



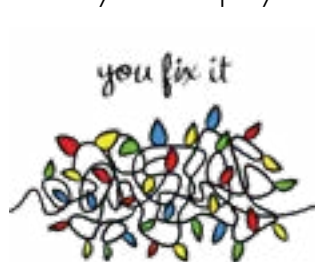
KIRA Annual General Meeting

Sunday 6 December at Kawana Island Meeting Place at 3pm

It's been an unusual year to say the least, but nevertheless it's time again to announce that KIRA's AGM will be held on Sunday 6 December at Kawana Island Meeting Place at 3pm. All positions will be declared vacant and we invite you to consider whether you would like to contribute to KIRA in the coming year. All residents and property owners are welcome to attend. The AGM is the opportunity for all residents to get involved with KIRA for the benefit of Kawana Island so we'd love you to attend.

Christmas Lights Drawing Competition

After a challenging year it is heart-warming to see Islanders adorn their homes with Christmas lights and decorations. We're sure many of you will join with KIRA in thanking them for the hours they've spent untangling their Christmas lights so that we can enjoy the pretty lights. 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.



KIRA is excited to bring you our first kids-only activity! We're calling on our local kids to draw something that represents what they like about living on Kawana Island. We'd love to feature some on our website and social media pages.

The Kawana Island Convenience Store is generously supporting this competition and winners of each category will win a \$10 voucher to spend at the store.

Please be sure to include your name and age group category for judging:

<i>Under School age</i>	<i>Grade 3 to Grade 6</i>
<i>Prep to Grade 2</i>	<i>High School</i>

Please email your pictures (preferably scanned, but photographs are also acceptable) to hello@kira.net.au by 14 December. Winners will be notified by email.

Saving the Pandanus Trees

Islanders may have noticed that there is a considerable number of Pandanus trees that line the Kawana Island pathways which have lost their majestic beauty. The culprit is leaf hopper infection. In fact, about 80% of these stunning trees have been subject to this disease all along the east coast of Australia. KIRA has been in touch with the Sunshine Coast Council and learned the their arborists have engaged in a programme to inject the tree roots in an effort to save some of these trees on the island.



Image: Greg

A Dog's Life: Engagement Covid Strikes Again

By Jess, Local Dog Trainer

In the last KIRA MIRROR newsletter I wrote an introduction about my experiences in dog training and how training your dog can be a roller coaster experience, but with the correct skills, knowledge and guidance it is extremely rewarding. There is an abundance of methods for dog training, the most utilized being the use of engagement, positive reinforcement and negative punishment. In this issue of the 'Mirror' we'll look at how to best approach your pet training, through the first step of 'Engagement'.

Engagement sounds simple however it takes some time to perfect, when out with your dog, where distractions are present. For your dog to engage with you, we want to encourage the dog to make direct eye contact, every time you say their name. This becomes the most important part of training, as you progress, as it creates a pause/ hesitation with your dog, which then enables you to reward or redirect the behaviour they are exhibiting, such as excitement at the sight of another dog. Engaging your dog from this excitement then gives you the opportunity to redirect their behaviour how you see fit, such as sitting patiently, dropping or merely curbing their urgency to interact.

Next time I'll write about 'positive reinforcement' for your pets.

Happing training, Jess



Image: bailey.briggs19

Do it. Bag it. Bin it.

Have you noticed the doggie bag dispensers are sometimes empty at the Dog Park? Why not help out your doggie friends by reporting it to the Council? You can report it via the SCC App, the website or by phoning 1300 007 272 (Monday - Friday 8:15am - 5:00pm) or using the 'Snap Send Solve' app.

As a dog owner it's your responsibility to have doggie bags with you at all times when taking your dog for a walk in public. Please don't rely on the doggie bag dispensers as they are in high demand and may need restocking, so don't get caught out.

#DogsofKawanaIsland



Does your pampered pooch have their own instagram account? Why not DM us @KIRA_KawanaIsland so that we can feature them in future issues of the KIRA Mirror? Above is local dog @bailey.briggs19 relaxing after playing with his footy.

The KIRA Committee made the hard decision to cancel the proposed Twilight Community Gathering which was to be held Sunday 8th November. We were disappointed to not be able to host this community event, however the requirements to ensure compliance as a Covid Safe event were, at this time, outside our capacity. We hope to bring you another opportunity to gather together in 2021. In the mean time, stay safe.



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Are you new to the Island? If so, then welcome, we're sure you'll love living here. As a resident, you're eligible to join the Kawana Island Residents Association (aka KIRA) - and it's free! To find out more about what we do and to find out how to join check out our website www.kira.net.au.

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

Find us on 

Your Contributions

KIRA welcomes your contributions! We're looking for:

- Residents with an interesting story to tell to feature in our "Meet Island Local..." series
- Photos of the island
- Photos of local dogs and cats
- Small businesses to add to our Local Business Directory
- Any other stories or comments which you think might be of interest to other Islanders.

Share

Let us know by emailing us at hello@kira.net.au

N.B. KIRA may not be able to feature all contributions and we reserve the right to edit submissions.



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