

Property Update

The calendar year 2018 was another solid year of sales with above average transactions across houses, units and vacant land. The amount of stock on the market has significantly reduced over the past three years and is well off the high numbers we saw back in 2009.

See below numbers of recorded sales in Rainbow Beach across each calendar year (numbers include residential houses, units and land but not commercial or industrial properties):

2011	29
2012	34
2013	68
2014	67
2015	55
2016	71
2017	82
2018	83

These figures show a steady increase in sales over the past eight years. Coupled with a reduction in the amount of properties being put on the market, there has been a noticeable change in supply versus demand. This is particularly the case in the under \$500,000 house market.

We have also seen an increase in buyers from New South Wales and Victoria over the past twelve months as people look for better value for their money.

Dolphin feeding at Tin Can Bay to continue

Tin Can Bay's Norman Point dolphin feeding centre, has maintained state government approval to continue under the current arrangements of feeding wild dolphins. Environment Minister Leeanne Enoch gave the institution another five years which will extend out to 2023. "The owners of Barnacles Cafe were granted permission in 2013 to conduct the feeding program under an arrangement that included strict conditions to make sure the dolphins would be fed responsibly," she said.

"The Department of Environment and Science recently reviewed and updated this agreement and as a result, I am happy to announce two new dolphin calves, Luna And Joe, will now join Mystique, Patch, Ella, Harmony, Aussie and Squirt. The experience is an important regional tourism drawcard with thousands of people every year travelling to Tin Can Bay to get close and learn about these fascinating animals," Minister Enoch said. Ms Enoch said dolphin feeding was only allowed as part of the approved feeding program with Barnacles Cafe.

"Trained volunteers and staff are required to follow strict conditions to keep the dolphins safe and healthy, to protect public safety and also record scientific data about the dolphins. I encourage all visitors to the Cooloola Coast and the wider Gympie area to consider making a stop in Tin Can Bay to feed the dolphins," she said. (Source: Gympie Times, 28/12/18)

New café in Rainbow

The corner of Rainbow Beach Road and Clarkson Drive (14 Rainbow Beach Road) is a great location and the new café : *Somewhere Over The Coffee* is taking full advantage of their high visibility position. Serving all day breakfast (with everything from bacon and eggs with all the sides to muesli and fruit), scrumptious cakes, sandwiches, salads and heaps more – they are a great option for a casual meal in between trips to the beach.



Camp grounds packed out

If you want to spend New Year's Eve at Double Island Point, you'll need to get in quick. Numbers at the Teewah Beach camping area are almost at capacity, with bookings selling fast. The beach has a maximum camping capacity of 2200, and there were less than 100 availabilities left as of 27 December.

Numbers were already at capacity in the lead up to the weekend, and rangers are expecting bookings to sell out before New Year's Eve. National park rangers issued a warning to campers to "stay off the dunes" over the coming days, with huge king tides expected to make sections of the beach "impassable". If you're looking for a quieter getaway, there's still room at Inskip Peninsula camping area. The area has a maximum capacity of 2300, and there were still hundreds of availabilities left for the new year period.

With a low tide expected about 9am on December 30, and 10am on New Year's Eve, campers are expected to be on their way before lunch. (Source: Gympie Times, 27/12/18)



Rainbow Beach Summer Carnival

The whole family can enjoy some fun on the green square these holidays with the Rainbow Beach Summer Carnival in town. Open nightly from 6pm to 10pm right up until Sunday 27th of January, the carnival features: dodgem cars, thrill ride, jumping castles, kids rides, carnival games with plenty of prizes and the biggest travelling Ferris wheel in Australia. You can either enjoy some delicious, homemade dagwood dogs and fairy floss or dine out at any of our fantastic local cafes, Clubs or Pub.



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