



# Another Year Has Begun...

Dear Kawana Islanders,

Firstly, Happy New year to all. Already we are well into our first month with a number of families going through the increasingly complicated "back to school" process. For your KIRA Committee, this means back to work.

We will be holding our first meeting on **Tuesday 4 February at 7:00pm at Kawana Island Meeting Place**. KIRA warmly encourages residents to attend to see firsthand how your KIRA Committee operates. This meeting will focus on our plans for the year and prioritising issues requiring attention. We take this very seriously because KIRA seeks to represent the consensus views of Islanders so that meaningful progress can be made on the Island's facilities and upkeep.

Needless to say there are times when the views of the majority will not align with some specific interests and these need to be carefully worked through to arrive at balanced judgements and outcomes. Notwithstanding, your KIRA Committee seeks to work for all residents of all ages without giving undue preference to specific factional views. This means that some outcomes won't always be popular with everybody but hopefully will work for the common good of the majority of Islanders.

As always KIRA welcomes the views of all Kawana Islanders to help us do our best to make Kawana Island an even better place to live.

Denis Carroll  
KIRA Chairman



## Bledisloe Wine Challenge

We can beat them at cricket, they can beat us at rugby and netball seems about even. We need a decider!

Welcome to the **Kawana Island Australia vs New Zealand Wine Challenge** which will be held at the **Kawana Island Meeting Place, 6-7.30pm on Wednesday 12 February 2020**.

Six Australian wines (3 white, 3 red) will be matched against six New Zealand wines of similar variety and price to determine supremacy. The wines will be tasted "blind" and we are asking you to be the umpire.

Once again, we will have Damien Ringrose, wine specialist for Sunshine Coast Hotels and Manager of "Cellarbrations" at Birtinya to take us through the wines and "referee" the event. His knowledge and passion for wine will help make this a night to remember.

In addition, there will be some great bargain buys in both sides for you to order on the night and you get to try before you buy.

The cost is **\$30 per head** and there is a limit of **60 spots**. Contact us on [hello@kira.net.au](mailto:hello@kira.net.au) to book your place (cash on the night). **RSVP by COB 10 February please.**

Looking forward to seeing you there!

P.S. Why not go on for dinner at Mykies or the Green Zebra?



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# The Rise of Kawana Island

## Part One

Since my wife (Barbara) and I have settled on the Sunshine Coast about four years ago, I have wondered how this wonderful place came to be, particularly Kawana Island. I first visited this area in the early 1960s, after the David Low Way was formed and have been amazed at the way development has spread over the area.

I have drawn most of the information of which I write from publications held at the extensive Buderim Heritage Library. Particularly from a book by Anne Wensley, Janice and John Groves called "Kawana's Yesterdays". I will write about the development of Kawana Island, but before I get into it I will try to give a broad insight into the original development of the coastal area between the Mooloolah River and Currimundi Creek.

The area between these two places was originally only accessible by boat and consisted of coastal sand dunes and large areas of Tea Tree Swamp. During the 1940s the area was used as a firing and bombing range. This necessitated a search for and removal of unexploded ordinance when the development of the area began in the 1960s. I can remember people having to get a certificate from the Department of Defence before building their house.

In 1960 Alfred Grant Pty Ltd, began the development of the area described and it was called Kawana Island. It was bounded on the East by Pacific Ocean beaches stretching 8.2Km known as Wurtulla, Bokarina, Warana, Buddina and the headland of Point Cartwright. The West was 13.2Km of the Mooloolah River. The South was Currimundi Creek/Lake. The North was Tuckers Creek/Mooloolah River. The proposal was to develop a canal 8.8Km long joining the Mooloolah River in the North to Currimundi Lake in the South. This was to make the Eastern part a true island with access to the sea via Mooloolah River and Currimundi Creek. This did not eventuate due to insurmountable hydraulic problems. In 1966 Alfred grant Pty Ltd ceased operations. Other developers continued and the Nicklin Way was opened in 1965. Steady development, particularly around the main arterial road (Nicklin Way) continued until the mid 1990s.

The future development of this area from the mid 1990s due to the ever increasing population took on a completely different look, with canals and islets abounding. I will attempt to report on their next stage in Part Two.

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(KIRA member)

Image: Advertisement which appeared in The Australian Women's Weekly, 20 April 1960 (part image only).



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# New Committee

The Annual General Meeting, held 3 December 2019, saw over 30 Islanders gather to elect a new Committee for 2020. As a result of our success in having a larger group of dedicated volunteers in 2019, KIRA increased the number of committee members from 6 to 10. This recognises that committee members have competing demands outside of KIRA as well as capitalising on the old adage of "many hands making light work".

<b>Chair:</b>	Denis Carroll
<b>Secretary:</b>	Barbara Clarke
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Keith Blows
<b>Ordinary Members:</b>	
Sue Alcock	Rossina Gall
Chris Bourke	Christine Jones-Huston
Julie Bruynius	Greg Nugent
Sharon Conboy	Libby Page
Jose da Silva Figueiredo	Bill Redpath

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

# Island Wildlife

We aren't the only lucky ones to call the Island home. Elyse from Santorini Court submitted the following suggestion:

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*"Hello! I often see some amazing sea life in the river and try to snap a photo of whatever I see and it got me thinking, I wonder what else lurks in the river or in the bush on Kawana Island. I thought it could be a fun segment in the KIRA Mirror if people submit sightings and perhaps even photos if they get one of the amazing wildlife and marine life in our neighbourhood.*

*For example, today I saw a massive pink jellyfish with metre long tendrils, in the past few months I saw an Elegant Sea Snake, and also a stingray which wasn't one of the typically seen ones, it was brown with white spots in a diamond shape with a very long pointy barb!*

*Anyway, maybe I will find out whether sharks do really exist within the lagoon if anyone sees one!*

*Just a thought that could be fun and interesting..."*

What have you seen?  
Let us know!

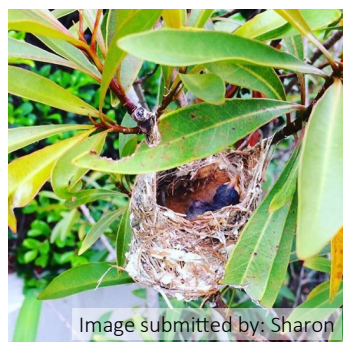


Image submitted by: Sharon

# Gym Equipment Opens

The new gym equipment at Double Bay Park was officially opened by Cr Connolly on 5 December, 2019 with Suncoast Fitness on hand to demonstrate proper technique. Thanks also goes to Mykies for providing the post-workout coffees and sneaky muffins!



Image submitted by: Sue

Have you tried out the new fitness equipment at Double Bay park yet? The equipment is easy to use and very good quality - why not value add to your walk, ride or run by adding on a circuit of each of the stations!

# Newsflash!

**Council agrees to investigate providing a shark net for Double Bay**

Following representations from residents, KIRA recently put to Cr Connolly a proposal for the provision of a shark net at Double Bay.

The area is well patronised by Islanders and many people, particularly younger ones enjoy paddling and playing in the water. To allay the concerns particularly of parents, KIRA proposed that provision of a shark net would enhance the attractiveness of Double Bay as a recreation venue and may also increase support for the businesses at Double Bay.

Cr Connolly responded positively to KIRA's proposal and Council is currently investigating how this can be provided. He hopes to see it installed early in the new financial year.

Needless to say, KIRA is greatly appreciative of Cr Connolly's response to our request.

# New to the Island? Dog Attack



Are you new to the Island? Then Welcome! Or perhaps you've noticed a new neighbour? Why not reach out and welcome them to our community and encourage them to join KIRA?

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 - [www.kira.net.au](http://www.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.

You can also stay up-to-date by following us on Facebook.

Find us on 

## 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](mailto:hello@kira.net.au)

A resident was left hospitalised with bite wounds to her arm after a recent dog attack on the boardwalk.

Dog owners are reminded that as per council regulations dogs must be restrained by a leash unless in a designated off-leash area. All of Kawana Island (including boardwalks, pathways/bikeways, parks and open grassy areas) are on-leash areas.

Construction of the designated off-leash area, to be located in the grassy area opposite Lock Park, will commence soon.

In the meantime you can find information on local off-leash areas on Council's website: [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Animals-and-Pets/Dog-Parks-and-Off-Leash-Areas](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Animals-and-Pets/Dog-Parks-and-Off-Leash-Areas)



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## Kawana Island CONVENIENCE & TAKEAWAY

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- Hot Chickens



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