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ITS NOMINATION TIME ~
time to Nominate for the

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2019

There are a lot of people out there, of all ages, who are deserving of an award and You Know Who They Are!! Nominate them now and inspire others to do the same!

Nominations are invited from individuals, service clubs, schools, associations or community organisations for:

- Citizen Award
- Young Achiever Award

NOTE: An Award in any category may not be given if insufficient nominations are received.

Nomination forms are available on Council's website at www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au or can be picked up from the Council's Customer Service Centre. Please contact Christine Artist at the Mayoral Office on 6648 4002 or christine.artist@chcc.nsw.gov.au for details.

Nominations close on Friday 14 December, 2018.

PROPOSAL TO NAME ROAD

It is proposed to name a road as follows:

Location	New Names
New road off Backhouse Street, Woolgoolga	• Gita Place

Any submissions regarding this proposal must be in writing and addressed to the General Manager by **November 9, 2018**.

Council welcomes and encourages community input to its decision making processes and is committed to openness and transparency.

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Author Returns for Memoir Sequel

Local author Kim Hodges returns to the Harry Bailey Memorial Library at 6pm on October 18 with 'Girl over the Edge', the sequel to her highly successful, no-holds-barred 2016 memoir 'Girl on the Edge'.

'Girl over the Edge' continues her story with a powerful and stirring insight into what it's like to live – and succeed – with a mental illness. The book centres on Kim's battles to understand, and her work to overcome, bipolar disorder.

Join Kim as she presents her book and details how her mood disorder stripped her bare and how she kept herself going.

"Anyone reading this book will be struck by Kim's raw honesty and authenticity," said Catherine Turner, Library Operations and Programs Coordinator.

"The memoir describes how the disorder totally takes over her life and affects Kim's feelings, moods and thoughts – even the way she views the world – at the times she is most vulnerable."

Entry is free, but to secure your place please go to Kim Hodges Eventbrite

Refreshments and finger food will be served and Kim will be available to sign copies of 'Girl over the Edge' after her talk.

For more information on Kim Hodges, visit her website kimhodges.id.au



One-Stop Digital Community Directory Now Live

MyCoffs Connect – a new online space and app for the local community to find out what's on, join a group, or access services – is now live.

"During the MyCoffs Community Strategic Plan consultation, people were very keen to have an easy-to-use online platform to support the Community Vision of being 'connected, sustainable and thriving'," said Sian Nivison, Group Leader Community and Cultural Services. "MyCoffs Connect is an easy platform for community groups and service providers to list their details and also create and manage events. We want MyCoffs Connect to become the place to go locally to join a group, find a service or discover what's on."

The new MyCoffs Connect Directory - - is available both online and via the **Access My Community** app and is free of charge to community members, groups and service providers.

"If you are part of a community group or a service provider, get onto , create a login, list your group or service and get your events in the diary and become a part of this connected online directory for you and our community," added Ms Nivison.

The directory offers some great features including:

- Free and easy access
- Easy to access diary of events
- Easily search for groups and services
- Handy 'add event to your calendar' function
- List and map views
- Up to date information
- Social media sharing
- Allows you to manage your own information
- Free support by calling 1300 762 515
- Intuitive and user friendly software
- Simple and secure

Plus the app allows you to quickly search what's on, look for services, education and employment support, sport, recreation, conservation, information and advice, groups and clubs. You can also look up places of interest and find directions whether you're walking, driving, cycling or taking the bus.

Thomas Arnold of the St Vincent De Paul Society of NSW said: "As someone who works to settle migrants into Coffs Harbour, this is a great resource for helping newcomers to join groups and be part of our community. It will also be a great place to advertise our agency's events. The MyCoffs Connect directory is easy to use and provides a wealth of local information. So get on board, get noticed and get the word out!"

His view is echoed by Rebecca Blayney from the Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS): "This app is going to be a great way for people to navigate Coffs Harbour and find the activities, events, services and businesses that suit exactly what they're looking for."

MyCoffs Connect is part of My Community Directory and My Community Diary. These platforms provide a common platform for health and community services organisations to list their services online, for free, as well as provide a source of up to date data for planning, referral and research. My Community Diary integrates with the My Community Directory platform to link information together and provide a place where organisations can advertise local events and activities to a broad audience within their local government area for free.



Pic cap: Community service providers Thomas and Rebecca love the new Access My Community app

Study Sets Direction for Indoor Sports

The future sporting and economic needs of the local community are behind a major study of the options for indoor sports facilities in the region which has been endorsed by Coffs Harbour City Council.

This has confirmed that sports facilities, participation and events play a key role for residents and visitors to the Coffs Harbour region.

The Coffs Harbour Indoor Sport Study, carried out by Otium Planning Group Pty Ltd (OPG), came up with five key recommendations:

- Aim to meet the future needs for indoor sport in the local government area by planning for the establishment of 6-8 additional courts by 2036.
- Adopt a 'balanced' approach to meet local, district and regional demand by providing new facilities in Woolgoolga and within

Coffs Coast Regional Sports Hub (facilities in and around the Stadium) in addition to retaining Sportz Central.

- Prioritise the development of a proposed Regional Facility (minimum of six courts) within the Coffs Coast Regional Sports Hub to meet regional event and economic opportunities, subject to further feasibility studies.
- Provide a two court facility at the proposed West Woolgoolga Sports Complex to meet current and future demand from the Northern Beaches area.
- To retain the current general layout of Sportz Central and undertake minor building upgrades as soon as possible to improve asset condition and maintenance.

These recommendations are currently not funded or scheduled, but staff will continue to look at opportunities as they arise.