



We're Back!

After an enforced spell, KIRA is finally able to communicate with all Kawana Islanders once again. We thought it timely to update our members on what has been going on during this testing period and reassure you that you haven't been forgotten.

We had done a lot of work on producing an email version of the KIRA Mirror but as sometimes happens with the best of plans, we came unstuck at the very end due to privacy requirements from Mailchimp, our distribution medium. The email short version was not intended to replace our hard-copy and much-loved KIRA Mirror but was meant to be a supplement to it – particularly in this period of social distancing.

In the meantime, if after reading this hard copy edition, you have or know neighbours who would be interested in receiving an email copy, why not suggest that they sign up as a member of KIRA on the website - kira.net.au.



Tentative planning has begun on the enjoyable Kawana Island Community Day, albeit with some changes. At this stage, we're urging Islanders to 'Save the Date' Sunday 8 November for a Twilight Community Gathering at Double Bay Park.



Living with Covid-19

Many Islanders will have noted that notwithstanding the necessary regulations imposed, Kawana Islanders have made the most of the great environment which Kawana Island offers with many people out walking, cycling, roller skating, kayaking, fishing, walking the dog and just generally enjoying the pleasures of where we live. It's been great to see so many parents out with their children enjoying many of these activities.

Obviously, it's been very difficult for our local businesses at Double Bay but pleasing to see Islanders supporting them where they can. This is very difficult period for these people and every bit of support is greatly appreciated by the traders.

Our popular Convenience Store for instance, relies on small item sales such as milk bread and the like to derive their profits. So if you don't need to leave the Island for such items, supporting your local store is a great idea.



Welcome Neighbour!

New to the Island? Not yet a member of 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 - kira.net.au

KIRA's primary purpose to help the residents of this community have a voice. We work closely with the Sunshine Coast Council, local police and other community-based organisations to ensure that Kawana Island maintains highly enviable liability. We also support local business and host community outreach events to bring Islanders together.



Don't forget to see page 4 for Kawana Island's very own market update from real estate agent Karen Jones.

Island Locals As the Crow flies...

Madeline Herbert and Jacqui Seckold

Madeline Herbert and her sister Jacqui Seckold are twin sisters who share their house and studio and a life-long passion for art. Madeline studied art at Ealing College in London before moving to Australia. After raising her family, she began teaching art and for many years took students to Italy and Greece to study under her, painting landscapes of her beloved Tuscan villages and coastal fishing boats. She has won several awards for her watercolour and pastel pieces. Her work is regularly exhibited in local galleries on the Sunshine Coast and can be found in collections in Canada, Hong Kong, the UK and most of Australia's capital cities. Her sister Jacqui is self-taught in painting and sculpting. Her unique style is to produce a painting with a sculpture which complements the art, to be displayed together as one piece. She has exhibited in galleries throughout Australia and has sold to overseas clients. Many commissions are of children and pets so she might be inspired to produce a painting of a dog and a matching sculpture. Both Madeline and Jacqui love to share their passion for art with the residents of Kawana Island. See page 4 for more information about their upcoming weekend exhibition on the Island.

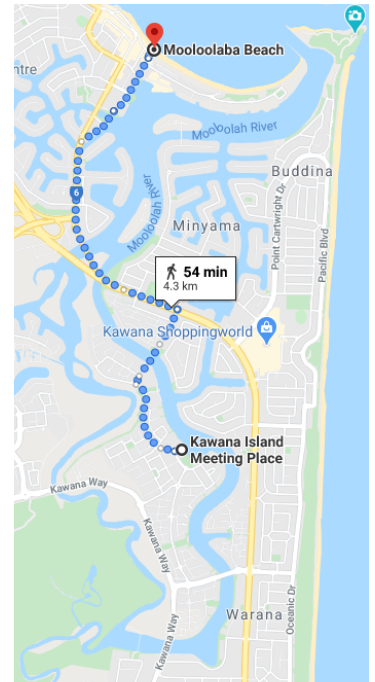
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Ros from Jersey Place recently shared this reminder of how close Islanders are to Mooloolaba's attractions...

"I have a friend who's mother lives on Kawana Island and now has a scooter. She recently discovered (through her daughter) that she can get to Mooloolaba via the pedestrian bridge at the southern end on Tarawa Street or along the waterfront and onto Brisbane Road. It has given her a new lease on life!"

Perhaps there are others who don't realise just how close we are walking, biking or scooting this way to the Mooloolaba Beach and Esplanade, The Surf Club Mooloolaba or the newly revamped Wharf.

Courtesy buses also pick up on the other side of the pedestrian bridge which is Kensington Drive."



Small Business Directory

There's no doubt that 2020 will go down as particularly challenging for small businesses.

Why not take advantage of the KIRA Small Business Directory and have your business listed for *free* on our website?

You are eligible to have your business listed if:

- you are a small business owner in the local area living on the Island, or,
- you operate a small business on the Island.

Simply 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.



Help keep your community safe by downloading the CovidSafe app today.

Cats Out At Night

Residents are reminded that cats are not to roam and need to be kept inside at night. Please protect our environment and ensure your cat does not become a nuisance to your neighbours.

If your cat is found wandering from your property, at any time, you may receive a fine of \$266 plus other fees if impounded.

When a cat becomes part of your family you become responsible for its health, welfare and the impact it has on your surrounding community.



New Off-leash Dog Enclosure

Dog owners will be pleased to know that this new facility was opened on Wednesday 3 June 2020. Hopefully this will alleviate the number of dogs being let off-leash by owners when walking around the pathways on the Island. Dog owners need to be mindful of the fact that not everyone is comfortable being confronted by dogs not on a leash, no matter how timid they might be. Whilst owners are aware of their dogs' traits, strangers are not, and there have been instances recently where some people have been traumatised by off-leash dogs. The new facility should therefore be a welcome addition to the Island's facilities.

Dog owners using the new off-leash area are also reminded that just because your dog is unrestrained it's behaviour towards other dogs and people remains your responsibility.



Local pooch Rosie is looking forward to meeting new friends at the dog park!



On Instagram? Why not share your photos of #KawanaIsland or #KawanaIslandLife. If you'd like the chance for your photos to feature on our website, social media or in the KIRA Mirror, email them directly to us at hello@kira.net.au

The Talented People of Kawana Island

As many of us are aware, Kawana Island houses quite a number of very talented individuals who have fascinating stories to tell. There is an amazing range of highly talented people and professions with incredible achievements and experiences.

So if you think someone on the Island you know has an interesting story to tell, why not ask them if they are keen to share it and let us know at hello@kira.net.au.



In fact, in another part of this edition, we feature the story of two of our well-known artists on Kawana Island which we think you will enjoy.

Island Spruce-Up Progress

Islanders will be aware that up until recent Council elections, Council had been undertaking a general spruce-up on the Island but this seems to have stalled. KIRA has therefore taken this up with our new Division 4 Councillor, Joe Natoli when we recently met with him. We are very much looking forward to hearing Council's response to our concerns. We also look forward to the same helpful and harmonious relationship we enjoyed with our previous Councillor, John Connolly.

Bicycle Safety

Whilst it has been great to see so many people taking the opportunity to cycle around the Island's pathways (and great for new bike sales too!), there have been some unfortunate instances recently of a few cyclists travelling at excessive speeds and endangering other cyclists and pedestrians.

Whilst KIRA has been successful in getting Council to provide a facility for dog owners, we have no chance of getting a velodrome for cyclists wishing to travel at unsafe speeds. KIRA asks those cyclists to please use the roads for such pursuits.



And please remember, if you are cycling around the Island, please use your bell to let walkers know you are approaching.

KIRA Committee Vacancies

Sadly, two of our valued Committee Members are leaving Kawana Island and therefore resigning from our Committee. KIRA would like to express it's thanks to Sharon Conboy and Christine Jones-Huston for their contributions to KIRA's work.

This means that we have two casual vacancies which can be filled so if you have any interest in being a member of the KIRA Committee then please let us know by Monday 6 July by emailing hello@kira.net.au.

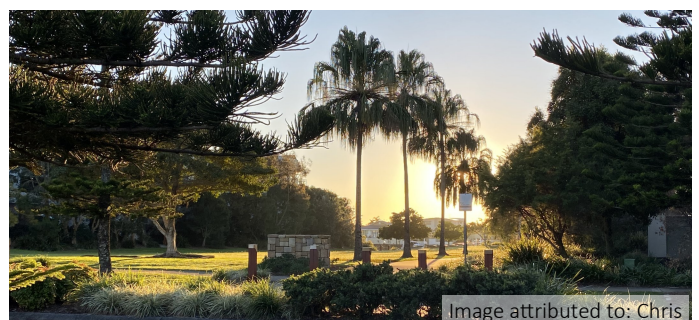


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KIRA expresses its thanks to Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, for the printing of this newsletter.

TO ALL KAWANA ISLAND ART LOVERS

WE ARE HOLDING AN EXHIBITION OF OUR WORK AT OUR HOME ON
SATURDAY 4TH AND SUNDAY 5TH JULY.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO OUR STUDIO TO SEE WHAT WE DO,
AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS AT WORK.

WHERE: 5 Lanai Close, Kawana Island

WHEN: From 10am till 3pm

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU
MADELINE & JACQUI



Kawana Island Property Market View

By Karen Jones - KIRA website inaugural sponsor and Real Estate Specialist

It's a question on most people's minds due to our unprecedented times in which we are currently living elicited by Covid-19: Where is the property market heading on the Sunshine Coast?

Having weathered various property and economic storms in my 20+ years in Real Estate, this pandemic has definitely thrown us all into disarray. Putting aside any personal opinions on the present stimulus packages, mortgage considerations and low interest rates, Australia appears to be faring better than most. Which brings us to Sunshine Coast property indicators.

Property enquiries are maintaining a steady level, however inspections have dropped. Having said that, those who are inspecting tend to be genuine buyers ready to commit to a purchase having undertaken more research online first.

National predictions are that the property market will fall, however, we have not seen evidence of this on the Coast to date. There are fewer listings available which is

balancing buyer enquiry. Residing in a tourist destination would presumably equate to more of a drop in the market during these times, however, innovative planning and diversification of industry has stabilised an otherwise potentially volatile Coastal market. Interstate buyers are also propping up interest levels as they are taking this time to consider positive lifestyle changes.

It's still a watch and wait situation, however, considering the circumstances, I am pleased and cautiously excited by the durable Sunshine Coast property momentum so far.



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