

Mayor's message



What has lawn bowls got to do with swimming or BMX? A lot it seems, especially when our city is rapidly becoming a 'destination of choice' for the biggest sporting carnivals in the world.

Recently, the Gold Coast was voted No 26 among Global Sports Cities. The judges determined that our city's ability to host world-class sporting events put us in the mix with Tokyo, Paris and Melbourne.

It's a huge accolade and every event brings millions of dollars to our small businesses through spectators, competitors, logistical support and sponsorship.

An example is the recent national lawn bowls titles held on the coast. Hundreds of competitors, national exposure and millions spent in hotels, restaurants, at tour desks and shopping centres.

In December, we will host a world BMX freestyle event, beamed to millions of viewers around the globe.

And right now, national and international swimming squads are eyeing off our city as their home base, leading into European swim meets as well as the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics.

We have a lot to feel proud of in our city and sport is proving a huge marketing drawcard for the coast.

Post our GC2018 Games, the legacy of sport lives on, providing the coast with a ten-fold return on our investment in the Games. Similarly, with the 2032 Olympics and Paralympics confirmed, I will be working with councillors to maximise our legacy outcomes from today – not just in 2032.

They say: 'let the games begin'. I say: 'let the legacy continue'.

TOM TATE - MAYOR



YOUR FEEDBACK IS IMPORTANT.

If there are local issues that concern you or your family, please get in touch.



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Chirn Park Street Festival



This year's Chirn Park Street Festival is here! On Saturday 8 October, from 3pm - 9pm, come down to the heart of Chirn Park and celebrate our local talent, businesses, and markets. There will be plenty of activities for kids, a large licensed area for the adults, and some amazing local performers to keep everyone entertained. We are hoping to continue the wave of last year's success and build this event into something spectacular for the local area. I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Wildlife

Please take care on our local roads as it is mating season for many of our native wildlife. VMS boards and various signage have been deployed in our local area advising of koala breeding season. However, this message carries across too much of our other native species. Please be mindful when driving, particularly around our more vegetated areas. If you come across a sick or injured animal, please contact WildCare immediately on 5527 2444 and a trained wildlife rescuer will be deployed to help assist the animal. All koala sightings (healthy or otherwise) should be reported using the Gold Coast City website. All koala data is used to better inform our environmental planning and infrastructure projects. And finally, be mindful that mating season applies to the birds too, so be on the lookout for magpies!

Wetlands clean-up day



Last year, myself and Bonney State MP, Sam O'Connor, implemented a community wetlands clean-up and information day at the Arundel Wetlands that was very well received. I hope to see you there again this year on Saturday 15 October from 8am - 11am to help clean up the wetlands and learn about the local area from Council and State wildlife, and Vector and Biosecurity teams. This is a RAMSAR Protected wetlands area, home to many native species, and classified as internationally significant due to its ample nesting grounds for migratory birds. There is also an opportunity for a photo with some of the native wildlife. More information can be found on my Facebook page.

Maintenance, repair and renewal

Maintenance, repair and renewal to roads, footpaths and drains is a continuous process in our local area. There are many significant local projects coming up in the months ahead across all suburbs in Division 7. It has been forecast as another wet spring and summer season and this can have pretty serious impacts on our roads. Maintenance issues can be logged using the report a problem feature on the City App. For matters that are more urgent such as nasty potholes on major thoroughfares, please contact me directly on 0409 886 540, or my office on 5581 6434 or division7@goldcoast.qld.gov.au. During inclement weather events, you can keep up-to-date with emergencies, disasters and outages from the City's Dashboard at dashboard.cityofgoldcoast.com.au.

School zones & active school travel



With term four of school starting back please remember to exercise patience when driving through school zones. Pick-up and drop-off times can be busy, so please remember the safety of students. Council has been supporting the Active School Travel program across the Gold Coast with great success, seeing many school students and families opting to walk or ride to school on select days of the week rather than driving to school. This is a great program that takes vehicles off the roads, encourages an active and healthy lifestyle, and is an opportunity to educate young students on road safety skills. Your patience while driving on our roads helps support and contribute to the safety of students and the success of this program.

Mobile office locations in October

I hold regular mobile office meets around our local area to ensure I continue to deliver for our community. I would love to meet you at one of these locations, so that I may provide updates important to you or support you on local matters.

Arundel Plaza, Napper Rd 7 October 3pm – 5pm

Len Fox Park, Marine Pde 9 October 7am - 9am

Arundel Wetlands, Greenview Cct 15 October 8am - 11am

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