



THE PELICAN'S VIEW

News and Views from Pelican Waters

It's Christmas Time!!

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Pelican's View. I have plenty to report on from my lamppost in the world's most magic place to live.

The big birds have been busy delivering some huge infrastructure and lifestyle amenities to the community and 2018 is shaping up as another landmark year as the Town Centre & Marina development comes to life highlighting Pelican Waters as one of Queensland's finest destinations in its own right.

For a bird's eye view of what's been happening around town, and for what's in the pipeline for the future, it's worth ducking into the Pelican Waters sales offices to check out the new state-of-the-art interactive touch-screen systems, where you can take virtual aerial and ground tours of the development including the highly anticipated marina precinct.

The marina design is well underway and it's certain to impress. Comprising 80-100 wet berths and state of the art dry stack storage for up to 300 vessels, the marina will form the heart of a vibrant new town centre project featuring a dynamic mix of dining, retail and commercial businesses surrounded by a modern mixed-density residential development.

As the first new marina development for the region in many decades, it will provide boating enthusiasts and keen fishos like me direct deep water access to the sheltered Pumicestone Passage Marine Park and rich ocean fishing grounds beyond the safe passage of the Caloundra Bar, multiple support services and leisure features second to none.

I've managed to have a sticky beak at the design work being finalised for the waterfront retail and restaurant precinct and there's no doubt it will set a new benchmark for the southern end of the Sunshine Coast.

Meanwhile the childcare centre is currently under construction at the entrance to the town centre which will provide a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment for the precious young hatchlings in our community.

Seven weeks of rain in the countdown to Christmas made excellent weather for ducks but it was not so great for construction, however as the skies clear builders will be busily making up for lost time.

It's been a case of the early bird catching the worm with the release of waterfront and waterview land at The Quays which has been selling incredibly well.

Some excellent opportunities remain in this premium development which represents the last ever canal release for Pelican Waters and a rare opportunity to secure prime and affordable waterfront land with direct ocean access.

Luxury residential sanctuary the Carlyle Terraces is also flying high, raising the bar for boutique living on the Sunshine Coast. With stage one now out of the ground and attention swinging to stage two, the development comprises of 25 exclusive terrace homes in total. Local and out-of-area buyers alike are swooping on the project to ensure they don't miss out.

January will see a new land release at the popular Waterside precinct, which will be one to watch like a hawk given how quickly previous releases in the precinct have been snapped up.



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Another highlight of the year has been the opening of the new boutique display village in Sydney Avenue featuring the latest cutting edge designs from HIA award winners Planet Homes and Platinum Residential Homes, new Caloundra franchise Hotondo, Platinum Residential, Greearth Homes, GJ Gardner and Look Homes.

This is the perfect destination for people aiming to kick-start their journey into building their own nest, with everything they need to make an educated decision in one handy location.

We were proud as peacocks to see some of our featured builders clean up at recent awards including Planet Homes and Hotondo who had category wins at the HIA Sunshine Coast Housing Awards, with Planet going on to win the coveted HIA Queensland display home of the year.

Platinum Residential also made the winners' list, beating all rivals in its category at the Sunshine Coast Housing and Construction Awards.

The birdies and the eagles might have been few and far between but the mood was excellent and the cause was even better when the Sunshine Coast business community took to the greens for the Henzells Pelican Waters Foundation 2017 Charity Golf & Long Lunch Classic in October.

Proceeds of the event have been donated to this year's major beneficiary, the Currimundi Special School to continue its excellent work creating valuable learning experiences for local children. The annual golf day is part of Henzells Agency and Pelican Waters' proud history of donating funds and land to charities, sporting clubs, individuals and families in need.

The generosity of the businesses that return year after year to support our Foundation in order to leave a lasting legacy in the Caloundra community is greatly appreciated.

October also saw the official opening of the region's most unique and innovative all-ability sensory playground – Scribbly Gum Park. Located at the southern end of Pelican Waters on the edge of the emerging world class Marina and Town Centre precinct, Scribbly Gum Park offers a range of sensory features and interactive elements to engage community members at every level.

A collaboration between Pelican Waters, Anembo Landscape Architects and Playscape Creations, it offers six zones of play giving children many ways to explore and develop their physical, sensory and social skills.

Hundreds of locals and visitors joined in the day of fun at the official opening, complete with food and drinks, face painting, jumping castle, animal farm, all abilities interactive games, prize giveaways and more.

Scribbly Gum will be just one of the many Pelican Waters parks being put to good use over Christmas, and our waterways are certain to be dotted with people lapping up the good times in boats and kayaks or enjoying a lazy fish.



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There are also plenty of great activities organised in and around Pelican Waters for the Christmas and New Year period to keep you entertained. Here's just a small sample of what's on offer.

- Christmas Day buffet lunch at Pelican Waters Golf Resort and Spa (The Sebel). Bookings are limited, so get in quick. Phone (07) 5437 4666 or visit <http://www.pelicanwatersgolfresortandspa.com.au/dining/christmas-lunch-2017>
- Pelican Waters Shopping Village is offering free "Santa Paws" photos from December 16-24 from 10am to 2pm. Bring your family pet and take your own photo with Santa. In January there's free school holiday fun with awesome animals and birds on display. <https://www.pelicanwatersshopping.com.au/page.php?What-s-On-5>
- Enjoy Christmas in Caloundra celebrations at Centrepont Marketplace, 50 Bulcock St, up until December 23. There's music, face painting, kids activities, Santa's workshop and more.
- Head to the Twilight Markets at Bulcock Beach Friday evenings for great music, street entertainment and more than 100 stalls featuring handmade artisan crafts, fashion, jewellery and gourmet sweets.
- Soak up the great atmosphere and score some bargains at the Caloundra Street Fair every Sunday from 8am to 1pm in Bulcock St Caloundra. Have a safe and happy Christmas everybody and I very much look forward to being back with you, pluckier than ever, in 2018!

PS (Pelican Script): Did you know that some people think the "four calling birds" referenced in The Twelve Days of Christmas were originally "four colly birds" with colly apparently being an obsolete word for sooty or black.

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