



SUNSHINE COVE

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – FEBRUARY 2019

SCRA MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2019!

With the festive season behind us and everyone back into the swing of things, we thought we had better get cracking too!

It's great to see so many people out and about in the morning, and of an evening, enjoying all that Sunshine Cove has to offer. It not only motivates others to get out and active, it creates a great community feel.

Next time you walk, run or ride past a fellow "Sunshine Cover" take two seconds and say "Hi" - it's free and may just make someone's day.

All the best for 2019.

P.S. Thank you to everyone who attended the SCRA Christmas Party. I'm sure everyone had a great evening.

AGM notes

With over 60 SCRA residents in attendance, Chairman Glenn Wilson opened the meeting and reviewed the committee's achievements for 2018. After the confirmation of minutes from the previous AGM and apologies, the committee reported on their specific areas of responsibility. This included report from Treasurer Stephen Coote and a social club report from Greg Sheppard. Glen also outlined the committee voting processes including the nomination process and prior nominations.

Office bearer voting was by nomination from the floor and votes were measured by a show of hands. The existing committee members were elected unopposed for the 2019 year.

Guest speakers concluded the evening, and included Glen Cassidy, Chardan's Development Manager, and Councillor Jason O'Pray from Sunshine Coast Council. After some informative discussion the meeting officially closed at 9.00PM.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

The Sunshine Cove Residents' Association (SCRA) starts 2019 in a strong position, with over 100 households being financial members and a sound bank account balance.

The committee is always open to financially support ideas that can help the association meet its given set of objectives. See the attached Membership Form.

The committee predominantly communicates with member households through emails. If you are a current financial member but are not receiving our emails, please contact us so we can make sure you are on the contact list. If you would like to support the SCRA for the first time or you have been a member but have overlooked continuing your financial support for 2018/19 please complete the new members form. The stronger the united voice, the more effective we can be for the Cove community.

STAY IN TOUCH

You can visit the SCRA website at www.sunshinecovera.com.au Our website contains useful information about our Association, and events.

Our Facebook page also contains regularly updated and light-hearted pics, information, notifications, and updates and can be found at www.facebook.com/sunshinecoveRA/ You'll also find more information about our social groups and events, and even posts about lost pets. Make sure you LIKE the page to stay up to date with what's happening in Sunshine Cove, and tag any of your neighbours who haven't already liked the page.

If you wish to post something on the page, send a direct message to the page, and, if appropriate, we will share it.

SCRA committee

Chairman - Glenn Wilkinson

Treasurer - Stephen Coote

Secretary - Greg Sheppard

Vice-President - Bernie Gilbert

Committee members:

- Barb Joppich
- Anne Maree Britton
- Lil Wylie
- David Jelf



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SOCIAL EVENT NEWS

Social committee report

The Christmas party was a huge success, with over 100 attending and enjoying a sizzling sausage (and onions). But were they on the top or bottom of the sausage? Good fun, and no one slipped on the onions!

A big THANK YOU to the businesses who donated prizes for our raffle, they were well received, and I'm sure enjoyed.

Thank you also to the management committee and social event volunteers, without you we wouldn't have been able to have the party and enjoy catching up with our neighbours and now friends.

Fridays in the park have been quieter of late but the coffee mornings are going very well with nearly 20 attending our last one!

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Fridays in the park

These will start again when a new co-ordinator is on board.

Coffee mornings

2nd Friday of the month at 10am
Harvest Café, Kon Tiki Building

Mah-jong

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm. This rotates between players.

Book Club

2nd Monday of the month at 10am.
This rotates between readers. New members are most welcome

Dinners and lunches

To be advised

For further information, please contact us through the SCRA email address or check Facebook for updates.

MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR JASON O'PRAY

The SCRA regularly keeps in touch with Sunshine Coast Council about issues relating to Sunshine Cove via our local councillor Jason O'Pray.

We invited Councillor O'Pray to attend and speak at our AGM.

He accepted and attended, giving a great presentation and taking many questions from the floor.

At our most recent meeting we discussed the following issues:

- Sunshine Cove grounds Lakes and boardwalk maintenance, with more information included in this newsletter
- social activity
- traffic management
- proposed bus routes in the Cove
- CBD development update.

'The Cove' needs your help: Social events co-ordinator and assistant.

One of our great achievements since the SCRA was established has been to bring our members and community together by organising and supporting a social events calendar. It's a great way to meet and make new friends.

Barb Joppich, our current social events co-ordinator, has reluctantly decided to stand aside after establishing and coordinating all our great social events in 'The Cove' since its inception. We would all like to thank Barb for all her hard work and the fun way she has built the social events calendar and listened to the members about their suggestions.

With Barb's departure there is a need for someone within the membership to put their hand up to take on this very important role. We also require an assistant to lighten the load. Barb is willing to provide a full handover and ongoing support, if needed.

With a social calendar in place – all you'll need to do is carry it on into the future.



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GROUNDS, LAKE, AND BOARDWALK MAINTENANCE

Following on from our last newsletter, we are pleased to advise that Sunshine Coast Council has reappointed "Austspray" to the garden & grounds contract for a further five years. The five-year term gives stability to both the Contractors and the residents of Sunshine Cove.

A question that has been raised on numerous occasions is "who is responsible for the garden strip in front of, or along the side of the property?" Council has supplied the following advice about nature strip landscape maintenance.

"Sunshine Cove enjoys a subtropical environment and favourable growing conditions for vegetation. The results of these growing conditions are certainly evident on resident's property frontage that includes turf or gardens (or both).

Residential frontage is generally considered to be the area between the property boundary and the kerb, sometimes the property boundary and the footpath. Frontage landscapes contribute to the amenity of both the individual premises and the entire suburb and provide myriad benefits over and above the general appearance.

It is common and accepted practice that property owners or residents maintain turf and garden bed areas within the nature strip abutting their properties. Council appreciates residents' support and willingness to undertake this activity as a contribution to the amenity of the area which allows council to direct its resources to other essential services.

Sunshine Cove residents receive a higher level of landscape maintenance commensurate with the special rates and charges (levy) scheme which includes extra maintenance of open space and common areas- including parks, medians and the like. However, maintenance of frontages remains with the property owner, resident or body corporate.

Council does not maintain nature strips adjoining residential properties for aesthetic purposes, however may conduct maintenance if there is an associated risk, for example, road safety, impaired sight lines and hazardous pedestrian movements. Any remedial work programmed will be prioritised against the risk posed at the subject site and will not form part of any regular scheduled maintenance program."



The Sunshine Cove community development continues to expand, with house construction now starting in the recently completed Bedarra Precinct. The additional park areas are still under construction and a jetty and a pedestrian bridge should be completed by the end of March. Access to the lakeside pedestrian path will be available to all once the pedestrian bridge is complete. Until then, please refrain from entering this area for your own safety.

Construction of the Cheyenne Way bridge has been completed but the bridge will not open to the public until construction of the western precinct is finished. A worrying trend has been people jumping off the bridge, and we ask that people refrain from this activity as submerged objects, along with changing water levels, could cause serious injuries.

We also ask people not enter the balance our site west of Cheyenne Way bridge. This area remains a construction zone and is not safe for the general public. It has been fenced off and sign posted to restrict access; it is not an off-leash dog zone. Anyone entering this site is trespassing and does so at their own risk.

2019 will see the urban design continue for the final two precincts.

We intend to start sales for these residential allotments in the second quarter of this year, at the earliest - fingers crossed.



Sunshine Cove Residents' Association (SCRA)

The Role of the Association

The general objectives are indicated in the "Constitution and Rules". In essence SCRA will working to achieve the following:

- To influence the quality of life in Sunshine Cove for the better
- To actively seek ways to maintain and improve the infrastructure of the Sunshine Cove
- To be proactive in promoting Sunshine Cove as a highly desirable place to live
- To continue to build a positive relationship with Council, key community groups and businesses.
- To build the Sunshine Cove community through organised events and social gatherings
- To encourage residents to take care of the environment and facilities in the Cove to enable residents to continue to enjoy a safe and healthy community
- To foster a sense of pride in being a member of the Sunshine Cove community and respecting and caring for all residents.

2019/20 Membership Application Form for **NEW** Members

Membership Valid until 30 June 2020

The Nominal Annual Subscription is \$10 per household

Personal Details are retained by the SCRA and are not passed to any third party

Please use upper case letters to complete the form

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Address _____

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Signature _____

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