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GOLD COAST COMMUNITY NEWS

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View from Purlingbrook Falls

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Discover all five ferry stops with locals only promotions for as little as \$3.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Another world-class winner for the Gold Coast.

The recently opened HOTA Gallery adds another fabulous attraction to our world-class city.

Gold Coasters, you need to experience this venue as it is a stunning example of what we can achieve through art – and architecture.

Our arts and cultural evolution has officially begun with the gallery designed to meet the highest standards needed to host international exhibitions.

The gallery, as well as the supporting outdoor stage, green bridge, landscaped surrounds and existing cinema, will bring out the best in our arts and cultural community.

Our city is known around the world for its fabulous beaches, world-heritage listed hinterland attractions and theme parks.

Yet for decades, the City's art collection has been kept in the dark due to a lack of gallery space to hang our amazing collection. In total, we have 4500 art pieces waiting to be displayed, collectively valued at \$32 million.

Art is more than just beautiful works – it is about an emerging economy where people will fly – or drive – to our city, specifically to explore our arts and cultural scene.

They stay longer and spend more so it adds a further tier to our broadening economy.

Already, one of the art installations has set tongues wagging so you need to visit HOTA and see what they are all talking about.

The best news is that entry will remain free to the general gallery, with admission charges only for the touring exhibitions.

For up-to-date times and tours, go to hota.com.au

You'll never know if you never go.

TOM TATE
MAYOR

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HOME IS WHERE THE HUB IS



The first stage of the \$80 million contemporary sporting and community destination has already gained strong support from user groups and the local community since it opened in January. The spectacular Pimpama Sports Hub will be completed in late 2021.

Netball – open now

Up and running, Netball Queensland has hosted regional and local events at the facility that includes 12 netball courts, flexible training lawn, clubhouse with administration, amenities and storage and shaded spectator areas.

Community park – open now

Set amongst plenty of large, established shade trees, the community playground and surrounding park has quickly become popular. Enjoy its elevated views, shade sails, kick-about space and picnic facilities. The walking paths link through to the remainder of the hub.

Event space

The natural amphitheatre design provides a perfect place to gather and enjoy community-based events. The space also allows for the temporary installation of a performance stage, market stalls and food trucks.

Aquatic centre

There are four new heated pools for recreational, lap swimming and learn to swim, plus a children's water play area with interactive water features. Other features include access ramps into pools, pool hoists, change rooms and amenities, café and kiosk, first aid facilities and lifeguard support.

Fitness centre

Located on the upper floor of the aquatic centre is an open gymnasium, fitness studio and outdoor terrace. There is access to the pools for aquatic group fitness classes and a direct connection to the adjacent parklands to enable the extension of some fitness programs to the beautiful outdoor surroundings.

Tennis courts

Everyone can have a hit on one of eight competition-size tennis courts, four of which are wheelchair accessible and one hot-shot court for junior players. Watch from the sidelines under the terraced spectator seating that will overlook the courts or visit the pro-shop in the main centre foyer.

Community centre

Designed to accommodate the social, recreational, educational and cultural needs of the local community, the multi-functional space includes two multi-purpose halls that can also be used as a large hall with breakout area, an activity and meeting room.

Available for a range of uses including children's activities, cultural interest groups, community events, training courses, meetings, seniors' activities and youth school holiday programs.

Creche

Take advantage of our low-cost child minding for up to two hours. Available for ages 12 weeks to six years.

With the equivalent of a Five Star Green Rating, the facility uses sustainably sourced and low impact building materials and products, rainwater harvesting for topping up pools and has large-scale solar installation with battery storage as well as electric vehicle charging stations.

Stay up to date with the opening of Pimpama Sports Hub, special membership offers and pre-register for the learn to swim program at cityofgoldcoast.com.au/pimpamasportshub

ARTS AND CULTURAL EVOLUTION



The Gold Coast's arts and cultural evolution came to life on May 8 with the opening of the city's \$60.5 million HOTA Gallery.

Mayor Tom Tate said the event revealed another layer of the coast's social fabric and gave the opportunity for the City Art Collection to finally be displayed.

Over the past 40 years, the City has brought together more than 4500 art pieces valued at \$32 million. "These were in dark storage – literally – for decades. Not anymore," said Mayor Tate.

"This precinct will boost our arts and cultural economy and show Australia that we are serious about our city's soul. We have a great story to tell and that will shine through at HOTA."

The gallery spans six levels and boasts 2000sqm of AAA-rated exhibition space, as well as a children's gallery, restaurant and rooftop bar offering sweeping views of the city skyline to the hinterland.

The cultural precinct will continue to evolve with new attractions and facilities planned.

Visit cityofgoldcoast.com.au/HOTAproject

PENSIONER CONCESSIONS FOR RATES

If you live in your own home, you may be able to save on your next rate and water accounts.

Concessions are available to holders of a Queensland Pensioner Concession Card or a Queensland Veterans' Affairs Gold Card.

Current concession holders do not need to reapply unless you have moved recently.

Visit cityofgoldcoast.com.au/pensionconcessions



PIZZEY PARK SKATE PARK

Pizze Park is set to become Australia's premier skateboarding destination. Upgrades to the existing skate park have been designed following Olympic standards and will be an ideal location for major professional competitions whilst also providing the perfect area for local skateboarders to enjoy over 3000 square metres of skateboarding surface.

The upgrade will also include improved seating areas with shade, new lighting for the skate park and carpark, an increase in parking capacity and a bus drop off area.

Construction is underway and is scheduled for completion in December 2021. For more details, please visit cityofgoldcoast.com.au/projects





FERRY TRIAL REACHES MILESTONE

More than 55,000 people have now boarded Hopo to explore our spectacular waterways.

Hop on and off at one of five stops across the Gold Coast including Surfers Paradise, HOTA, Marina Mirage, Broadwater Parklands and Sea World.

Each ferry stop is wheelchair accessible and you're welcome to take prams, surfboards and bicycles on board. Operating daily from 9am to 6pm (excluding Christmas Day). It's a great way to explore our city.

Hopo offers a range of promotions for locals including a \$10 all-day pass for concession card holders (Monday to Friday), a Frequent Hopper Pass (from \$3 per trip), family passes (including one child FREE), free travel on your birthday (or the seven days following) and more.

For more information, visit hopo.com.au



STREAMLINED TENDER PROCESS

As the second largest local government in Australia, the City of Gold Coast spends approximately \$750M per annum on contracting activities to deliver infrastructure, goods and services to maintain our beautiful city.

The City has recently transitioned to a new tender advertising platform called the City of Gold Coast eMarketplace (VendorPanel). The eMarketplace is free for suppliers to register and is part of the City's efforts to better engage with businesses.

The platform is used for quote and tender opportunities and manages all communication between buyers and suppliers during the procurement process, reducing administration, saving time and ensuring procurement best practice is followed. Gold Coast local businesses can register to be included on the Gold Coast Local Supplier list.

With the increase to alternative work environments, such as virtual and home offices, the City has developed a 100 Points Identification Check to make the registration process easier. Once approved your business receives a badge in the eMarketplace showing your local status. There are currently over 3000 local businesses providing greater visibility to the City and increasing the opportunities to local suppliers.

To register to the eMarketplace and/or the Gold Coast local supplier list, go to cityofgoldcoast.com.au/emarketplace

IMPROVED WEBSITE

In March, the City began the rollout of a new website.

The fresh new site will make it easier for customers to use our online services, including:



RATES AND WATER BILLING



MY ACCOUNT



REPORT A PROBLEM



PARKING FINES



DOG REGISTRATION



PAYMENTS



LICENSING AND PERMITS



DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

The most recent additions include:



EVENTS CALENDAR



WORKS AND PROJECTS



WASTE



COMMUNITY CENTRES



VENUES



PARKS



ACTIVE & HEALTHY



SPORTING CENTRES

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