



# SUNSHINE COVE

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

KEEPING YOU INFORMED – JULY 2019

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's July already and how good does Sunshine Cove look after all of the rain?

So much so that our resident swans haven't left our pristine waterway. As many know, the black swan is well represented in Maroochy and forms part of the SCRA and Sunshine Cove Realty's logos. There are many tales and stories behind the black swan; however, I'd like to share the intriguing Dreamtime legend from the first inhabitants of the Maroochy district, the Aboriginal people of the Gubbi Gubbi group, as illustrated on Sunshine Coast Council's website.

*Many years ago, during the dreamtime, a beautiful Aboriginal girl named Maroochy was loved by another of her tribe, Coolum, a young warrior whose union to Maroochy had the approval of the elders.*

*One day a mighty warrior named Ninderry, who belonged to a fierce and warlike tribe, stole Maroochy while Coolum was out hunting. When Coolum returned and found that Maroochy had been abducted, he set off in pursuit following their tracks. Fearing (as custom decreed) to demand Maroochy's return from such a fierce warrior, Coolum crept into the camp while Ninderry was asleep and set Maroochy free, before fleeing back to their tribe's territory on the coast.*

*Ninderry was furious when he awoke to find Maroochy gone and Coolum's tracks leading her from the camp. He flew into a mighty rage and set out after the young couple. When Ninderry caught sight of them, he threw a nulla (club) at Coolum, knocking off his head which rolled into the sea and became Mudjimba Island. Coolum's headless body fell and turned into stone, becoming Mount Coolum.*

*The Spirit God, known to the Undanbi as Birral, had been watching these events from his crystal throne in the sky and was deeply incensed by Ninderry's foul deed. He struck him down, turning him into stone where he became Ninderry Crest.*

*Filled with sorrow at the loss of her beloved Coolum, Maroochy fled to the Blackall Ranges, weeping so much that her tears flowed down the mountain range to form the Maroochy River. As time passed, she decided to try and find Coolum's spirit that had gone from his body. To aid her quest, she transformed herself into a black swan (Muru-kutchi) and to this day, journeys up and down the river, flying to the swamps and lakes, searching for the spirit of her treasured Coolum.*

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Another financial year has been and gone. Time flies when you live in the Cove! As the precincts continue to grow, we would love to see our membership base grow to ensure our residents are kept informed of all things Sunshine Cove! With just shy of 700 residences at last count, it would be great to see our memberships increase from 140 household memberships.

For a modest \$10 per household per year, stay informed with up-to-date information on issues impacting our community and be invited to the many social events and activities held throughout the year.

We have a new membership form this year to update our member database. For new members, please complete the attached hard copy member form. Renewing members, please complete your form in response to your invite to renew via email.

We look forward to your continued support.



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## SOCIAL EVENT NEWS

Winter is here, so Fridays in the Park will recommence in Spring.

Coffee mornings are still very popular, with a catch-up chat every second Friday of the month.

Mah Jong every Wednesday afternoon is gaining more players and we welcome any newcomers.

Book club has changed to the evening if any SCRA members are interested in joining us.

We are always interested in ideas that members may have for other social gatherings, so if you have an idea, please let us know through SCRA email, Facebook, or website.

### SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

**Fridays in the park**  
Starting again in Spring

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

**Mah-jong**  
Every Wednesday afternoon

**Book Club**  
Last Monday evening of the month  
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.

### Golf

This year the SCRA has embarked on a social golf club trial for our members. The club had its initial game at Maroochy River in late April and, although the weather was poor, our roll up was reasonable.

While we have enough members for a regular monthly game, we are keen to add to our group to make it sustainable into the future, so new members are always welcome. If you would like to join the Sunshine Cove Golf Club please contact Greg Sheppard on 0409 564 618 or email [greq@emporioapartments.com.au](mailto:greq@emporioapartments.com.au).

### SCRA Facebook

The SCRA Facebook site – find it at [www.facebook.com/sunshinecovera/](http://www.facebook.com/sunshinecovera/) – is undergoing a rejuvenation, and will now feature regular interviews with the residents of Sunshine Cove. To be called 'Characters of the Cove', it will show the favourite part of those residents' homes and find out what they love about living in the Cove. We hope this will let us get to know each other a bit more, get a sneak peek into other people's lovely homes and interesting lives, and that our sense of community will grow. It's a well-known fact that people are happiest when they have a sense of community and belonging! Of course, living in such a beautiful development surrounded by nature also helps.



The static SCRA website ([www.sunshinecovera.com.au](http://www.sunshinecovera.com.au)) contains the main social activities for the residents, as well as information about the Association. The Facebook site provides real-time information where we can post last minute reminders about events or help a lost dog find its owner - though we might already know whose dog it is if it has been featured in a Characters of the Cove post! Facebook is moving away from being an advertising platform and back to being a place for friends and families to keep in touch and share memories. If you don't have a Facebook profile, all you need is an email address, a smartphone (or laptop or tablet), plus an internet connection. Ask a friend or relative to help you create a Facebook profile and give you a few lessons so that you can get connected to our Sunshine Cove community.

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## GROUNDS, LAKE, AND BOARDWALK MAINTENANCE

### Nature strips

The issue of maintenance of the nature strips at the front and, in some instances, the side of houses has been raised again. The Council has indicated that the Maintenance Levy paid by all owners in Sunshine Cove does not cover these areas and are the responsibility of the resident to maintain, as is the case in other neighbourhoods.

If owners in Sunshine Cove wish to have Council maintain their nature strips, then the cost of the levy would have to increase by around \$100.

### In-fill / Replacement planting

If you observe an area of grounds that requires further planting, or a replacement bush or tree that has died, please send a General Request to Council via email or use the Snap Send Solve app.

### Boardwalks

The boardwalks have just had been re-oiled. While this has always been done every six months, in future this will be done annually, as twice a year has been deemed over-servicing. This will also reduce the risk of polluting the waterways.

### REMINDER

The grounds, other than personal nature strips, are the responsibility of Council to maintain under our Maintenance Levy. They do a great job keeping our estate in tip top condition.

If you do happen to see something you feel requires attention, send a General Request via Snap Send Solve.



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new residents of the Bedarra Precinct who have now joined the community. While landscape and construction works are still underway, the precinct is beginning to take on its own character. Once the housing construction is substantially completed, we will finalise the street landscape.

The final panels are currently being installed on the timber pedestrian bridge. Once these works are completed, the bridge will be open for use, and will provide a very scenic pathway link through to Maroochy Boulevard.

Living Choice is bringing the central six hectare development to life, with the Estia Aged Care facility and residential terrace houses nearing completion.

Living Choice is also undertaking construction of the Brighton Apartments on Sunrise Drive, which will add to the mix of housing styles available within Sunshine Cove.

We are currently working with Council on the urban design of the remaining balance area of Sunshine Cove. We ask that people do not enter this area and keep off the bridge. It is an active construction zone and is a dangerous/hazardous area – as indicated on the installed signage.

### SCRA committee

**President** - Glenn Wilkinson

**Treasurer** - Chrissie Bach

**Secretary** - Greg Sheppard

**Vice-President** - Bernie Gilbert

#### Committee members

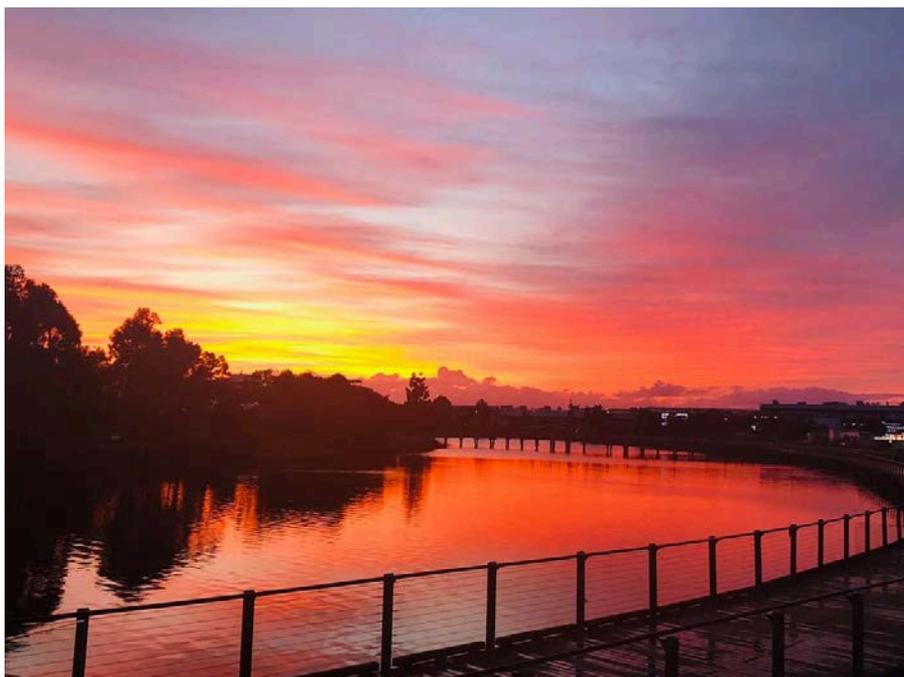
Barb Joppich

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Sunrise at Sunshine Cove by Carissa, 2 July 2019



## **Sunshine Cove Residents' Association (SCRA)** The role of the Association

**The general objectives are indicated in the 'Constitution and Rules'.**

### **In essence, the SCRA will be 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.

### **Benefits of being a member**

- Enables us to communicate with you directly.
- Provide you with 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.
- Have rights to address at general meetings.
- Stand for executive committee positions and full voting rights (one vote per household).
- The larger our membership base, the more influence we can have to help shape our community.

All work undertaken by the SCRA is on a voluntary basis and membership fees are used to cover the Association's running expenses such as stationery, printing, postage, and web hosting etc.

We appreciate your support and contribution.



# 2019/20 Membership Application Renewal / Become a member

Membership valid until 30 June 2020

The Nominal Annual Subscription is \$10 per household.

(Unfortunately, no pro-rata payment applies if membership paid during the current year).

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

**Please use UPPER case letters to complete the form**

Household surname \_\_\_\_\_

Household street address \_\_\_\_\_

How many residents reside in your household? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names of those that reside in your household and their correspondence details should each member wish to stay informed. **Please list at least one email address.**

	Household member names	Email	Mobile (optional)
1			
2			
3			
4			

We like to ensure we attract and represent members from across the Cove – which precinct do you reside?

- |                                    |   |                                  |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> MacKenzie | <input type="checkbox"/> Trinity          | <input type="checkbox"/> Sarina  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah  | <input type="checkbox"/> Flinders         | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedarra |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Claremont | <input type="checkbox"/> Moreton/Brighton | <input type="checkbox"/> Emporio |

We would also like to offer activities and social events for different age groups. What group best represents your household?

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 25 years  | <input type="checkbox"/> 25 - 35years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 55 years | <input type="checkbox"/> 55 years+    |

Please use this opportunity to provide us some feedback and offer suggestions. This information assist the committee with our forward planning (social ideas, environmental, community shared spaces, amenities).

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Would you like to volunteer and assist the committee and get involved? \_\_\_\_\_

Place this form in the SCRA box located inside Sunshine Cove Realty at 17 Hidden Place or 22 Flinders Lane with \$10 cash. Alternatively please make a \$10 Direct Deposit to the SCRA CUA Account: BSB 814282 Acc 50716865 with reference to your name and address. Email your completed form to [sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com](mailto:sunshinecove.ra@gmail.com).

We will confirm via email that we have received your membership.