

A Community Vision for Coolum Village

Coolum dreams of a small scale seaside village of interconnected green open spaces with grooves of trees; where there are many pedestrian paths to travel and the ability to walk from one end of town to the other and enjoy the journey with shade, water taps and seating; where there are less signs and more things to observe; where there are trails of cultural significance and historical places to learn about.

Coolum dreams of a town where mixed used zoning adds to the diversity and safety; where vacant blocks are vegetated until developed, main roads are tree lined; where our parks are enriched with outdoor performance spaces, where there is better utilisation of Jack Morgan and Lions Park and there are ample BBQ and picnic facilities and foreshore viewing platforms.

Coolum **dreams** of a town square where the community can place its heart and entertain its occupants.

Coolum dreams of a place where there is an embedded interpretation of indigenous art and history, a continuous cultural loop trail, art paths and more art works - permanent, temporary and ephemeral - with a diversity of materials and textures. Sculpture gardens, contemporary street art, vibrancy and surprises!

Coolum dreams of cars wanting to travel more slowly through the main street, where pedestrian crossings allow access to the beach directly from the shops and cafes; where bus stops are designed to value and accommodate the community as they wait to commute; where cycling is the fastest way to get directly from A to B and there is access to a bus that regularly 'bee lines' straight to Nambour Hospital so treatment and visits do not require a lonely trip in a car.

Coolum dreams of a town that embraces the nostalgia of coastal camping and caravanning; where the pedestrian has priority and finding a car storage solution is addressed with fresh ideas that do not follow the models of the suburban shopping centres; where the casual transient journey of life and seasonal influx of travellers is embraced into the culture.

We dream of Coolum the beach town, its natural beauty; its people with a diverse mix of all ages and backgrounds; its local businesses and community groups. A place which is celebrated and respected.

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