



Newsletter

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Welcome to the March 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 conduct weekly pop-up listening posts every **Friday** between **9am-11am** at **Coolangatta Library** so if you are in the area please call in and see me to say hi.

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

Golden Four Drive, Road Upgrades – Works have commenced 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.

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

Graham Street Viewing Deck – The viewing deck on Graham Street is currently being replaced as the old one has reached end of life. Works are due to be completed by mid-March.

Playground Upgrade, Joe Doniger Park – I have requested Council Officers prepare costings to upgrade the playground and surrounds on the northern side of North Kirra Surf Club in readiness for the 2019/2020 budget.

Playground Upgrade, Tugun – Upgrades are complete at our brand new castle themed playground at Tugun Park

(Coolangatta Road, Tugun) and the playground has been re-opened to the public. The playground is suitable for ages 3+ years with a few toys for the littlies.



Image: Tugun Park playground handover

Playground Upgrade, Queen Elizabeth II Park – Works to upgrade the playground at QEII Park (Marine Parade, Coolangatta) are due to be completed and the playground re-opened to the public during the week commencing Monday 4 March.



Image: QEII Park, playground upgrade proposal

Playground Upgrade, Binung Park – Works to upgrade the playground at Binung Park (Border Drive North, Currumbin Waters) are due to be completed and the playground re-opened to the public on Monday 4 March.



Image: Binung Park, playground upgrade proposal

Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway – Additional safety signage





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has been installed for users of the Tugun to Bilinga Oceanway shared path. Please ensure you follow these guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. 3 dog drinking bowls will also be fitted to showers along the Oceanway.

What's on in our Community

Community Grants Program 2019-20 – Applications for funding under the 2019-20 Community Grants Program, including Seniors Week 2019, are currently open until 4pm on Thursday 28 March 2019. For details of the program visit:

<http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/community/community-grants-program-3339.html>.

Tugun Community Bank® Branch Mural Competition – Young, local artists aged between 12-25 years are invited to create a design for a mural for the Tugun Community Bank® Branch wall. Showcase your talent by creating a design which reflects Tugun – Now and Then. The design must be of social media worthiness with 'selfie' potential and artists are encouraged to include Tugun icons in their design. Enter to win a \$2,000 Bendigo Bank account and up to \$1,000 for supplies by registering your interest by emailing marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com. T&C's apply.

Hurry, entries close **Friday 8 March!**

Australian Red Cross Blood Service – The mobile donor centre will be parked at 34 Lanham Street (carpark) Coolangatta from 6pm Sunday 17 March to 11pm Friday 22 March and will be operating daily between 6am to 6pm.



Creative Life & Movies Under the Stars – Presented by Somerset Storyfest in partnership with Tugun Community Bank Branch® and proudly supported by Cr Gail O'Neill, Creative Life – a Tugun community event and Movies Under the Stars returns to Tugun Park on **Saturday 30 March** from **2pm**.

Join us for this free family event with author readings, pop-up library, busking, poetry slam, face painting, kids potting workshops, garden walks, seedling giveaways, roving entertainment, food trucks and **Movies Under the Stars – 'The Greatest Showman'** at **6.30pm**.



Shout-Out Fest – Shout Out to youth aged 12-25 years! We're celebrating the boundless, 'unlimited' energy you bring to our community with a free festival full of fun just for you on **Saturday 6 April** from **10am to 3pm** at Tugun Skate Park, Boyd Street Tugun.

Come and celebrate **Youth Week 2019** on Southern Gold Coast with free interactive entertainment including:

- Skate clinics, demonstrations and competitions
- Live music and entertainment
- Rock climbing
- BYO camera workshop
- Reusable bag tie-dying
- Street Art stencilling workshop
- Boxing with Fight 4 Youth
- Micro-business workshop
- Pop-up library and robotics
- Food trucks

Giveaways, competitions and prizes to be won on the day.

This event is presented by Division 14 Cr Gail O'Neill and proudly supported by Tugun Community Bank Branch®.

Tugun Community Bank® Branch Community Funding Program – Representatives of local community groups are invited to attend the launch of the Tugun Community Bank® Branch sponsorship program at an Information Session on **Wednesday 10 April** at **6pm** at Tugun Surf Life Saving Club. The branch is looking to partner with local organisations to support initiatives which will enhance our local community. RSVP by 3 April to Maris Dirkx on 0421 215 596 or email marisdirkx@tuguncommunitybank.com.

