

Brisbane Road shared path complete

The brand-new missing link footpath along Brisbane Road has now been completed, creating an accessible and safe passage for pedestrians and cyclists from Pine Ridge Road, towards Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

Previously just a well-worn track in the grass, the new footpath spans 750 metres from Pine Ridge Road to Centre View Drive, linking to the existing pathway network.

The shared path is 2.5 metres wide, catering for both pedestrians and cyclists and is designed to encourage active travel in the community.

The route is highly used, so this new footpath will make a big difference for locals accessing the public transport network and businesses along Brisbane Road, as well as improving connectivity to Harbour Town.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There is no doubt this year will be one that opens further chapters in our city's vibrant storybook.

It is exciting to see new private sector developments being proposed at locations like the Southport marina, at our theme parks, and within key tourism precincts across the coast. These projects build on the city's famous 'have-a-go-spirit' and give confidence to employers and employees, including our 76,000 registered small business owners.

This year, I believe we need to continue to focus on several challenges: cost-of-living-pressures on families; further improvements to our transport network; and safety in our communities.

In the area of cost-of-living, our City has kept annual general rate increases at, or below, CPI for the past 11 years. In every way, that is now our benchmark when Councillors meet to consider the annual budget. Keeping rates low is a 'non-negotiable' for me, as Mayor.

In the field of transport, I fully understand the pressure on our roads with more cars on virtually every street. We all rely on our cars to get around, but we must make the switch to utilising more public transport. That's why we are partnering with the State on a major trial of more public transport for the north of our city, along with putting forward our share of light rail funding for Stages 3 and 4.

Crime is an issue, and while police stats show a drop in major crimes such as armed robbery, we all know street-level crime remains a concern. As Mayor, I host a regular Mayoral Safer Suburbs Forum, bringing together every agency with an interest in public safety. I look forward to working with all levels of government and agencies to ensure our city is safe.

Tom Tate

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MAYOR



What's on in the parklands

Our regular line up of events and entertainment is back in full swing for 2023! Save these dates in your diary and head to Paradise Point Parklands to join in the fun:

Sunday Sounds

With live music and a family friendly atmosphere, Sunday Sounds is the perfect way to spend an afternoon in Paradise Point Parklands. Pack a picnic with your favourite foods from home or choose from an array of delicious food and beverage options across the road. Get your dancing shoes ready and join us for these 2023 dates:

- 9 April - Easter edition
- 14 May - Mother's Day edition
- 4 June
- 9 July
- 6 August
- 3 September - Father's Day edition
- 1 October
- 5 November

Live music from 2pm-5pm, or 1pm-4pm in winter months. Be sure to follow my Facebook page @craucameroncaldwellgc for artist and theme announcements and all updates in the lead-up to each event!

Paradise Point Markets

Held on the fourth Sunday of each month, the Paradise Point Art and Craft Markets are a great opportunity to get out and enjoy our beautiful Paradise Point Parklands while browsing through local stalls. With a variety of handmade goods, trinkets, homewares and more, there's something for everyone's taste and budget.

- 26 March
- 23 April
- 28 May
- 25 June
- 23 July
- 27 August
- 24 September
- 22 October
- 26 November

*All dates are weather permitting

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COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and trust that you had a restful holiday period. It seems like so long ago now!

As we start the new year it's an important time to reflect on what has been achieved over the last twelve months and what we have to look forward to in the year ahead.

I am very proud of our local community - as we finally get covid behind us, we are very much getting on with life and my job as your local councillor is to protect and enhance the Gold Coast lifestyle.

I will always focus on core city business first and I'm pleased to say that this edition newsletter provides highlights of important local projects.

Towards the middle of the year, we will commence budget season and again I will be striving to ensure that we have the services and infrastructure that Gold Coast residents rightly deserve while keeping rates at a level that we can all afford to pay. I will be asking you how you want to see the budget spent, and importantly what projects we should pursue in our local area.

Community safety focus

I understand that there is growing concern around community safety, as is evident by the amount of contact we have to my office on this issue. It is regrettable that there is any level of discomfort or worry about living in your own home and suburb - that is not the way it should be.

I have been the local councillor for our area since 2012 and have always maintained that community safety is a priority.

That is why I have delivered CCTV across our suburbs, have seven smiley face speed devices on rotation, work closely with the two neighbourhood watch groups at Runaway Islands and Coombabah, attend the Police Community Consultative Committee each quarter with other community representatives, and deliver successful youth services programs at Runaway Bay Youth Centre. These are all things that as your local councillor I do to support community safety. What I can't do is increase police numbers, stop hooning, or arrest delinquent youth.

The police do the best job they can with the resources they have, and we would all like them to have more boots on the ground, but that is a function of the State Government, not the City. It is a simple matter of more police officer numbers, more cars on the roads - and tougher penalties for the police to utilise as the punishment or deterrent for would be crims.

We live in a relatively safe area, and we want to keep it that way.

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Watch your speed

This new smiley face sign on Burrows Street, Biggera Waters has been deployed to encourage drivers to slow down and drive safely. Residents on the street got in touch with their concerns regarding road safety and deploying this Speed Awareness Device was just one of the measures we implemented to help.

Speed awareness devices are installed as part of the 'Drive Safe' program. Facing oncoming motorists, the LED display board encourages motorists to watch their speed by using a smiley face or warning to slow down. Division 4 has a fleet of seven Speed Awareness Devices deployed across our local roads.

Keep an eye on your speed and aim for a smiley face when the signs are redeployed to these local streets later this month:

- Limetree Parade, Runaway Bay
- Broadwater Street, Runaway Bay
- Jacaranda Avenue, Hollywell
- Paradise Parade, Paradise Point
- Hansford Road, Coombabah
- Bayview Street, Hollywell
- The Sovereign Mile, Paradise Point

It's important to remember that speeding offences are a police matter and instances of high range speeding and erratic driver behaviour should be reported to Police via the Hoon Hotline on 134 666



Brady Park improvements

Brady Park in Coombabah has received a refresh to its facilities following a recent Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) audit, to improve safety and minimise antisocial behaviour in the area.

Last year, locals got in touch to express their concerns about Brady Park. It's important that everyone feels safe utilising our public parks and facilities, so a safety audit in partnership with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) was conducted to identify areas for improvement.

Some minor refurbishment works to the public toilets have been completed to address some of the issues raised in the audit, including removing external walls identified as potentially contributing to anti-social behaviour. It also received a fresh coat of paint inside and out, and repairs of all broken or ageing plumbing fixtures, lights and tiles. The toilet block is now looking as good as new!

The barbeque area has also received an uplift with brand new hot plates and a fresh coat of paint, ready to be used for a picnic at the park.

These new improvements build on works undertaken last year to expand the playground and refresh the soft fill, giving the whole park a much needed uplift, and making it a safer and more inviting place for families to enjoy.

Keeping our community safe

We have recently deployed a new mobile CCTV camera at Shearwater Park, Runaway Bay to combat emerging community safety concerns and deter criminal and antisocial behaviour. This builds on our recent Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) audit to improve safety in the area.

The camera is one of four mobile CCTV units deployed across Division 4 to record and monitor public safety issues such as anti-social behaviour and graffiti. Other units are located at:

- Harbour Town Drive and East Quays Drive, Biggera Waters
- Paradise Point Parklands, The Esplanade, Paradise Point
- Jabiru Island, Oxley Drive, Paradise Point

Mobile CCTV units help to provide situational awareness and detect crime and anti-social behaviour, while also acting as a deterrent. The cameras are equipped with the latest CCTV technology including four fixed cameras for 360-degree coverage, low light image capture, reliable battery capacity and vandal resistant features.



Paving the way for a smoother drive home

A number of roadworks projects are planned across the Division in the coming months to improve our local streets, target pothole hotspots and ensure continued road safety.



Cawthray Street, Biggera Waters

- **Cawthray Street, Biggera Waters**
Roadworks on Cawthray Street in Biggera Waters are now complete, and the street is looking fantastic. 350 metres of broken and crumbling kerb and channel were replaced, along with resurfacing the length of the street.
- **Broadwater Street, Runaway Bay**
Broadwater Street in Runaway Bay is looking better than ever with works to renew road surfacing completed last month. The project also included replacing deteriorating kerb and channel along the length of the street.
- **Allinga Street, Coombabah**
Works have commenced to resurface the length of Allinga Street in Coombabah. Residents had been in touch with me regarding the condition of this road and I was happy to investigate rectification. Roadworks include resurfacing the length of the street, selected kerb replacement and gully pit refurbishment. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the month.
- **Lae Drive, Runaway Bay**
A road resurfacing project is scheduled for Lae Drive in Runaway Bay. As locals know, Lae Drive is a busy route and is prone to potholes in wet weather. This project will work to address pothole hotspots and pavement failure and provide a smoother surface for commuters. Resurfacing is planned for the eastbound lanes from adjacent number 103 to number 61. Preliminary works including selected kerb and channel and gully pit refurbishment have already been completed, with the resurfacing set to complete the project before the end of financial year.

New toilets in Paradise Point Parkland accessible to all

The new public amenities at Paradise Point Parklands are now complete and open to the public. Our beautiful park is growing in popularity with Gold Coast residents and visitors alike, so it's about time our amenities received a major uplift.

This project was completed in time for the Christmas holiday rush, perfect timing with plenty of families choosing to spend their days off soaking up the sunshine in the Parklands.

The new amenities block includes:

- seven female toilet cubicles (including two ambulant)
- five male toilet cubicles (including two ambulant)
- one disabled toilet
- Changing Places facility
- storage area for Paradise Point Parkrun

With increased capacity the new facilities also enhance the nearby community event space to better cater for larger crowds at events like the Paradise Point New Year's Eve concert and fireworks, as well as our regular community events like Sunday Sounds and the monthly markets.



The new amenities block also includes a Changing Places toilet, designed for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. This facility caters for the needs of people with complex disabilities and their carers to ensure access to a clean and safe place to go to the toilet.

This is one of just nine Changing Places on the Gold Coast and ensures that all families can enjoy our beautiful piece of paradise, without anyone being excluded.