SOUTHERN GOLD COAST

Local Life

A little local news.
A few things to look forward to.

With Rob Tocco | REALTY BLUE



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Hi neighbours, if you spot a set of tracks coming out of the surf on your morning walk, you might be the first to know a turtle came ashore overnight. Here's who to call, plus a little Currumbin history and two dates worth pencilling in before Christmas.

ALONG OUR COAST

WILDLIFE WATCH

Tracks on the morning walk

November marks the start of turtle nesting season on Gold Coast beaches. If you see tracks leading up the sand, or a turtle coming ashore, give it space and ring Turtle Watch on 07 2103 5796. Live by the beach? Turning outdoor lights away from the sand helps keep turtles from losing their bearings.

City of Gold Coast · Turtle Watch

FROM THE LOCAL ARCHIVES

The birds that started it all

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary owes its start to a flower grower with a lorikeet problem. Alex Griffiths began feeding the birds to draw them away from his blooms. People came to watch, and in 1947 he opened the Currumbin Bird Sanctuary to the public. All that fuss over a garden!

Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary · Our history

DATES FOR THE DIARY

SATURDAYS 28 NOVEMBER & 5 DECEMBER

Breakfast on Thrower Drive

Take a shopping bag to Palm Beach Currumbin State High School between 6 am and 11.30 am for the Palm Beach Farmers' Market. Pick up a loaf and something for the fruit bowl, then leave yourself time for coffee. The market has been part of Saturday mornings here since 2000.

Palm Beach Farmers' Market · Details

SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER • 5–8 PM

Carols by the creek

Pack a picnic rug for Palm Beach Parklands, 945 Gold Coast Highway. The carols are free, with face painting, food trucks and fireworks on the program. No tickets needed. Parking around the park is limited, so walking or riding is worth considering if you live nearby.

Palm Beach Christmas Carols · Event guide

ROB'S LOCAL NOTE

My pick for a slow morning in Currumbin Valley is Pasture & Co at the Ecovillage. I'd go for the chilli scrambled eggs and a cold brew on tap. See you around the neighbourhood! — Rob

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