

DECEMBER 2019 COUNCILLOR NEWS - Division 13

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**7 December 2019 – Schuster Park,
Heather Street, Tallebudgera
DUMBO (2019—rated PG)**

THROWER DRIVE – BOAT RAMP

Following a suggestion from a resident the boat ramp at Thrower Drive (Beree Bedalla Reserve) has had a 15-minute rigging zone installed. The area has been signed and is 19m x 3m, marked with a broken yellow line.



Along with the extra car parking recently provided and this rigging zone, the boat ramp car park is certainly a great asset for the local community.

TACKLE BIN – TALLEBUDGERA CREEK

A new tackle bin has been placed on a Council pole at the beginning of the Tallebudgera Rock Wall. There is already a bin located in front of the Caravan Park on Tallebudgera Creek.



The tackle bins have been placed at popular fishing spots on the Gold Coast to attempt to reduce the amount of fishing line litter. They are made in Australia from 100% recycled materials and are designed to keep unwanted fishing tackle secure and allow it to be disposed of safely.

SCHUSTER PARK – INFORMATION SIGNS

There have been information signs installed on the northern peninsula in Schuster Park, Tallebudgera. The signs provide some great material regarding the flora and fauna of this special area.

What a great asset for the area.



SPEED LIMIT REDUCTIONS – PALM BEACH

The speed limit on Mallowa Drive, between Tallebudgera Drive and Tahiti Avenue, Palm Beach was reduced to 50km/hr from 14 November 2019. This change was required to be endorsed by the Speed Management Committee.

A speed limit review was conducted along this road in light of similar speed changes on Townson Avenue and to align with the objectives of the City's Road Safety Plan 2015-2020.

Current and past research in Australia and internationally provides compelling evidence that increased speed travel speeds are directly related to both the likelihood of a crash occurring and to the severity of crash outcomes. It is anticipated that these changes should improve the safety and amenity of these road environments, particularly for vulnerable users such as pedestrians.

These speed reductions in both Townson Avenue and Mallowa Drive are due in part to the requests of residents and I believe this is a great outcome for the safety of our community.



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OBSERVATORY DRIVE – CENTRE MEDIAN WORKS

Within the next 3 months works will commence on the centre median gardens in Observatory Drive, Reedy Creek between Worchester Terrace and Golden Grove Road.

The works have been initiated to:

1. improve the current condition of the landscape through renewal or conversion
2. improve traffic and pedestrian safety by increasing the line of sight
3. provide a more cost effective landscape treatment
4. reduce maintenance costs
5. whilst maintaining aesthetics

Works will include

1. conversion of centre medians to turf/trees where areas are deemed safe to mow
2. relocation of rocks to nearby roundabouts or use within the centre median to shape areas where garden will need to remain
3. infill plant with trees to match in with existing species
4. where garden beds are to be retained due to topography, infill with plants
5. importing of organic soil to all gardens and mulch to garden bed areas
6. mulch base of all trees
7. include infill planting and mulching of the 5 roundabouts, if required
8. 6 months establishment period for trees/gardens and 3 months for turf

The photos below show an example of the plant selection.

