

Property Market Update

The Cooloola Coast property market continues to show remarkable resilience and growing appeal, particularly among lifestyle-focused buyers seeking a relaxed coastal experience without the frenzy of larger Sunshine Coast centres. Despite economists forecasting further interest rate increases, the region is seeing a noticeable rise in demand for properties over \$1 million, reflecting a strong trend toward quality coastal living and long-term investment confidence.

This surge is being driven by a wave of buyers who might previously have targeted the Sunshine Coast, where rising prices and increasing density have made entry more challenging. Many of these buyers—often professionals, downsizers, or early retirees—are now discovering the Cooloola Coast's charm and value. They're seeking a slower pace, pristine natural surroundings, and the kind of community connection that's harder to find in more urbanised areas.

What the Cooloola Coast lacks in shopping malls and multiplex cinemas, it more than makes up for with unspoiled beaches, abundant wildlife, and a genuine sense of space. There's no need to fight for a car park or battle weekend congestion—just wide stretches of sand, relaxed cafés, and a peaceful seaside rhythm. For many, that's an increasingly rare and valuable combination.

Property of the Month: 14 Esprit Dve, Rainbow Beach



Fantastic Dual Living Opportunity – Walk to the Beach

Presenting a rare opportunity to secure a versatile dual-living or dual-income property in one of Rainbow Beach's most tightly held locations. Positioned just a short stroll from the surf beach, 14 Esprit Drive is ideally suited to families, multi-generational living or buyers seeking a passive income through short-term letting. Set on a generous 776m² block, this beautifully presented home blends contemporary eco-inspired design with outstanding lifestyle and income potential.

4 BED, 2 BATH, 4 CAR, POOL

\$1,250,000

Dingoes on K'gari

The dingo pack linked to the death of Canadian tourist Piper James on K'gari (previously known as Fraser Island) have been destroyed, the Queensland government has announced.

Queensland Environment minister Andrew Powell has confirmed that an entire pack of 10 animals were euthanised.

The group were linked to the death of Piper James, 19, on the 19th of January. An autopsy found physical evidence consistent with drowning and injuries consistent with dingo bites, but "pre-mortem dingo bite marks" were "not likely to have caused immediate death".

The island is home to an estimated 200 dingoes, which are sacred to the Indigenous Butchulla people, who call them Wongari, and are specifically mentioned in K'gari's world heritage listing. "This tragedy has deeply affected Queenslanders and touched the hearts of people around the world," Powell said in a statement in relation to Piper's death.

A spokesperson for the Environment department said rangers had spent the week closely monitoring the pack of dingoes involved in the incident and observed aggressive behaviour. They were deemed an "unacceptable public safety risk". (Source: The Guardian.com)



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