill. I need to make that clear: while I am mayor, ratepayers will not be hit with any Olympics tax or special levy.

Since 2010, Council has put in its fair share towards the light rail roll-out. The vast majority of funding for that project is State and Federal investment and will remain that way.

Other major infrastructure needed between now and 2032 includes extending the heavy rail from Varsity Lakes to the airport, completing light rail all the way to the airport and Coolangatta, and constructing the six-lane Coomera Connector from the coast to the Logan Motorway exit.

These are city-building assets and will be funded by the State and Federal governments.

On the ground, we want to leverage the Olympics and Paralympics to maximise improved community infrastructure including meeting halls, foreshore pathways, pedestrian bridges, and parks.

As mayor, I will be lobbying both State and Federal agencies to invest in these community-building assets – again, without asking ratepayers to find the funds.

The Olympics and Paralympics have always been a platform to improve a community's assets and leave behind legacy projects. That will be our focus over the next decade and I thank all councillors for their support.

*Tom Tate*

**TOM TATE – MAYOR**

