

**KAWANA ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021
CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dear Kawana Islanders

Who can believe another year has passed already? We began the year with a sense of pandemic virus uncertainty and seem to be finishing it much the same way with the emergence of Omicron reinforcing that uncertainty.

The good news is that throughout this year, your KIRA Committee has maintained a healthy level of activity. We have continued with initiatives we embarked upon last year and pursued those still requiring completion. Specifically, the items the Committee has devoted itself to this year are:

- Shadecloth covering for gym area at Double Bay installed
- New lighting bollards installed on Island side of pathway beside the footbridge over Parrearra Channel
- Near completion of works relating to Island Spruce-up campaign – still two items left
- Highly successful Kawana island Community Day ((estimated over 350 attendees)
- Upgrade of Parrearra Lock access facilities
- Council agreement to upgrading Island Park facilities for children
- Reinstatement of kayak ramp facility at Southern end of island on Mooloola River
- Safety of pedestrians on Island walkways – impact of cyclists, E- scooters and motorised bikes
- Perennial issues of dogs not on leash and also dog droppings.

And finally, special mention must be made of our Jazz in the Park/Spirits in the Dark function which was enthusiastically attended by almost 400 people. This was generously supported with a \$1000 donation from Terri-Anne Murray of Amber Werchon who is also this year's major KIRA website sponsor.

One area which the Committee will be targeting for the coming year will be what we can do for the younger members of the Kawana Island community as well as those who find themselves in need some sort of need. For this latter category, this might mean a focus on directing such people to where they may receive the best assistance and supporting them in that task.

Another area of interest to parents of younger children which KIRA has begun representation on is the standard of playground equipment on Kawana Island. Some of it is just not fit for purpose and we will be pursuing this in the coming year.

For the past year we have had a very active and enthusiastic Committee with a few departures but willing replacements. Mention must be made of the work of Julie Bruynius who has been our longest servicing Committee Member and certainly one of its most effective. We wish Julie and her husband Roy well and trust they will enjoy their new home in Buderim.

We have also been able to secure the services of Valerie O'Brien replacing Barbara Clarke to the position of Secretary and are grateful to her for her already impressive contribution.

For the coming year, your Committee plans to build on what has been achieved thus far and I am pleased to report that almost all existing Committee Members plan to stand for re-election. As residents may be aware, all positions on the KIRA Committee are up for re-election and we encourage active participation in this process.

At this point I must also mention the excellent working relationship KIRA has with Cr Joe Natoli and the people at Sunshine Coast Council. Much of what has been achieved would not have been possible without their good work. In addition, the ongoing contribution from the Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie for printing our KIRA Mirror and his \$250 donation for our Community Day is also warmly appreciated.

So all that remains are the Thank You's. Firstly, to our fabulous Committee Members who have given their time for the benefit of all Kawana Islanders. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with people who are so passionate about helping their fellow citizens without seeking recognition or praise – they really are a very special group of talented people.

And finally, thank you to all Kawana Islanders for your wonderful support and encouragement – what a great community spirit for such a great place!

Denis Carroll

Chairman & President

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