



SUNSHINE COVE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – Q4 2021

A message from Bernie – President

We are now in the last quarter of 2021 and the year has tossed up many challenges, with some good surprises as well. Volunteers run the association and many of the committee have full-time jobs, as well as the normal busy lives with family and friends.

As the President of this association, I ask all the community (members or non-members) to consider the following questions.

If you are not a member, then why not?

It is only \$10 a year and collectively our voice can make a difference. We can't continue to do that if everyone sits back and let a few do the work for many. Become a member today and become part of this community.

Do you have a few hours a week to help? If so, we need your help.

We still need a secretary and a social events co-ordinator. The committee has been sharing these roles and, although most things are going okay, it's not ideal to have these positions vacant. If you can help, put your hand up - we could really use your help and it will only be a few hours per week.

Tell us what you are thinking, Sunshine Cove.

Our main objective as an association is to make this community a better place to live. Since our inception we have made some great advancements, but for that to continue, we need to know what you're thinking. Contact us via email or via Facebook or Instagram.

SAVE THE DATE SCRA Christmas Party

After last year's Christmas party was cancelled due to "you know what", this year's event is planned for Friday, 26 November at Sunrise Drive Park at 4.30pm. The event will conclude when the last person goes home.

We will provide some chicken and pizza for everyone.

BYO chairs and drinks and bring along a plate or nibbles to contribute to the event.

All residents are welcome—members and non-members. We will have a "members only" lucky draw of prizes provided from local businesses.

RSVP and more information will be sent closer to the day.

We ask you to pre-register for this event due to COVID requirements.



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SCRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

A message from Dave – our Landscape Rep

The year is marching on and the season beginning to change to spring, not that we see a lot of change in this sub-tropical climate. Plenty of pruning being done around the Cove and areas scheduled for bi-annual mulching have been attended to.

If you do notice an area that looks very degraded of mulch, please let Council know so it can be inspected, and action taken. Check our website for an email address as this has now been updated and includes a lot of useful information.

Another helpful link is the Cove map showing maintenance areas throughout the estate covered by your annual levy. As a general rule, all main roads into the estate are mowed, as well as parks.

The property boundary outside your fence line to the footpath is owner or tenants' responsibility unless otherwise noted.

Another helpful service that Council has is advice for plant species suitable for the Cove if you wish to plant extra shrubs in your garden.

WANTED

A volunteer for the Harvey /Mackenzie area is needed.

This is to report on the condition of the precinct four times a year.

If you are interested, please contact us via the SCRA website.

A message from Katina – Treasurer

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone in the committee and the community for the lovely welcome.

Our membership is growing rapidly; however, there is always room for more. We have had several membership forms submitted recently, but have not received payments. We will be contacting those members to finalise their membership. If you have paid your membership for this financial year and have not received an email confirming payment, please reach out with the date you paid and method and we can update our records.

Spread the word about our association and how it benefits the community. We have great social events, information sharing, and many more benefits for members. We want to advocate for what is best for everyone living in the Cove and we can only do this if we have everyone's input.

Financially we are in a good position for this financial year, and we are always looking for great ways to support the community. We would love your input into this, so get in touch.

Precinct 7 & 10 Update - MCU19/0143

While there is no new formal information available from Council, we understand there has been a decision made, but is yet to be finalised.

This process has taken much longer than usual and has caused much frustration. We will share any updates with the community as soon as we receive any information.

Mobile phone coverage in Sunshine Cove

Have you experienced any changes to your mobile service since our last newsletter?

SCRA is aware that upgrade and maintenance work have been carried out in the local area over the last few months.

If you are still experiencing any coverage problems within the Cove, please log the details on the mobile black spot database via:

www.tedobrien.com.au/article/where-are-mobile-black-spots-fairfax-nominations-now-open-round-6.

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CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

New to the Cove?

Looking to connect with other residents?

Found a dog? Lost a cat?

In addition to the quarterly newsletters, the emails to SCRA members, and the official SCRA website, www.sunshinecovera.com.au, we also have more ways to communicate with members. We post about upcoming events and sponsors on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sunshinecovera/ and have a private Facebook Group www.facebook.com/groups/SunshineCoveResidentsAssociation, which is easy to join and where residents can post pictures and ask questions.

All our events and our communication, build a sense of community and belonging. We even have an Instagram page that showcases the beauty and the progress of Sunshine Cove <https://www.instagram.com/sunshinecove.residents.assoc/>. Send us any great photos of life at the Cove you'd like to share via our private Facebook group, and we'll share them to Instagram or our main Facebook page for all to see.



SCRA website

Check out the changes we've made recently to our website at www.sunshinecovera.com.au.

One of the new features is "useful links". You will find information from the various precinct maps and specifications, which is something we get asked about a lot. The vegetation maintenance specification and maps give a clear indication of what we can expect from Council in looking after the Cove vegetation.

There are also things about animals and pets, trees, and various other Council links including waste management, recycling. New residents can find a link to assist people that are new to our beautiful Sunshine Coast area. This is a work in progress, with more changes coming.

If you have any spectacular photographs of the Cove, please forward the unedited version to info@sunshinecovera.com.au for addition to the gallery.

Business update

Over the last three months, the SCRA committee has made some major changes to its use of technology.

Part of these changes has been a new email address info@sunshinecovera.com.au.

Over the coming months, we will also be automating several processes.

To join the SCRA or renew your membership, you can access the membership form from our website or use the QR code located in this newsletter. Once submitted, you will be sent instructions for payment.

RSVPs to social events will also use an online form. Simply provide your membership email when you submit a response, and you will receive a reply confirming all the details.

We hope these new measures and future changes will assist in managing our membership process and regular events.



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SOCIAL NEWS

The SCRA social events are an important part of our activities as it gives residents an opportunity to meet people from their neighbourhood and enjoy the great facilities in the Cove or close by. The range of events and times are designed to cater for different interests.

The first Friday in the Park for Spring changed back to Sunrise Park after being indoors for the winter months. Those gathering for Friday in the Park can enjoy our beautiful waterfront, as well as the food, drink, and social time.

The venue for the coffee morning also had a change and around 30 people gathered at CK Coffee Bar at the Homemaker centre to enjoy coffee, cake, and a good chat on the second Friday of September.

Barefoot bowls has continued at the Cotton Tree "Club Maroochy", and events are planned regularly.

SCRA members will receive email reminders approximately a week before the social event.

Thanks to all who have attended one or more social events. We would welcome any feedback so the organisers can make sure the events continue to meet everyone's needs.

**JOIN OR
RENEW
TODAY**

There is no better time to join your residents' association or renew your membership. Membership is a modest \$10 per household. This funding contributes to the administrative costs of the association (website, PO Box, registration fees, printing), along with assisting to running some of the social events. We love our members, and your support and ongoing engagement motivates us to do more.

Benefits of becoming a member

- Enables us to communicate with you directly
- You get all the up-to-date information on issues impacting our community
- Receive invites to social events and activities and meet with fellow Sunshine Cove residents
- Opportunity to have your say and contribute
- The larger our membership base the more influence we can have to help shape our community.

To join or renew, simply scan the QR code and forward payment as detailed.



SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR – SAVE THE DATE

Christmas party

Friday, 26 November 2021

Fridays in the Park

First Friday each month from 4:30-6pm

Check out Facebook and members emails for park details.

Coffee mornings

Second Friday each month at 10am

Mah-jong

Every Wednesday from 1-4:30pm

Dinner on a school night

Third Tuesday monthly/bi-monthly

Book club

Held monthly

Did you know our newsletter gets delivered to over 900 homes and read by over 2000 people, as well as distribution by our digital platforms?

We offer supporter packages to companies that want to tell residents inside Sunshine Cove about their business and services via our newsletters.

If you run a business and live in "The Cove", know someone that wants to get to this market, or simply want to support our association, send an email to info@sunshinecovera.com.au and place the word "Supporter Package" in the subject line.

Someone will be in touch to discuss options.

