



KIRA Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 3 December at Kawana Island Meeting Place at 7:30pm

Wow! How quickly this year has passed! It is time again to announce that KIRA's AGM will be held on Tuesday 3 December at Kawana Island Meeting Place at 7.30pm. The timing is a departure from past practice as your KIRA Committee is very keen to afford as many people as possible the opportunity to attend the meeting.

It's also very pleasing to announce that this year's Committee has worked extremely well due to the experience and enthusiasm of its very capable and committed members and Assistants to the Committee. The AGM is the opportunity for all residents to get involved with KIRA for the benefit of Kawana Islanders so we're looking forward to a big attendance.

All Welcome - Please Join Us!

Garden Competition **Join KIRA**

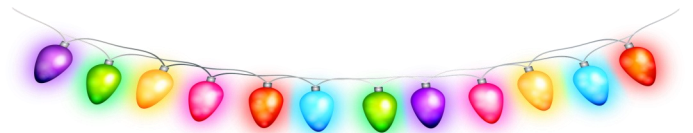
Thank you to all those Islanders who entered or nominated a neighbour in our recent Garden Competition.

Judging was carried out in early October, just after the rain so the gardens and lawns were looking especially lush and green.

The winning property was Ivor and Joan Young of Seychelles Place. The judges were particularly impressed with their neat and overall neat and tidiness of the yard.

New to the Island? 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 website - kira.net.au

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



Christmas Lights

As the Festive season approaches, many Islanders adorn their homes with Christmas lights and decorations. We're sure many of you will join with KIRA in thanking them for making the effort to light up our neighbourhood. It doesn't matter how big or small your display is, it's all about getting involved in the holiday spirit. As a courtesy to neighbours, the Sunshine Coast Council recommends turning off lights after 10pm.





Community Day Wrap-up

Thank you to all the residents who joined us on Sunday 8 September for the Kawana Island Community Day!

It was great to see residents connecting with others and we hope you had the opportunity to meet some new friends.

Special thanks to Cr Connolly and the Sunshine Coast Council's grants program without whom this day would not be possible. Thank you also to the Kawana Waters State College Buskers and Pacific Lutheran College Jazz Band for the wonderful music, to Julie Pennington (4 Paws) for judging our Pooch Parade and Pet Stock Kawana Waters for their kind donation of prizes. Thanks also goes to Unity Water, Kawana Island Kawana Island Convenience and Takeaway and of course, Mykies by the Bay.

The organising committee worked especially hard to bring this event together and it was gratifying to see that it was so well attended.



Thanks also to Greg, Leeward Body Corporate Chairman, for taking the time to share these kind words of thanks...

Shared

"The Community Park Party today was just delightful. It was an absolute triumph for the committee and the Kawana Island Community is very lucky to have KIRA to take the lead in community activities."

Nothing could have been more pleasant in spring than a picnic in the park accompanied by games, competitions and a brass band. Playing jazz no less.

Your committee's initiative brought back to me just how much we can be in danger of losing in our society as we high five ourselves into imbecility while omitting essentially Australian community activities such as KIRA's community party in the park.

I did not see a glum face anywhere. Your organisation was superb and the concept is definitely worth repeating next year. Again thanks for the invitation, the food, but mostly the opportunity to have fun and meet new friends."

Snap Send Solve

Reporting local issues is now a SNAP!

Snap, Send Solve is the easy and efficient way to notify local councils, utilities or other authorities of issues that need addressing in your community. The app is free to download from the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#), and it's also available online at www.snapendsolve.com

You can use it to report any of the following:

- Abandoned cars
- Abandoned trolleys
- Animal related issues
- Communication equipment pits and lids
- Dumped rubbish and litter
- Graffiti
- Noise
- Parking issues
- Pavement and road damage
- Playground equipment damage
- Street lights not working
- Street cleaning
- Tree issues
- Water and sewer issues

**Snap
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Solve**

Reporting a problem only takes 30-seconds so it's a great way to report problems when you're out and about in the community!

Local Post Box

Even in these modern times when most communication is electronic, there are still times when a card, letter or gift is appreciated. When you need to post something, why not use our local island post box? By using our local post box as much as possible, we ensure will remain viable in the future.



Share Your Thoughts

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KIRA is *your* residents association and we value your contribution. 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

Island Street Parties

We often hear of the halcyon days when people knew their neighbours and left their doors unlocked. "Street parties" are a great way to meet your neighbours, build trust and meet new people while having fun.

A street party is a get together of locals in the neighbourhood.

As part of building our community, KIRA is encouraging residents to organise their own street parties.

How to Organise a Street Party

To organise a street party, you'll need a neighbour or two to locate a good site such as a nearby park, a quiet/dead end street (Grand Parade won't work) or a front yard (get permission first). Often a natural boundary is obvious but it is a resident-only event so choose an area (often small is beautiful).

If you propose to completely close a street you will need to get your neighbours' consent and notify the Council and obtain their approval. They can be contacted on 5420 7424 (Community Land permits).

You then need to letterbox an invite to neighbours or use word of mouth to invite them to the event and advise them to bring their own drinks, a plate to share and possibly something to sit on.



We suggest a 4pm start and that someone brings a portable table and some labels for name tags. It's a matter for you if you want to invite pets.

Remember, it's your neighbourhood party so you need to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of participants and to clean up afterwards.

Get to know your neighbours

SCC on the Job

Parks Update

Residents will be pleased to note that installation of the new gym equipment at Double Bay is almost completed. In addition, Cr Connolly's office has advised us that work is proceeding on the half-court basketball facility and the new dog park in Grand Parade with project design almost completed and work expected to commence before the end of this year. These projects have been the result of ongoing liaison between KIRA and Cr Connolly and we are very grateful for his assistance and support.

Kawana Island Spruce-Up

Thanks to all the residents who reported areas around the Island which could use a little love. Input for this initiative from residents has been compiled and presented to Cr Connolly for work to be undertaken by Council. KIRA has met with Cr Connolly and Council officers and looks forward to seeing some visible improvements in the Island's general appearance.



Thanks to Sharon who snapped this stunning agapanthus on her morning walk this month. Share your photos on Instagram using #kawanaisland or #kawanaislandlife or email them directly to hello@kira.net.au

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Small Business Directory

- ➔ 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.

Becoming Security Safe for Summer

With Spring just around the corner, and the weather already starting to warm up in preparation for the nice warm Sunshine Coast days ahead, it is a good time to think about your home security.

While we live in a relatively crime-safe area of the Sunshine Coast, just like any suburb, Kawana Island is not prone to crime, and the best way to fight it starts with prevention.

It's surprisingly common during a late night or early morning walk around Kawana Island to see neighbours leaving their garage doors slightly or fully up, or windows open to catch the breeze, making them prime targets for opportunistic criminals to make their move.

The small spate of thefts earlier in the year reportedly was due to criminals gaining easy access through non-protected windows or doors, and once in the property they managed to find items of value in easy eye sight, including vehicle keys.

Leading up to Spring, and into Summer, here are 5 tips to help you prevent and deter crime in our area....

1. Keep your valuables hidden in a safe place. A small fire-proof home safe can cost less than \$100 - a very cost effective way to protect valuables.
2. Ensure windows and doors are locked during times you are asleep or out of eye-sight from them to prevent unwanted guests.
3. Purchase Security cameras. Security cameras with night vision and sensor activation cost less than \$40 on Ebay, and can watch your property day and night from your smartphone.
4. Purchase security stickers online. While this might not fool all criminals it does act as a deterrent.
5. If you're going away on vacation, don't tell everyone on social media. This is like a magnet to criminals that might know where you live.



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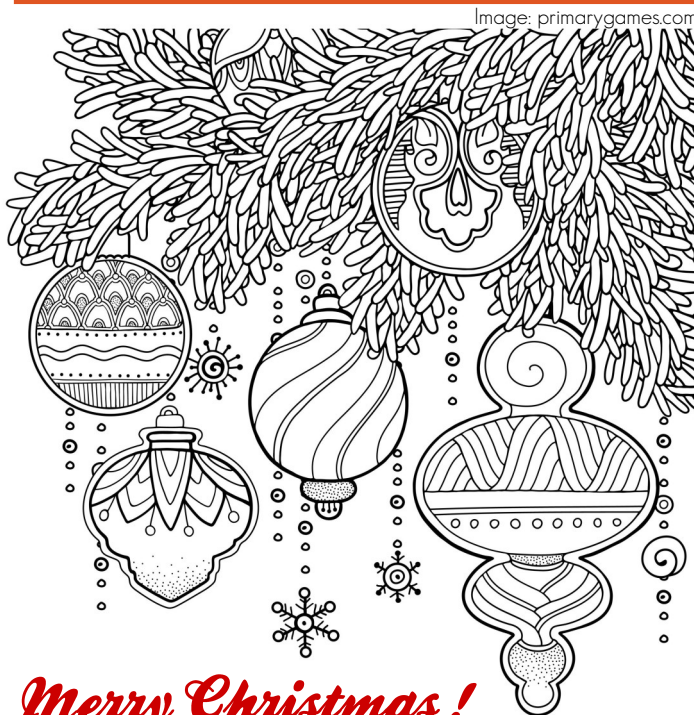
KIRA Website Attracts Its First Sponsor

Your KIRA Committee is delighted to announce that we have just signed our first paying sponsor for the KIRA website. Well-known local real estate agent Karen Jones of Next Property Group has agreed to sponsor our website for the next 12 months. This is a great achievement and builds on the amazing work of our hugely talented Committee Member, Chris Bourke of Smartfish Creative who has devoted much personal time to building our website to the standard that it represents a highly marketable offering for local businesses. This initiative will give a significant boost to KIRA's bank account and enable us to undertake more community events.



It also represents a strong belief in KIRA from Karen Jones who started selling on Kawana Island in 2002 when it was just getting established. Needless to say her knowledge of Kawana Island and its residents is a given. It's also a strong endorsement of Kawana Island as being the ideal place to live. KIRA greatly appreciates such support and looks forward to a

mutually satisfactory relationship with Karen Jones, our first website sponsor.



Merry Christmas !

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