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Fire danger, weather warnings, alerts and emergencies  (Reviewed 02 December 2019)

- **Total Fire Prohibition:** Until further notice, the lighting of all types of fires is prohibited anywhere in Cooloola Recreation Area, including Teewah Beach camping area, Poverty Point camping area, and Inskip Peninsula camping area.
- **Bushfire closures:** The Cooloola Great Walk, Cooloola Wilderness Trail, all walkers camps, and the walking track from campsite 3 to Cooloola Sandpatch are temporarily closed until further notice due to a recent bushfire caused by an abandoned campfire on Teewah Beach.
- **Park Alerts** exist for the Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area, Cooloola Recreation Area and Cooloola Great Walk.
- **Sand-boarding is dangerous:** Do not run, roll or slide down sand dunes. Serious injury or death could result.
- **Do not climb sand dunes:** Walking and climbing the sand dunes in Cooloola Recreation Area is prohibited. Unstable sand cliffs with falling boulders and landslides make this activity dangerous. High risk areas are marked by safety signs. Visitors must stay outside the marked areas.
- **Teewah Beach camping area:** Campers are advised to take note of the number of the nearest positioning marker in case of an emergency. These yellow triangular markers help emergency services respond quicker to your location.

Camping and day-use areas  (Updated 02 December 2019)

- **Camping closure:** The Cooloola Great Walk, Cooloola Wilderness Trail, and all walkers campsites are closed until further notice due to a recent bushfire.
- Harry’s Hut day-use area is open, and there is partial opening of the Harry’s Hut camping area from 2 November 2019 with 8 vehicle access and 4 river access camp sites open.
- **Christmas:** camping vacancies are filling fast for the Christmas break. Book early to avoid disappointment.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Toilet upgrade works: Monday 7 October to Monday 9 December 2019. The ablutions blocks Dorrigo 1 and 3, Natone 2 and 3, will be closed temporarily. Alternate portable toilets will be provided near the Dorrigo and Natone exits. The Dorrigo beachfront camping track is also closed to public entry while construction is in progress.
- **Inskip Peninsula Recreation Area:** Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Handlers must clean up after dog/s.
- **Teewah Beach:** The camping area beachfront speed limit is 50km/hr. Check your speed and always drive to the conditions.
- **Teewah Beach:** Beach soak & underground water in the camping zone is unfit for drinking, cooking, showering & swimming.

Track and beach conditions  (Updated 02 December 2019)

Remember: Only high clearance 4WDs are recommended on beaches and inland tracks. All-wheel drives, vehicles towing trailers, boats and vans may have difficulty. Stay alert for hazards and always drive to the conditions.

Inland track conditions: (refer to map for general road conditions).
- **Poverty Point Road:** (refer to map for general road conditions).

Beach conditions:
- **Very high tides** in excess of 2m are expected 12-16 December 2019. The beach may be impassable at times during high tides, travel within 2 hours either side of low tide, if safe to do so.
- **Landslips** occur often along the Coloured Sands in the Wide Bay section of Rainbow Beach, and may reduce access. Do not climb sand dunes or park near their base.
- **Marine Stingers** and other dangerous sea life are present, especially during summer, in K’gari (Fraser Island) and Cooloola waters.

Walking track conditions  (Updated 02 December 2019)

- **CLOSED:** The Cooloola Great Walk, Cooloola Wilderness Trail, and the walking track from campsite 3 to Cooloola sand-patch currently closed due to bushfire.
- **Seasonal restriction:** As a result of high fire danger conditions experienced over the warmer months, a seasonal restriction on bookings for Cooloola Great Walk and Cooloola Wilderness Trail is implemented yearly from 30 November to 29 February. High fire danger conditions pose an unacceptable risk to the safety of walkers in remote areas and some walking tracks may be closed at short notice. Restrictions on forward bookings are limited to one month in advance only and intended to reduce any impact on visitors if any walking tracks are closed at short notice.
- **CLOSED:** Figtree walk. Fig Tree Point camping and day use area are accessible but not via Figtree walk which crosses Kin Kin Creek as the bridge was washed away. Planning for a new bridge is underway.

Neighbourhood Police Beat

- Secure camping, boating and fishing gear and other valuables, especially when asleep or away from camp or vehicle.
- **Non urgent incidents – Policelink 131 444.**
- All road rules apply when driving on the beach. Observe speed signage. Police patrol regularly.
Tide times
(Noosa Heads)

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Speed limits

Unless otherwise signposted:
- 40km/h – Inskip camping areas
- 80km/h – beach
- 50km/h – Teewah Beach camping area
- 35km/h – inland

Upper Noosa River 6 Knots, no wash

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Cooloola Way
Council managed 4WD road. Generally very rough. Seek local advice.

Poverty Point Road
Rough in sections.

Exclusion Zone at river mouth. No 4WDs, dogs or horses.

Three beach cuttings

Although every care is taken to clear tracks regularly, tree falls can occur at any time on any walking track or road.

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