



# SUNSHINE COVE

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



KEEPING YOU INFORMED - DECEMBER 2017



We wish all the residents of Sunshine Cove a very **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a New Year that will bring a sparkle to your life.

The Management Cmte of the **Sunshine Cove Residents' Association** extends seasons greetings to everyone. We trust you will enjoy your Christmas in the Cove - particularly if this is your first Christmas here - possibly in your new home. It is a time for celebration and relaxation. Have fun, enjoy and say hello to your neighbours! And many thanks for the great Christmas light displays we are seeing around the Cove.

We are pleased to report that as our membership numbers grow, so too are we finding more volunteers to get some momentum into the work of the Association. Thanks for your patience as we try not to overburden the few volunteers that have offered to help up to now. Your offers of assistance along with ideas are always appreciated and welcome.

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We welcome all new residents who have moved into the Cove, and trust you are settling in and enjoying our beautiful location and friendly community.

### Social Events

Social events are now underway in the Cove thanks to a team of willing volunteers to organise these. If you have any suggestions or comments, especially with offers to help organise events, please let Barb Joppich know via the Association email: [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com) The Management Cmte is in the process of preparing a calendar of meetings and social events through to the AGM. It will indicate what's on and when, to enable members to plan ahead. The Calendar will be emailed to members in January. Let's enjoy these opportunities to socialise within our neighbourhood and make a success of them by our personal support.

### CHRISTMAS at the COVE

was held on Thurs 14 December at the park on Sunrise Drive. It was a great community Christmas get-together that will hopefully become an annual tradition.

### FRIDAY in the PARK

Friday community get-togethers in various parks around the Cove from 4.30pm will be underway from February. Watch out for information coming to members by email from our Social Committee.

### SCRA General Meeting

Our first members' General Meeting was held at Kon-Tiki, Plaza Parade on Tues 24 October with about 50 members in attendance. It was a great start as we began to get to know one another and address issues of common concern. Please come along to our next meeting if possible on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at 7pm. Location TBA.



### Membership

We currently have over 110 members and we encourage all Cove residents to join the Association. A Member Application form can be emailed to anyone who enquires at: [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com) With more members we can further enhance the Cove community. **We are YOUR Association.**

### SCRA VACANCIES -

#### 1. President

Ashley Sedon, the Association's initial President, has relinquished the position due to pressing personal commitments. Ashley has provided guidance and considerable assistance to the Association during its development period, and he will be a loss to the Management Committee. On behalf of all members, we thank Ashley for his significant input and wish him well as he and Paolo-Andrea settle into their new home in Serenity Circuit. It's important for the Association to fill the President vacancy as quickly as possible.

#### 2. Newsletter Editor

The Association is also looking for a volunteer to produce our quarterly Cove Newsletter. The position will require some computer skills with access to suitable software, and the ability to write and edit the content and liaise with advertisers and the printer and distribution team.

#### 3. Website Hosting/Content

The Association is also looking for a volunteer to help with developing our website, and its hosting, content and updating.

If you, or someone you know, has an interest in any of the above 3 positions, and have the necessary skills and time to commit to it, then please email the Association: [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com)

A member of the Management Committee will make contact to discuss the position further. We hope you will consider these positions and be willing to play a meaningful role in the Association and in developing the Cove community.

### Active Members Volunteer

The Association is grateful to those members who have already volunteered to assist in various ways. Thank you.



## Our 'Did you know?' Corner

### Making contact with Council

In our desire to make the Sunshine Cove community a truly desirable place to live, there are times when most of us notice things that need attention and are not sure what to do about it. Well if you think the item of concern might fall within the oversight and/or responsibility of the Council, then pick up the phone and ring the call centre at 5475 7272 or go online to [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and 'request a service' or even start a live chat in business hours. Your suggestion for a repair, removal, fix or improvement will be directed to the appropriate department/person, and you will be given a reference number for any followup. Once the task has been attended to, someone from Council will contact you to confirm it is sorted. So easy. We encourage you to make use of this simple process to keep the Cove looking great and a pleasure to live in.

### Supermarket Trolleys

Sadly, not everyone is as community minded as to return the supermarket trolley when the groceries get to the car or home. If you spot a wayward trolley there are a couple of options -

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## COMMUNITY CONCERNS -

### Vehicle Parking

Parking is an ongoing concern within Sunshine Cove, and this matter has been raised by the Association with our Councillor Jason O'Pray. He reminded us that the Sunshine Cove is being built at a higher density than many of us are used to, and kerbside parking is at a premium, particularly when some residents are using their off-street parking (garages) for other purposes. We encourage all residents to try to use the parking spaces within their property boundary for their intended purpose, and to not hog kerbside spaces which are primarily for visitor parking. Council has now allocated a Parking Inspector to Sunshine Cove, and any vehicles parked illegally will be identified and fines issued.

### Traffic Issues

The Association is arranging to meet the Council Traffic Engineer on site in the near future to address traffic control issues that have arisen around Sunshine Cove. Discussions will include speed limits in lane-ways and on the two main arterial roads, intersection markings, kerbside parking on narrow roads, and blind spots at intersections. If you feel there are other items to include, please send us an email indicating the nature of the problem, the location, and the frequency, and we will endeavour to add these to our list at the meeting.

### Kerbside Planting Draft Plan

The Association President recently met with Council staff drafting a plan related to residents who might want to plant the road verge as a garden. Numerous suggestions were offered to ensure the proposed plan addresses communities such as ours which have small lots and narrow roadways, and therefore limited kerb space. We still want an attractive road verge, and the plan needs to accommodate our circumstance also. We are assured that the ongoing landscaping and maintenance of our community will continue as part of our extra rates levy. The gardeners are doing a great job. You may be interested to know that the Association has input in the review of the quality of this gardening contract, so if you have any concerns or suggestions, then please email us.



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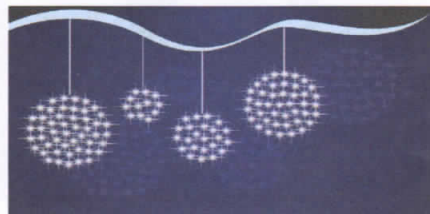
In the light of concerns raised that personal contact details should not be shared beyond the Association, the **\$100 Ucango travel voucher** (per member household) will be distributed by the Association. Members will receive these in January.

### Local Supplier Discounts

The Association is pleased to alert members to discounts and incentives from local suppliers. Show your membership card to receive a discount at:

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