

# NOVEMBER 2019 COUNCILLOR NEWS - Division 13

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## MOVIES UNDER THE Stars

9 November 2019 – Palm Beach State School,  
Nineteenth Avenue, Palm Beach

WONDER PARK (rated PG)

### PIRATE PLAYGROUND – PALM BEACH PARKLANDS

The Pirate Ship playground is around 10 years old, however it has received the equivalent of 20 years' worth of use as it is probably the most popular playground in the City.



The City is currently planning the Pirate Ship's replacement due to accelerated structural degradation. Council Officers will be conducting community consultation to get everyone's ideas on how we can make the new Pirate Ship bigger and better.

If you would like to be included in the consultation please provide your contact details to [cnewberry@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:cnewberry@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) and Council officers will get in touch with you.

### PEST TREE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

As part of the City of Gold Coast pest tree species management programme the City has undertaken the removal of 24 Cocos Palms in Laguna Park and Elizabeth Sloper Gardens, Palm Beach.

A further 140 palms also will require de fruiting and frond removals due to safety concerns. The City has already undertaken some succession planting with more suitable non-invasive palms in this location with more to come in the near future.



The park will remain open and the operations should not affect your enjoyment of this park. The palm removal is an ongoing programme across the City to remove weed trees.

### MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION WORKS

The following works will be carried out in Division 13 during November 2019.

LOCATION	WORKS
Murlong Park, Palm Beach	Shower 4 Murlong Cr & Murlong Park irrigation renewal
Sarawak Avenue, Palm Beach	Ramps – Disability Access Program
Araucaria Way, Elanora	Bioretention
Wonga Park, Burleigh Heads	Water fountain bottle filler
Rotary Park, Palm Beach	Power poles
Thower Drive East, Palm Beach	Shared Path
Observatory Drive, Reedy Creek	Bus stop
Old Coach Road to Tallegbudgera Creek Road Stage 1	Road upgrades

### COMMUNITY MORNING TEA – 3 OCTOBER 2019

I had a wonderful morning tea on 3 October 2019 at the Lions Den, Bill Thomson Park, Elanora with a great group of people. Michael Hart MP attended to answer questions in regard to State Government issues. I enjoyed talking to everyone and answering questions covering a myriad of issues including the amendments to the City Plan, Palm Beach Oceanway and upgrades to Old Coach Road.

A big thank you to the Palm Beach Currumbin Lioness Club who catered with a delicious array of savoury and sweet treats. Keep an eye out for my next morning tea invitation.



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### OLD COACH ROAD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE – UPDATE

I have had an update from Council Officers in regard to the proposed pedestrian bridge on Old Coach Road, Reedy Creek. In the initial stages of this project I provided \$35,313 from my Division 13 Local Area Works Budget toward the investigation and design. Planning for the bridge requires liaison with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Following further studies and assessment of its flood impact on upstream properties an alternative design has been identified including the bridge needing to be located approximately 25-metres upstream of Old Coach Road with new shared path connections between Old Coach Road and Kingsmore Park. The new bridge will be designed and built higher and longer to clear any flood waters in Reedy Creek up to a 1 in 100 year event.



Photo: Google Maps

The City has funds allocated in the current financial year's budget for design of the proposed bridge. Funding has also been set aside for construction which with the incorporation of design updates is expected to be completed by June 2021.

### KOALA-DOG AWARENESS SIGNS

The City's Vulnerable Species Management (VSM) Team have designed and installed koala-dog awareness signs in key locations within Schuster Park and Eddie Kornhauser Recreational Reserve. These signs were developed in response to numerous community requests and an incident where a koala was attacked by a dog in Schuster Park.

The signs are designed to help park users and pet owners understand actions they can take to help keep koalas safe, while still using the park as it is intended. Each sign is corflute and can easily be moved to new locations within the park in response to community requests, reported koala-dog incidents or to reduce signage habituation.

The signs align with each dog management zone, including:

- Dogs on-leash
- Dogs prohibited (see photo)
- Koalas share this dog off-leash area



Dog attack is a leading cause of death and the second highest reason koalas are admitted to hospital. The installation of these signs helps complete Action D6 in the City's endorsed Koala Conservation Plan: *Ensure all dog-off leash parks and public reserves in koala habitat are signed regarding dog ownership and responsibilities and the presence of koalas.*