



# SUNSHINE COVE

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – FEBRUARY 2020

### Community Garage Sale

Someone else's junk might be someone else's treasure! We are hoping to hold a garage sale weekend where multiple people in The Cove host a garage sale on the same weekend. The more the merrier!

Please register your interest and we will nominate a weekend and advertise in the local newspaper.

### Seeking precinct representatives

Did you know that each quarter we send a representative from the Committee to represent The Cove at a meeting with Council about garden and amenity maintenance?

As The Cove continues to grow, it is becoming difficult for us to keep up to date about required garden verge maintenance, tree pruning, hedging, footpaths, weeds, water reserves, and lawns.

We are seeking representatives from each precinct to report to us on their precinct upkeep and ways we can improve maintenance and landscaping. Please get in contact with us about your concerns or, even better, send us a picture. Let's make The Cove a better place!

### Don't feed the wildlife - Donate instead

You may have seen temporary signage erected along the lakeside reminding residents and the public of the dangers of feeding our wildlife – particularly our wonderful feathered friends.

We encourage all residents and visitors to NOT feed bread to our bird friends. The best thing that you can do is just simply watch and enjoy them. Our environment and wonderful lake are full of all sorts of wildlife and it is up to us to ensure that it is well cared for.



We and our sick wildlife have been fortunate in recent months to have been assisted by volunteer-run organisations listed below, which rely on donations to continue their purpose.

Please donate to make a difference:

- Twinnies Bird and Rescue – [twinnies.com.au](http://twinnies.com.au)
- Wilvos – [wivos.org.au](http://wivos.org.au)

### Our own identity for Sunshine Cove?

Have you ever thought about Sunshine Cove becoming its own suburb? What does that mean? It may well be a possibility and we would love to hear your thoughts and feedback.

Have you had a mix up in address between Mackenzie Drive, Maroochydore and McKenzie Drive, Maroochydore?

Would a name change provide us exclusivity? What does that mean for our mailing address?

Please email us your thoughts at [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com).

### Do you have a good news story?

We would love to hear and share any good news stories you have.

- A neighbour that has helped out.
- A lost animal returned to its rightful owner.
- A holiday destination that you recommend to others.
- Some caravanning and holiday tips that you would like to share.

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## SCRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My wife, Christine, and I have been residents in "The Cove" for nearly five years. It's great to see the many positive changes that have happened since we moved into this wonderful piece of the Sunny Coast.

Our community grows daily and it's great to see so many other residents enjoying what we have in our cove bubble. There are many people taking great pride in their homes and enjoying the extra green spaces that were planned as part of this development. In addition to thriving businesses (both large and small), the greatest improvement I've seen is the community spirit many of the long- and short-term residents have developed.

We love where we live and it's obvious by what I'm seeing that many other people do too. Let's continue to develop that spirit within yourself, your neighbours, your street, and your precinct and let's see how good we can make "The Cove" in the next five years.

*When all is said and done, the real citadel of strength of any community is in the hearts and minds and desires of those who dwell there.* Everett Dirksen



### From Phil the Joker

A set of golf clubs walks into a bar.

"What'll you have?"

"Nothing for me, I'm the driver."

### FROM THE SECRETARY

Sorry, I have been a bit slack of late communicating to our members, despite preaching about its importance. I will endeavour to touch base with our members monthly; be it providing updates on social events and development applications, at committee meetings, or just general info to help the community out.

We have just been busy being busy. Isn't that just the worst excuse ever? I work away frequently and travel away from The Cove, so I love getting home and enjoying the sea breeze and catching up with neighbours.

Sometimes we just forget what life is all about. Which made me think – what brought us all to The Cove?

I would love to share your stories. What do you do? Where are you from?

Recently a new member from Canada built a new home in The Cove just to be able to see and be closer to their daughter and grandchildren in the winter season. How good is that?

I am so fortunate to have the best neighbours whom I can call upon to put my bin out and check on my lawn without any questions asked. So instead of dwelling on our busy lives, let's dwell on those that have helped us out and be thankful to those around us that make our lives that little bit easier every day!

### TREASURER'S REPORT

We are beyond appreciative of our annual members that continue to join and grow each year.

We now have 10% of Sunshine Cove households that have joined our membership, supporting and keeping in touch with what is happening in and around The Cove.

We are continually looking for new members, new ideas, and input to make our Cove a better place! We have a healthy bank balance as a result of our numerous volunteers and modest \$10 annual membership fee. To become a member visit

<https://sunshinecovera.com.au/membership-application/>

Any suggestions on how we should best spend your money and have some fun?? Send us your ideas!

### SCRA committee

**President** – Bernie Gilbert

**Treasurer** – Chrissie Bach

**Secretary** – Chrissie Bach

**Vice President/Social events** – Barb Joppich

### Committee members

- Golf liaison – Phil Duthoit
- Garden liaison – David Jelf
- Committee Member support – Stephen Coote
- Committee Member support – Judith Godfrey



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## COMMITTEE NEWS

### SCRA meeting with Sunshine Coast Council

The SCRA President and Vice President met with our local councillor Jason O'Pray in late December to discuss the points below that Cove residents have raised.

#### Dog drinking bowls around The Cove walkways

We have suggested six be strategically placed and the cost of this request is being calculated for future capital works programs.

#### Dog-waste bags

Council rejected this request because of the ongoing cost of replenishing the holders. The SCRA are looking at re-approaching Council with an alternative idea to tackle this issue.

#### Beach area

The beach in front of the Emporio apartments has washed away. Council has scheduled its replacement by late February.

#### Toilets at Bedarra Park

There has been quite a bit of community discussion about the lack of toilet facilities at this park. Council has taken our request onboard and are evaluating the cost for inclusion in next financial year's budget.

#### Boardwalk maintenance

We will continue to discuss this issue as maintenance of these boardwalks is Council's responsibility at this stage. Some recent work was completed in the part of the boardwalk near Serenity Circuit.

#### 50km/h speed limit

After working with Council, the SCRA successfully negotiated to reduce the speed limit inside The Cove, and all speed signs have now been changed to 50km/h.

### Stay in touch

Member involvement and communication motivates us to do more and be better!

We appreciate your feedback and are available to answer any questions or concerns. Send us an email [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com) or message us on Facebook at [facebook.com/sunshinecoveRA](https://facebook.com/sunshinecoveRA).



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### Clean Up Australia Day

The annual Clean Up Australia Day is on Sunday 1 March 2020, so let's clean up The Cove! This is becoming a bi-annual event, with the last clean-up day in September involving 13 wonderful volunteers that picked up in excess of 16 bags of rubbish in and around The Cove.

If you would like to get involved this Clean Up Australia Day, please email us. In appreciation for your efforts, we will treat you to a BBQ breakfast.



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## DEVELOPER UPDATE

### Bedarra update

The landscaping of the Bedarra Precinct is now being completed. Ongoing housing construction had made access difficult, and the hot weather delayed the landscapers' progress.

### Holiday rentals

People have approached us asking about the rental of properties over the Christmas holiday period. Residents thinking of using their house as a short-term rental, for example, on Airbnb, need to discuss the implications with Council's development section. An application to Council may need to be submitted as your rates may fall into a different category.

### Lake and boat ramps

People are reminded that motorised craft (petrol/diesel/electric) are not permitted on the lake. This is a Council stipulation; the boat ramps have been installed only for the use by Council staff for maintenance purposes. We all enjoy living here, so please be a considerate neighbour and refrain from abusing the rules, which are there for everyone's benefit.

### Precincts 7 and 10

We are looking forward to getting on with the last stage of Sunshine Cove. Thank you to everyone who participated in the public notification stage of the development application and attended the information sessions in December.

Council is currently processing the information contained in the submissions. To date, no feedback has been received from Council and, with the upcoming election, feedback is not expected until before April.

We are keen to further engage with residents to discuss the submissions, advise of the next steps in the process and answer your questions, with future information sessions planned with James Brownsworth from Innovative Planning Solutions and Glen Cassidy from Chardan Development Group.



## SOCIAL NEWS

### 2019 Sunshine Cove Christmas cheer

A big thank you to all the residents that came along to our 3rd annual Christmas party in the park. We got to chat with our neighbours and share some laughs. What a great way to celebrate the end of another interesting year in The Cove. Thank you to the community and the many businesses that contributed lucky door prizes and made the afternoon a great success.



### Putters and Platters

A field of 12 contested our first mini golf challenge at the new Maroochy River mini golf course on Friday, 31 January. Congratulations to Errol, Barb, and Richard for DOUBLE holes in one – an event highlight. Dinner and refreshments followed a most enjoyable afternoon overlooking views of Mount Coolum.

The committee is looking to make this outing a regular event, with the next mini golf at dusk being held on 3 April. Meanwhile the next regular golf game is scheduled for Friday, 28 February. RSVP is essential.



## SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATE

Members receive the latest details about upcoming events. It's never too late to join!

**Dinner on a school night**  
Tuesday, 18 February 2020

**Golf**  
Friday, 28 February 2020

**Clean up The Cove**  
Sunday, 1 March 2020

**Trivia night**  
Wednesday 18 March 2020  
(Courtesy bus available)

**Mini golf at dusk**  
Friday 3 April 2020  
(Courtesy bus available)

**Community Easter egg hunt**  
Saturday 11 April

**Fridays in the park**  
First Friday of the month - 5pm

**Morning tea with neighbours**  
Second Friday every month

**Mah-jong**  
Every Wednesday 1-4:30pm

### Free Tree Day

On 1 November, residents were treated to Council setting up a free tree stall in Sunrise Drive Park. Residents just had to bring along their rates notice to choose two free trees or shrubs to complement their gardens.

Councillor for Division 8, Jason O'Pray, was on hand to discuss any questions from residents, while two very capable and passionate arborists, Jason and Sue, were available to impart their expertise about types of plants. The Council produces a very informative booklet on the different plant species that thrive in the Sunshine Coast climate. This is available from local Council offices.



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