



KIRA IN ACTION

Welcome to our second edition of KIRA Mirror for the year. We are pleased to report that the new KIRA website (www.kira.net.au) has been very well received with lots of positive comments from Kawana Islanders. In addition, our new KIRA Committee is functioning very well with an unprecedented level of enthusiasm and ideas. In fact, the response has been so great that we have built up an informal category of Assistants to the Committee which now has five participants in addition to the six Committee Members and three office bearers.

Our first public event will be a **wine tasting**, the details are below.

We have also had meetings with Sunshine Coast Council and report on these in this issue.

We look forward to your feedback on this issue of the Mirror and a productive year for KIRA. Currently, we have around 550 members - **have you joined yet?** It's very easy to do via the KIRA website. The best part is membership is free and the more members we have, the stronger is KIRA's voice.

WINE TASTING EVENING

Tired of Shiraz or Sauvignon Blanc? Want to try something a little different?

The last 10 years have seen a huge growth in Australian winemakers experimenting with a range of European grape varieties. These new names (Fiano, Gruner Vertliner, Nebbiollo etc) appear on wine lists and at bottleshops - but what do they taste like? With which foods are they best matched?

Our first KIRA wine tasting offers a chance to find out with five different varietals of white wine and five of red wine.

Leading us through this tasting is Damien Ringrose, the current wine specialist for the Sunshine Coast Hotels Group and manager of Birtinya Cellars. Damien has trained as a sommelier, worked as a cellar hand at the Barossa, the Hunter Valley and Piedmont (Italy) and holds qualifications in sales and wine education. He is passionate about wine and his expertise will help us to learn about these wines.

Tuesday 25 June 2019 | 5:45pm–7pm

Kawana Island Meeting Place

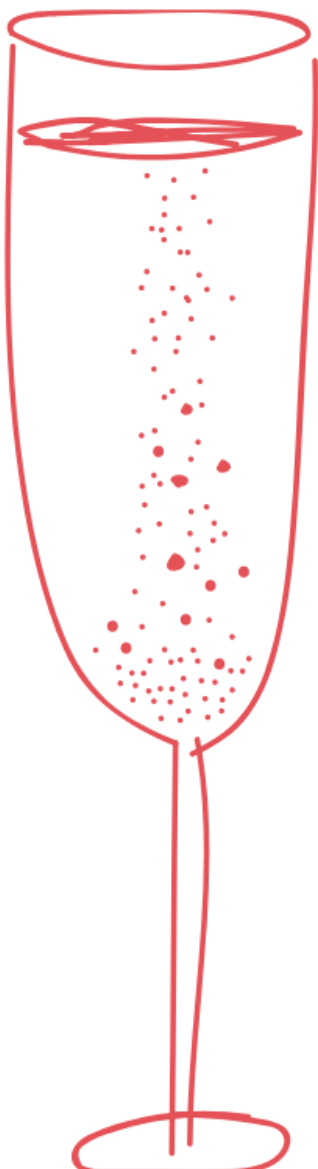
\$20 cash only at the door

Please RSVP by Friday 22 June to hello@kira.net.au

(so we know how much wine we need)

We look forward to seeing you there for our first social event of the year!

P.S. Why not make a night of it and go on to dinner at the Green Zebra.



KIRA Working With SCC Parrearra Lake Management Plan

On 29 April, KIRA Committee Members met with all the Councillors (including the Mayor) of Sunshine Coast Council as part of Council's "meet and greet" community bodies initiative. This facilitated Council introducing all Councillors to KIRA and gave KIRA the opportunity to create greater awareness of what it does. It seemed to be educational for both sides and was considered by KIRA to be a very positive initiative by Council.



KIRA also met with Cr Connolly and Council staff for one of its regular meetings with the Councillor and went through a number of items raised by KIRA members.

Parking Concerns

As reported in the previous edition of the KIRA Mirror, there has been some concern regarding the parking in narrow streets and in particular at the northern end of Grand Parade. KIRA put its views forward and these were responded to by Council officers. Council confirmed that the existing road design did meet all regulatory requirements and as such its options for dealing with complaints were limited.

This is a very difficult and sometimes emotional issue for residents with a number of competing concerns. Council agreed to prepare an information paper which we have placed on the KIRA website (www.kira.net.au). KIRA considers that this should be of help to enable residents to understand what is and is not permitted in relation for parking on the Island and may perhaps assist residents to be more mindful of where and how they park to reduce disruption and inconvenience to fellow Islanders.

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. If there is something you would like to bring to KIRA's attention you can do so on our website or by emailing us at hello@kira.net.au

It's official! For those who are interested, Kawana Island does have a lake! It's actually the body of water between the lock at the northern end of the island and the weir at the bottom end. Council has forwarded it's updated management plan to KIRA for comment and we have responded positively given that the few changes only reflect what is and has been current practice. KIRA did also suggest however that a more efficient electronic gate opening system for the lock such as remote opening tags would be of major benefit to all boaters who use the lock from a convenience and safety perspective and also reduce costly maintenance of the existing two jetties and keypad facilities. We will place the revised plan on the KIRA website as soon as it is formally adopted by Council.

Parks Update

New Gym Equipment for Double Bay



We are pleased to report that Council is just about to commence work on provision of new gym equipment at Double Bay and we are in the final stages of negotiation regarding the type of equipment to be installed.

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Island Park

Sadly we must report that Council wishes to take away the shade structure at the children's playground due to non-compliance and replace it with some sort of unspecified tree shade. KIRA remains puzzled by this and has made strong representation to Cr Connolly for satisfactory resolution. In addition, KIRA has also queried whether the existing facilities are actually fit for purpose for small children who are the primary users.

Half-Basketball Court

Council reported that the installation of a half-basketball court on Grand Parade should be completed in time for summer.



Small Business Directory

Those small business operators on Kawana Island who registered their interest in being listed in the KIRA Small Business Directory will be interested to know that we are currently finalising those entries on the website. If you would like your logo to be placed next to your listing, please email us directly.

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.

Kawana Island Convenience & Takeaway - A True Local Supporter

Readers will note that Peter, our local store owner has again advertised in this edition of the Mirror. Peter was so pleased with the response he received from the last edition that he wanted to continue his support for KIRA.



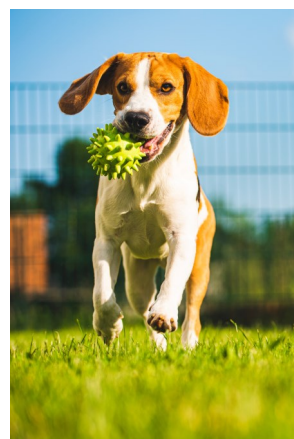
You'll notice that his offer for this edition is particularly tempting! KIRA thanks Peter for his generous support and Kawana Islanders for giving him the support he genuinely deserves.

Community Connections

KIRA loves to encourage community connections. Why not get to know your neighbours? Offer to bring in their bin and collect their mail if they're going away for the holidays. Even if you've been neighbours for a while, it all counts to make Kawana Island a friendlier and safer place to live!

Breaking News: Dog Park Coming

KIRA is excited to announce that Council has just confirmed that Kawana Island will get it's own dog park. Stage One is planned to be completed by the end of the year. More details to follow next edition of the KIRA Mirror and on our website.



KIRA Community Day

Those residents who attended will remember our highly successful KIRA Community Day in September last year, the attendance for which exceeded all expectations. We're excited to report that work has commenced for this year's event for a date to be fixed in September.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see at this function, please feel free to share your thoughts with us at hello@kira.net.au

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Garden Competition

While the gorgeous Golden Pendas scattered around the Island have almost left us for another year, KIRA's Spring Garden Competition is still ahead so start planning your gardens now.



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We are blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world, so why not share your photos on Instagram - #Kawanaisland or #KawanaislandLife? 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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Responsible Cat Ownership

Cat owners are responsible for their cat's health, welfare and the impact it has on your surrounding community.

Council requires cat owners to:

- a) contain your cat within your property, building cat enclosures if necessary
- b) microchip your cat
- c) register your cat

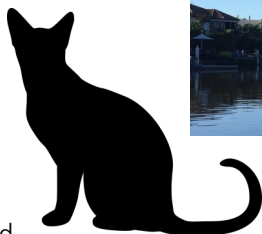
Council requires your cat is contained within your property which reduces the risk of them being run over, attacked by other cats or dogs or going missing.

Microchipping your cat is the surest way to ensure that if your cat is found roaming it can be returned to you.

Council also encourages cat owners to consider desexing cats in order to assist in population control and to enhance your cat's health and wellbeing.

Council requires all cats to be registered with the council. Annual renewal is due on 30 September unless you have opted for Lifetime Registration.

Fines of up to \$261.10 apply for each offence, plus an impound fee (\$247) and daily care fees (\$43) if your cat is impounded.



Maintenance on the Island

KIRA quite often gets emails concerning maintenance issues on the Island. Where appropriate, we pass these on to Sunshine Coast Council.

However, every resident on the Island has the opportunity to report these issues 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.

Let's keep Kawana Island in as pristine condition as possible!



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



OPEN 7_{AM} - 7_{PM}
7 DAYS

5 Grand Parade, Parrearra
(Next to Mykies by the Bay)
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