What is Spoonarama?

At the peak of Spoonarama there were 12,000+ Teaspoons on the walls across 3 rooms of Round Table Coffee with more than 20,000 Teaspoon in the larger collection. Spoonarama is the Largest Collection of Souvenir Teaspoon on Display in Queensland.

In May 2023 the 3rd room of Spoonarama was rehomed. a huge number of Teaspoon made their way to a few different collectors and a smaller batch to a museum. The walls of Round Table Coffee currently hold 4,500+, this is still Spoonarama but on a smaller scale.

When Round Table Coffee opened in late 2014 there was a small rack of Teaspoons on the wall. These were what Allie & Jeremy Jucha had collected themselves over a few years. They became topic of conversation and visitors to the shop began offered their own small collection to add to the walls. Into 2018 there had been hundreds donated to the growing collection and there was an idea to lift it further, a target of 2,500 on the walls was pencilled in.

A *Teaspoon Amnesty* was created; 10 teaspoons could be exchanged for a coffee. This was caught onto by ABC Radio & some rural newspapers and before long the *Teaspoon Amnesty* had gone national. During that one month *Teaspoon Amnesty* of May 2018 there were 3,743 teaspoon received. They were posted from all over country; Canberra, Cairns, Broome, Tasmania, there was even a box hand delivered from Perth. This success made it quite clear there was an interest from many people of giving their Souvenir Teaspoon collections a new life.

In October 2019 a 3 day *Teaspoon Exhibition* was setup. 5,500 teaspoons were sorted into various categories and specific racks were made by Jeremy which gave space for Australian state Teaspoons. That 3 day event saw 140+ people browse through, the response was very positive and encouraging.

In late 2020 another space became available permanently and *Spoonarama* was borne of Round Table Coffee. A 3rd room to Round Table Coffee, there were more than 120 Teaspoon Racks around the walls. In the centre was an ex-government map cabinet that held 2,500 Teaspoon alone.

Teaspoon were grouped by countries, States, Animals, Schools, Royalty, Trophies, Collector Club issued, Olympic/Commonwealth Games, Theme Parks, Holiday Islands, specific maker/manufacturers, special events and many more. Souvenir Teaspoon are still being donated to the collection and added to the walls when possible.

You will still find *Spoonarama* Teaspoons, T-Shirts & Tea Towels to purchase in *Round Table Coffee*.

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When Round Table Coffee owner Jeremy Jucha began collecting souvenir teaspoons a few years ago, he never dreamt the collection would grow to thousands. Next week he will exhibit the collection at his Bracken Ridge coffee shop to raise money for drought relief.
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Dog beaches open

Win for owners as off-leash trial gets underway on bayside

MICHELLE SMITH AND ELYSE HEYN

DOGS without leashes are now welcome on several bayside beaches under a 12-month trial.

Beaches at Sandgate/Shorncliffe and Nudgee Beach are now "dog friendly" — at least for the time being — along with Manly in the south.

The move follows years of petitions and requests to the council to make it legal to let dogs off their leashes.

At Sandgate, the off-leash trial area will be from near Second Ave to the beach area in front of Lover's Walk at Shorncliffe.

The off-leash area in Nudgee Beach Reserve will run from the Fortitude St carpark boat ramp, south to the mouth of Kedron Brook.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner said the designated dog off-leash areas had been selected to ensure dog owners could have a great time without disturbing migratory shorebirds, which visit Moreton Bay every year between September and April.

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