



# Meet the Candidates



Islanders are invited to attend a  
“Meet the Candidates” Evening on  
Tuesday, 24 March 2020 at 7pm  
at Kawana Island Meeting Place.



Candidates will be given the opportunity to speak and  
there will be a time for questions.



Division Four candidates John Connolly, Todd Forrest,  
Joe Natoli and Julian Porter will be joining us.



You can read more about their plans for our area on our website  
[www.kira.net.au/sunshine-coast-council-division-4-candidates](http://www.kira.net.au/sunshine-coast-council-division-4-candidates)

## On with the Job Supporting Others

### Coronavirus Implications for KIRA

It would be naive of us not to mention this pervasive pandemic and what it may mean for KIRA in the short to medium term.

Your KIRA Committee's approach is simple; we will follow and adhere to all official advisory notices and warnings and act accordingly.

Given that developments are occurring so quickly, it is difficult to plan and project our community activities with any certainty. We will continue to operate as best we can with these factors taken into account.

KIRA is very mindful of the very broad age distribution of people on our fabulous island and will of course take this in to account. Your health is our most important consideration in what we do.

Denis Carroll  
Chairman, KIRA

Whilst these can be uncertain times and many of us can feel helpless, you can take this opportunity to reach out to fellow Islanders. Popping one of these #viralkindness postcards in your neighbour's letter box helps to create a supportive community, especially for those most vulnerable. Download and print a high-quality image at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L\\_8Go1zQ572fBZtEIFfQZI9vNEwK7Rf/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L_8Go1zQ572fBZtEIFfQZI9vNEwK7Rf/view) (2 postcards per A4 page)

**HELLO!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is .....

I live locally at .....

My phone number is .....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Picking up shopping	<input type="checkbox"/> Posting mail
<input type="checkbox"/> A friendly phone call	<input type="checkbox"/> Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep. #ViralKindness

To get up to date factual information on the Coronavirus and information you may need, go to:  
[www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources](http://www.health.gov.au/covid19-resources)

# The Rise of Kawana Island

## Part 2

Continuing with my research into the forming and populating of Kawana Island, I have noticed some interesting things that have occurred along the way. The Kawana Waters development began in 1959, and in 1960 some 4000 acres (approximately 1600 hectares) was leased from the Crown to be developed and subdivided between Caloundra and Mooloolaba. This barren uninhabited country that had been scorned by all, even strafed and bombarded by our military, was envisaged to be a metropolis on a grand scale. Early advertisements pictured home sites 300 yards (270 metres) from the river and the surf for the princely sum of £495 (\$990). All lots had 60 foot (18 metre) frontages and were available on 10% deposit with 10% discount for cash. Considering the annual wage was about £1000 (\$2000)/year it was a very good buy. On this land you could build a modest 3 bedroom house including septic tank and hot and cold running water from £1900 (\$3800). This began an ever increasing move by people to the new Kawana Waters development.

With the building of three bridges (Currimundi Creek, Mooloolah River and Tucker's Creek) and a highway from Caloundra to Mooloolaba, a large shopping centre and a school followed, the school in 1977 and the centre in 1979, people moved to the area in droves. By then the population had been increasing at over 8%/year much greater than the national average.

As the development moved more westward, provision had to be made to place canals and channels so the water drainage would take place and protect the low-lying land from flooding. A system of self contained waterways/lakes was designed, resulting in the Parrearra Channel, Lake Kawana and Currimundi Lake and Waterways. The Parrearra Channel was formed by cutting a 20 metre deep 4.5 kilometre long and up to 0.5 kilometre wide Channel joining the Mooloolah River at the Nicklin Way bridge with a weir and lock near Island Quays Apartments, then on to a Dam just past the southern bridge to the Island on Kawana Way. This impoundment has water flow and tidal control with total water change every 60 days, making for a good look and plenty of fish.

This makes Kawana Island a true island with some 1700 residences ranging from 2-3 storey mansions to 1 bedroom apartments. Amazing as there are very few allotments left empty and the whole island is barely 20 years old.

Compiled by David Clarke  
(KIRA member)



Image A: 1981

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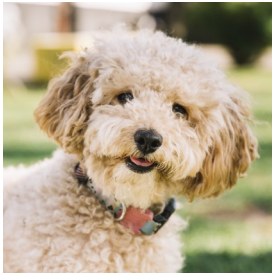
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Image B: 2016

# Dog Park Progress



KIRA is pleased to announce that the Dog off-leash area at Grand Parade (near Lock & Weir Park) commenced on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Works are expected to take approximately six weeks and will include connection paths, dog bowl and taps, chain wire fence, access gates and park benches. KIRA appreciates Council's support in making this much needed amenity for the Island possible.

Residents are reminded that all other areas of Kawana Island are on-leash areas including walkways and parks. Fines of up to \$261.10 apply.

## Bledisloe Wine Challenge

A small but enthusiastic crowd gathered at the Meeting Room on the night of Wednesday 12 February for the KIRA Bledisloe Wine Challenge that pitted Australian wine against New Zealand wine.



The starting variety, Sauvignon Blanc, appeared to favour the Kiwis but the Golden Child, from Adelaide Hills, decisively beat its New Zealand counterpart to give first blood to Australia. In the closest contest of the evening, the Punt Road Pinot Gris edged out the Nautilus Pinot Gris to consolidate Australia's lead. New Zealand bounced back with the Kumeu River Chardonnay out-scoring the Scorpo Mornington Peninsula equivalent.

Nevertheless, at the half-way point Australia had a handy lead.

Onto the reds, and a Dalrymple Pinot Noir from Tasmania beat its more fancied rival, the Mt Difficulty Roaring Meg from Central Otago rival to put Australia in an unlosable position. The battle of the Merlots was intriguing but the fuller-bodied (and arguably the best wine of the night) Smith and Hooper from Wrattonbully out-muscled the Villa Maria organic Merlot to insure an Australian victory. To rub salt into the wound, the Warramate Syrah from the Yarra Valley beat the Vidal Syrah from the Hawkes Bay region.

A fine night was had by the participants with our thanks to Damien Ringrose from Sunshine Coast Hotels and his offsider, Yann, from Cellarbrations Birtinya (a fine wine shop) who made it an interesting and educational evening.

all in  
**GOOD  
TASTE**

# Island Spruce-Up Progress

Residents will recall that last year KIRA requested Council to undertake a general spruce-up for the Island and members of the KIRA Committee recently met with Cr Connolly to receive a report on progress.

Cr Connolly reported that most of the items identified by KIRA had been addressed whilst some were still being undertaken such as steam-cleaning of the stonework around the Island. KIRA raised questions about some of the documented Council responses provided and Cr Connolly undertook to investigate these.

The items requiring further investigation include an upgrade of access facilities for Parrearra Lake lock and painting of some of the Energex-controlled light poles.

We will provide updates on these as they become available.

## Sunshine Coast Community Strategy

Sunshine Coast Council has recently endorsed its Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019 - 2041. This document provides a long-term framework for how council and the community can work together to advance toward a strong community through to 2041.

The purpose of the Community Strategy is to achieve five outcomes:

- Empower our community to live **healthy** and **active** lifestyles
- Focus on ensuring community places and spaces are **vibrant**, inclusive, accessible, adaptable and meet the needs of people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds
- Strengthen connection, **inclusion** and opportunity for all people in our community
- Build capacity in our communities to be **connected**, **resilient** and to respond to local issues
- Nurture **creative** and **innovative** approaches to building a strong community.

Go online and have a look at the Strategy as we have a large stake in it and what it wants to achieve - it is in two parts:

- The [Sunshine Coast Community Strategy 2019 - 2041](#) sets a vision, five outcome areas, guiding principles and methods for how the goal of a strong community will be achieved.
- The [Sunshine Coast Community Strategy Action Plan 2019 - 2041](#) outlines the key priorities in order to achieve our five desired outcomes. It also provides a clear approach to regular measuring and reporting our progress towards achieving these outcomes.

The KIRA Committee will work with Council to support implementation of any Community Strategy activities to build a stronger, connected Kawana Island community.



# Small Business Directory

This year may be a challenging one for small businesses.

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



Please note you must be a current member of KIRA to be listed in the business directory.

## Elton Plays for Islanders

Shared

Sue from Maui Court shares her reflections on her 'private' concert from Elton John...

*"Many lucky Kawana Islanders (to the south) had two very enjoyable evenings sitting on their patio or balconies listening to Elton John sing some of his favourite song, for a few hours. Needless to say we had a wine in one hand and a few nibbles in the other. The sound was clear and the lighting added to the 'almost there' atmosphere. Other folk were riding their bikes around the lake pathways obviously enjoying the music and yet others again motored their boats along the Parrearra Lake to listen. Let's hope this is the beginning of more artists coming to use the local facilities."*

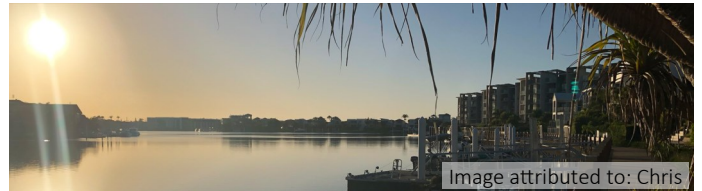


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KIRA expresses its thanks to Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, for the printing of this newsletter.

## A Message From Our Website Sponsor

### Same but Different

Year 2020 is the year of change and I for one am excited to have started the New Year with new beginnings. With over 20 years of Real Estate experience on the Sunshine Coast, an opportunity has presented for myself and my team to now align with Adams & Jones Property Specialists in Minyama.

I remember my very first sale on Kawana Island, at Majorca Place and being 'green around the gills' I realised two things: 1. I love property and 2. I had a lot to learn. Twenty years later, I still love property and although I've gained unrequited sales knowledge and expertise, I am ready for my next challenge.

The decision to move agencies was well-considered knowing that the exceptional service my clients expect and receive will only be enhanced further under the umbrella of a comprehensive Real Estate service provider of Adams & Jones.

My tried and tested team have also moved with me after solidifying our practices over the last 3 years together. Gracey Calabrisello my Sales Associate and Joanne Major my PA, both of whom are trained and registered Sales Agents, along with myself, are passionate about ensuring our clients receive the very best results and service.

With over \$140 million worth of sales under our belts as a Team, this move only strengthens our skills and opportunities.

Interesting plans are on the horizon as we expand and establish a dynamic residential sales team with a difference, investigating refreshing marketing strategies and new ideas. We'll be facilitating property sales from Caloundra to Noosa and the Hinterland and of course, Kawana Island. Whether it be a \$200,000 apartment or a multi-million dollar waterfront property, our unique level of service, care and professionalism will set the benchmark for the Sunshine Coast.

We are the same team, offering the same high standards you've come to expect from Team Karen, just under a different and more extensive brand. Drop into our new office and have a chat, I'd love to see you!



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