

COUNCILLOR STEVE ROBINSON

# LIVING IN DIVISION 9



SPRING/SUMMER 2019



## Bli Bli's new look streetscape

**Bli Bli locals will soon be able to walk and ride their bikes along widened pathways down to a new look Bli Bli Town Centre.**

To cater for the growing community, \$501,000 has been allocated from the 2020 Capital Works program to construct several stages of the Streetscape Revitalisation and Public Park project. The fresh streetscape includes safer pathways and modern shelters tying in with the expansive public park creating a welcoming community green space. The community will soon enjoy the new park located opposite Muller Park

and adjacent to the new Riverside Centre – making the most of sweeping views of the Maroochy River. Both projects have a cohesive look and feel with a series of eye-catching Kabi Kabi artworks paying homage to Bli Bli's indigenous roots. Stage 1 of the riverside park is scheduled to be finished by early December, which includes one of the Kabi Kabi sculptures, transforming Bli Bli's inclusive and vibrant community.

## Small Business Walk

A successful Business Walks Program was conducted in May, where council's Economic Development team and I took the opportunity to meet one-on-one with Coolool business owners. These meetings enabled business owners to connect with council tools and resources, and a host of education, training programs, services and people. It was good to hear that an enthusiastic group of retailers has created a new network and we look forward to seeing some great collaboration projects come to life. The Business Walks Program reinforced the vital role micro to small business plays in the diversity of our economy and reminded us that business owners need support from their local community if they are to thrive. If you would like to connect to council's business resources, head to [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/business](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/business).

# Project Update



## From your councillor

### Wetlands Eco-Hunt

A place where nature meets technology; the aim of the game was for visitors to explore the wetlands and record as many birds, butterflies, insects and animals living in the Maroochy Wetlands Sanctuary. Congratulations to a local student who won the Champion Spotter and Champion Identifier award.

### Maroochy CBD

This year we celebrated a number of major milestones including the commencement of the first commercial building rising out of the ground on South Sea Islander Way while also finalising the detailed design of the new City Hall.

### Submarine Cable

Construction is in full swing with horizontal directional drilling under the beach dune and offshore 700 metres. Local business Auscom has delivered the contract to connect the beach landing to the cable landing station at Maud Street in Maroochydore.

### Parklakes birdhide

Bird watchers are enjoying a purpose-built bird watching structure sitting within the wetlands in Parklakes. The birdhide has been designed to be accessible for all to enjoy the diverse birdlife the wetlands attract. The birdhide complements the lake and viewing structures surrounding the area, without disturbing our feathered friends.

I think everybody in Division 9 is breathing a huge sigh of relief that the recent terrible fires, did not end up creating a far more serious disaster for our community. Hearing about the amazing bravery and tenacity of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services personnel, combined with the quick thinking of the Queensland Police Service in evacuating thousands of families, was both frightening and inspiring. A huge thank you to all of the emergency services and volunteers who came to the aid of a community in desperate need of support. We will remember your heroism, your professionalism and efforts keeping us safe.

Since the last newsletter, a number of community projects have been completed and many are well underway. The Bli Bli birdhide and Peregrin Springs multi-purpose playground are now open. The Coolum Point Perry upgrades were completed in time for summer while the Bli Bli main streetscape project is nearing completion. It was also wonderful to see the community turn out in large numbers at Bli Bli for this year's fun run in support of White Ribbon Day.

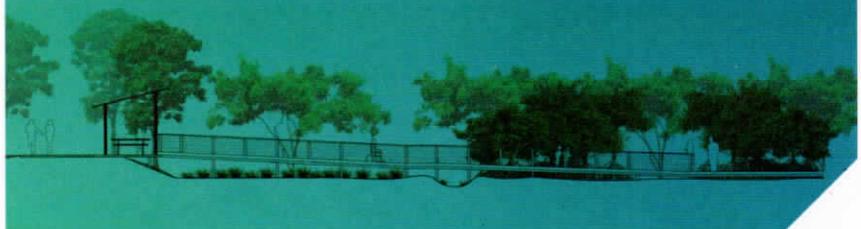
I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful festive season. The Coolum night markets are back and Christmas carols will be held in Bli Bli, Peregrin Springs and for Coolum in Jack Morgan park for the first time.

### Steeped in history

The long awaited boardwalk project supporting the Descendants of Australian South Sea Islanders (DASSI) is coming to fruition. A total of \$450,000 from the 2020 Capital Works budget has been allocated to investigate and construct a boardwalk approximately 150 metres long, connecting the existing footpath on Whistler Street to the east of Halcyon Landing.

Original South Sea Islanders and their descendants have, since the late 1800s, had a strong physical and spiritual connection to land along the Maroochy River at Bli Bli. When complete, the boardwalk will extend to DASSI cultural land along the river. The wetlands and waters in this area are where the South Sea Islander people lived, fished and sought respite and healing.

Construction of this significant community project is expected to start early 2020.





## Note from Mayor Mark Jamieson

This year we have achieved some major milestones with our region shaping projects, but I'm especially proud of the work that council has been able to do with a wide cross section of community representatives to develop our proposed new Community Strategy.

Our region has a history that intrinsically connects with its natural landscape and waterways and the way in which our communities have developed over time reflects these connections. Our proposed new Community Strategy 2019-2041 is a product of the engagement we have had with members of our community and seeks to reflect their aspirations for our Sunshine Coast – both today and in 20 years' time. The collective vision of Together we Thrive is a strong common thread across all of the feedback and messages we have received in developing this strategy. The proposed strategy will be considered by council before the end of the year. What makes our community special is our ability to support and reach out, not just to our friends and family, but to our

neighbours, acquaintances and community groups. We open our homes to others in times of natural disasters, we turn out in great numbers to show our commitment and we make time to share with those most in need. Working together makes for a stronger community and that is what the proposed strategy seeks to achieve. It is very much a part of realising our goal to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, creative. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and safe New Year. Take the time to spend with loved ones and make the most of this special time of the year.

Mark Jamieson



## Celebrate people and nature with a UNESCO Biosphere

Our home – the whole local government area – is a highly desirable place to live, work and play. It deserves to be internationally recognised and celebrated, which is why council is working with the community to nominate our region as a UNESCO Biosphere.

Becoming a biosphere will help to ensure we maintain a healthy environment and liveable Sunshine Coast for generations to come. It will also allow for our region to be considered as a niche market, leveraging the agricultural, forestry, fisheries and tourism sectors. The next step is for the nomination to be assessed by the state and federal governments before being sent to UNESCO. An outcome will be announced in June 2021.



# Project Update

## 2019

-  → International Broadband Submarine Cable  
*Connection of Cable Landing Station with Branching Unit.*
-  → Maroochydore City Centre  
*Opening of roads and Foundation Square in Stage 1.*
-  → City Hall  
*Detailed design completed. Construction to commence from the second half of 2020.*
-  → Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion  
*Runway construction continued.*
-  → Mass Transit  
*Finalising preliminary business case for council to consider early 2020.*
-  → UNESCO Biosphere  
*Nomination completed in October – referred to state and federal governments for consideration and submission to UNESCO in 2020.*
-  → Caloundra CBD Revitalisation  
*Town Square renewal project plans unveiled.*

## 2020

-  → International Broadband Submarine Cable  
*Network to be in service by mid-2020.*
-  → Maroochydore City Centre  
*Construction begins on the first four major buildings in the core commercial precinct (Stage 1A).*
-  → City Hall  
*Construction commences on the landmark building.*
-  → Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion  
*Runway complete by Christmas 2020.*

# What's on

## Bli Bli Community Carols

Bli Bli State School  
Friday 6 December  
From 4.30pm

## Christmas in the Park

Jack Morgan Park, Coolum  
Saturday 14 December  
4-9pm



### Community Christmas trees

Christmas lights will be twinkling from Christmas trees all around the Coast. Visit council's website for Christmas tree locations and festive season events.

## Coolum Beach Movies

Tickle Park, Coolum  
22 and 29 December  
5, 12 and 19 January  
From 6.30pm

## NYE Family Celebration

Tickle Park, Coolum Beach  
Tuesday 31 December  
5.30-9pm

## NYE Mooloolaba

The Esplanade, Mooloolaba  
Tuesday 31 December  
4.30pm-midnight

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# Upcoming Events

## December

Queen Forever -  
**We are the Champions Tour**  
The Events Centre Caloundra  
12 December

**Culturally Significant Plant Walk**  
Maroochy Arts and Ecology Centre  
15 December

## January

**Queensland Ballet Workshops**  
Venue 114, Bokarina  
14-15 January

## February

**Queensland Triathlon Series Round 6**  
Caloundra Power Boat Club  
9 February

**An afternoon at the Proms -  
A Musical Spectacular**  
The Events Centre Caloundra  
16 February

## March

**Elton John -  
Farewell Yellow Brick Road**  
Sunshine Coast Stadium  
3-4 March

**In Conversations -  
International Women's Day**  
Venue 114, Bokarina  
6 March

**Mooloolaba Swim Festival**  
The Esplanade  
7-8 March

**Nitro Circus**  
Sunshine Coast Stadium  
29 March

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# Happy, healthy holidays

Healthy Sunshine Coast encourages our residents to put their health first and stay active. These holidays, check out our well-being program and enjoy recreational activities across the Sunshine Coast which are free or low cost.

Suitable for adults of all ages and fitness levels, there is bound to be a class that appeals to you - from group fitness classes, yoga in the park, strength and stability and aqua fitness for seniors to bushwalking, parkrun and other outdoor recreation, plus more. Open to locals and visitors, Healthy Sunshine Coast is a great way to socialise and meet new people while staying active.

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