



New KIRA Website Launched

The Kawana Island Residents Association is proud to announce the launch of their new website:

www.kira.net.au

The website will serve as a key avenue for the community to connect and to have a voice on how Kawana Island is managed and maintained. The website is mobile-friendly, easy to navigate and allows the community and the KIRA Committee to stay in touch.

The KIRA Committee particularly acknowledges the efforts and expertise of our IT guru, Chris (from Smartfish Creative) in the development of the website.

Join KIRA

Not a member of KIRA yet? Anyone over 18 who either resides on Kawana Island or owns property on Kawana Island is eligible to join KIRA. Joining is free and easy to do on our new website.

The more people we have join KIRA, the stronger our voice is when discussing issues that affect your enjoyment of living on the Island.

Join Today!



Welcome to the Kawana Island Residents Association (KIRA)

Located in the heart of the Sunshine Coast, Kawana Island is perfectly located less than 10 minutes from some of the Sunshine Coast's popular beaches, Kawana Shopping World, and a short drive south to the Caloundra CBD, or north to Maroochydore CBD, providing a great place to live for an ideal work/life balance.

- ✓ Learn more about KIRA, what we do and how to contact us.
- ✓ Easily join association (and retract membership upon leaving the Island).
- ✓ Share your community concerns.
- ✓ Support KIRA's work by responding to short surveys and polls.
- ✓ Find out about upcoming community events and local activities.
- ✓ Learn more about our wonderful community and facilities on the Island.
- ✓ Access our community newsletter, 'Kira Mirror'.
- ✓ Use the business directory so you can shop locally.
- ✓ Share and contribute positive stories about living on the Island.
- ✓ Advertise your local business with our affordable advertising packages.

Share Your Thoughts

Share

KIRA is *your* residents association and we value your contribution. Anywhere you see this blue 'Share' speech bubble is an opportunity for you to contribute and share your thoughts. You can do so on our website or by emailing us at hello@kira.net.au



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New Committee

The Annual General Meeting, held 9 December 2018, saw over 30 Islanders gather to elect a new Committee for 2019. The new committee combines a high-level of experience with the re-election of four members and the enthusiasm of five new members. Two additional Islanders act as assistants to the Committee.

Chair:	Denis Carroll
Secretary:	Barbara Clarke
Treasurer:	Keith Blows
Committee Members:	Chris Bourke Julie Bruynius Sharon Conboy Jose da Silva Figueiredo Libby Page Bill Redpath
Committee Assistants:	Greg Nugent Sue Alcock

You can find a photograph along with a short bio of each member on the new KIRA website. If you see them around the Island, be sure to say hi!

Support for KIRA Growing

We have been delighted to see that active support for KIRA is on the rise with three new people volunteering to support the work of the KIRA Committee. They will be attending Committee meetings and offering their views and undertaking tasks but under the governing rules will not be able to vote as elected representatives of KIRA. Should you wish to participate in such a manner then please let us know. We welcome all the help we can get!

KIRA To Meet With SCC

The executive members of the KIRA Committee have been invited to attend a meeting with all Sunshine Coast Councillors on 29 May. The purpose is to allow KIRA to meet with all Councillors and to put forward

mainstream views affecting Kawana Islanders. This is encouraging evidence of KIRA's standing in the Sunshine Coast community.



KIRA Refines How It Will Operate

At its meeting on 6 March, the Committee discussed how it could most effectively operate given the resources both physical and financial, it had available. The Committee determined that it could most effectively serve Kawana Islanders as a supporter and engine for community activity by providing a meaningful link between those groups actually doing things and Islanders who may be interested. The new KIRA website is seen as the most important tool for communication to assist in this process by creating a greater awareness of what's happening on the Island.



KIRA's New Publisher

You may have noted a fresh approach to the edition of the KIRA Mirror. This is due to the efforts of one of our new Committee Members, Libby Page and the Committee would like to publicly express its appreciation for Libby's excellent work. We trust you will agree.

Small Business Directory

KIRA urges Islanders to support local businesses and is compiling a free business directory on our website so that Islanders can shop locally.

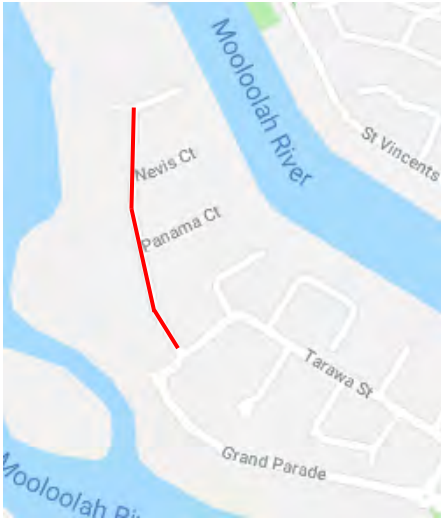
- ➔ Are you a small business owner in the local area living on the Island?
- ➔ Do you operate a small business on the Island?

If you have a small business and would like to be included you can add it as part of your KIRA membership on the website or email your details to hello@kira.net.au. Please note you must be a current member of KIRA to be listed in the business directory.



Did you know you can advertise on our website and in the Kira Mirror? Contact us for more information.

Northern Grand Parade Parking Concerns



Several residents have voiced their concerns to KIRA regarding the on-street parking at the northern end of Grand Parade. Residents are concerned that the narrowness of the road coupled with the lack of parking guidelines could result in a serious accident. It is also vital that adequate distance remains across the narrow road to allow access for wider vehicles such as emergency vehicles. KIRA would suggest that restricting parking to one side of the street would reduce this risk.

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If you also have this concern, please let KIRA know so that we can share it with council as there is strength in numbers. Simply email us at hello@kira.net.au

Garden Competition

Although we've only just entered Autumn, now is the time for Island gardeners to start planning their spring gardens. KIRA will once again be holding their Garden Competition and encourages all keen and aspiring gardeners to enter.

More details soon.



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Community Connections

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KIRA loves to encourage community connections.

Perhaps you'd like to connect with other Mums on the Island? New to the Island and would love a walking buddy? Do you have an existing casual gathering or group activity and would welcome new friends? Let us know and we can share it on our website, Facebook page and newsletter on your behalf.

Thanks to Sharon for this stunning photograph. Sharon shares photographs of her walks around the Island on Instagram. Why not share your photos too? If you'd like the chance for your photos to feature on our website or in the KIRA Mirror, email them to hello@kira.net.au

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Kawana Island's Own Convenience Store

Many Islanders will have noted that the Island's convenience store at Double Bay has changed owners. KIRA aims to support businesses on the Island and is grateful to Peter, the new owner of the store who has generously sponsored this edition of the KIRA Mirror. Please note his advertisement in this edition and support the business where possible.



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Responsible Dog Ownership

Council's dog laws are based on common sense, allowing everyone to enjoy the Coast's open spaces safely and comfortable.

Dog owners are reminded that as per council regulations dogs must be restrained by a leash unless in a designated off-leash area. Information on local off-leash areas can be found on the Council's website: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Animals-and-Pets/Dog-Parks-and-Off-Leash-Areas

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Would you like an off-leash area on the Island? Let us know so we can advocate for this as part of future council upgrades to the Island.

Council also requires owners to:

- a) immediately remove and dispose of the dog's droppings in a sanitary way
- b) carry a bag suitable to pick up and dispose of their dog's droppings



Fines of up to \$261.10 apply for each offence.

Next issue: Responsible Cat Ownership

Vandalism on the Island

As beautiful as it is, even Kawana Island is not spared petty acts of vandalism. We are extremely fortunate in living where we do and it's sad that some individuals don't appreciate our surrounds. To help protect our unique environment, it's important that we all do what we can to keep it in top condition.

If you see any unruly behaviour, please report it to Police via Policelink on 131 444 or an online report at www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/policelink

If you see existing graffiti or vandalism in our community, you can report to the Sunshine Coast Council by:

- contacting the council's [customer service centre](#) on 1300 007 272 (Monday—Friday, 8.15am-5.00pm)
- accessing [MyCouncil Services](#) on the council website and submitting a General Service Request
- downloading the free [SCC App](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) and lodging a service request.

Together we can help to ensure that Kawana Island remains a beautiful place to work and live.

KIRA expresses its thanks to Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, for the printing of this newsletter.

Kawana Island CONVENIENCE & TAKEAWAY

NEW MANAGEMENT!

- Burgers
- General Groceries
- Hot Chips
- Milk & Bread
- Soft Drinks
- Hot Chickens



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7 DAYS**

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