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Riverstone Crossing October eNews

October 2011

Welcome

Welcome to October at Riverstone Crossing - and the scary news, apart from our forthcoming **HALLOWEEN NIGHT**, is that it is only 73 days until Christmas.

This month's edition of eNews is packed full of information which hopefully will clear up some confusion regarding parking, body corporate levies, landscaping and other important issues.

On a social note, for those of you who couldn't make it to our inaugural Trivia Night, you missed out on a fantastic evening of over 80 people madly competing and laughing as they battled to win some great prizes. Congratulations once again to the winners THE JEDI's, captained by Sarah McGuinness who just beat the CAPTAIN HOPE HOPEFULS, captained by Mark McCabe, by one point.

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Upcoming Events

Halloween Night

It's Halloween on Monday 31st October and everyone is invited to come along to the Riverhouse for the Trick or Treating event of the year. The fun starts at 4pm with a face-painter at the Riverhouse before the children leave at 5pm to start their walk around the Community.

See more Halloween Night details on page 3

Parking Reminder

Body Corporate for *An SSKB supported Community* **RIVERSTONE CROSSING – RIVERSTONE CTS 38112**

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12 September 2011

All Residents

Dear Resident/s

RE: PARKING REMINDER

We write to you on behalf of the Body Corporate for RIVERSTONE CROSSING – RIVERSTONE CTS 38112.

The Body Corporate would like to remind all residents of the parking by-law for Riverstone Crossing:

2. Vehicles

(a) An owner or occupier of a Lot shall not park or stand any motor or other vehicle upon Common Property except with the consent in writing of the Body Corporate.

(b) To maintain streetscape amenity, an Owner or Occupier of a Lot shall not park or permit the parking of:

- *commercial vehicles*
- *recreational vehicles*
- *boats*
- *caravans*
- *trailers*
- *trucks*
- *heavy vehicles, earthmoving plant and equipment*
on any street frontage within the Scheme or on any Lot within the Scheme unless it is stored or housed within an approved garage or other ancillary structure, compliant with the Design Covenants.

A number of residents have raised the issue of cars parking in the streets and the potential hazards this raises.

Your attention to this by-law is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Charlotte Divall

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Get ready for HALLOWEEN night – Monday 31st October



HALLOWEEN NIGHT



Monday 31st October

Dress up in your scariest outfit and join
in the fun starting from 4pm at the
Riverhouse

A face-painter will be at the Riverhouse from 4pm

Children will be out trick or treating between 5pm and 6.30pm and then back to the Riverhouse for a sausage sizzle between 6.30pm and 7pm

Bring along a plate of Halloween goodies to share and a carved pumpkin face with a tea light

Prizes awarded for the best dressed boy & girl, best carved pumpkin and best decorated house



Residents who prefer children not to call at their homes on Halloween are asked to tie a ribbon to the letter box or place a note on the front door

A message from the Boys in Blue

Crime prevention initiative – Free of charge
Saturday 22nd October 2011 - 9.30am to 2.00 pm

In the Coomera Police District there has been a large quantity of NUMBER PLATES STOLEN from vehicles. Some of the stolen number plates are being used to evade identification in various crimes such as stealing of petrol and robbery or to avoid paying for tolls. When a number plate is stolen it can quite often result in great inconvenience to the victim. As part of our Crime Prevention Initiative we are offering to supply and fit FREE of charge, one way screws to secure number plates of patrons vehicles. When this type of screw is fitted it makes the removal of the number plate very difficult – deterring the theft of that number plate. Activity is being held in the Car park of Pacific Pines Shopping Centre, cnr of Pitcairn Way & Pacific Pines Blvd, Pacific Pines.

New Police initiative - HOON hotline – 134666

If you're fed up with hot cars doing burn outs in your neighbourhood. Grab their rego number and a few details like: time of day, make, model and colour. If possible (without putting yourself at risk) take a quick snap shot with a camera or phone and let our friends in Blue know the details.

New Riverstone Activities

FRIDAY NIGHT MONTHLY POKER GAME

Commencing next month there will be a regular POKER game. Our first game will be held on **FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER from 7pm** at the Riverhouse. If you haven't let Kim know that you want to play, please email or phone her as soon as you can.



TOUCH FOOTBALL

Some of our residents are looking at putting together a touch footy game each month. Anyone interested in a fun way of keeping fit, and meeting your neighbours, let Kim at the Riverhouse know.

MONTHLY WALKING GROUP

We are also hoping to start our walking group next month and will be sending out an email with further details in the next week or so. If you're interested, please let Kim know on [5502 6661](tel:55026661) or theriverhouse@riverstonecrossing.com.au

SWALES

What are they? How to care for them?



Example of a driveway not joined to crossover

1. Swale Definition:

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) is a residential planning philosophy that aims to integrate water management and reuse into an economic, aesthetic and sustainable package. Jacobs Ridge has been planned around the principals of sustainable water management, integrating design initiatives including grassed swales.

Swales are grassed channels constructed as an alternative to conventional street nature strips or central median strips. They allow for the storage, treatment and transportation of stormwater that flows from roofs, streets, driveways and other impervious surfaces during rainfall. Swales remove pollutants including litter, sediment, nutrients and other contaminants from stormwater runoff. Treatment is achieved by filtering runoff through vegetation and the vertical filtration of the runoff through soil. Swales also allow for the detention of runoff, providing flood protection for local properties.

2. Pre-Constructed Crossovers:

Crossovers are pre-constructed to council specifications and cannot be altered in any way. Water flow across the swales is not to be interrupted. Owners and builders need to take the crossover contour into consideration at the time of designing the house and driveway, particularly to the driveway, as it may have an effect on the steepness or cause problems joining the crossover and driveway evenly.

3. On-Maintenance Period:

Stockland is responsible for the maintenance of swales for a period of approximately 12 months after construction, from which time Gold Coast City Council assumes responsibility. The handover of swales to council occurs only after council inspection. Any repair or modification required is undertaken by Stockland before Gold Coast City Council assumes ownership of the swales and crossovers and becomes responsible for their maintenance.

SWALES continued

4. Maintenance and Care of Swales:

Both owners and builders are responsible for the care of swales during the construction and completion of homes.

Specific examples of care responsibilities are:



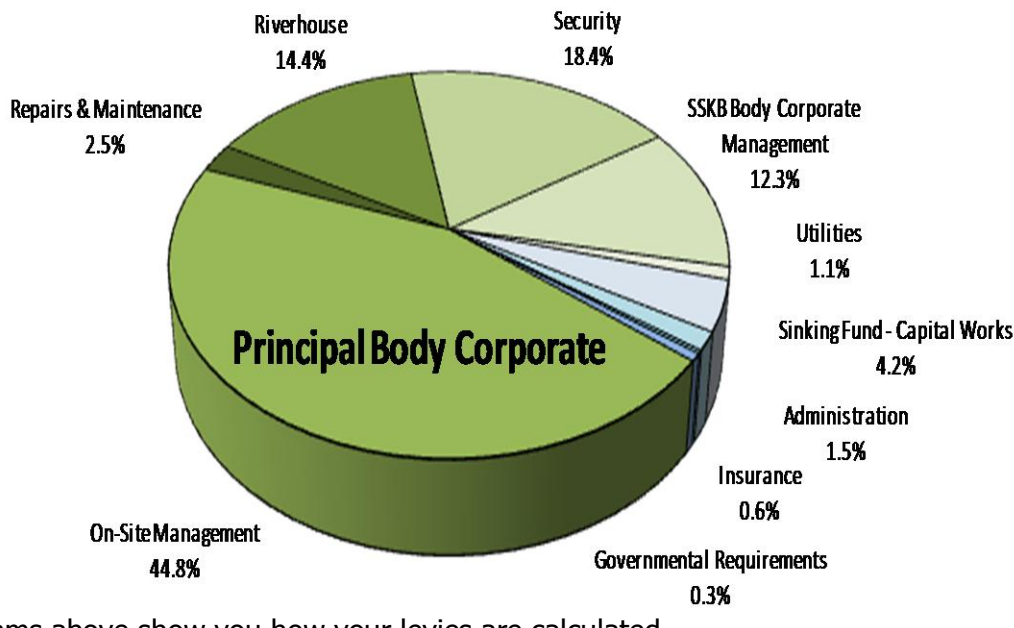
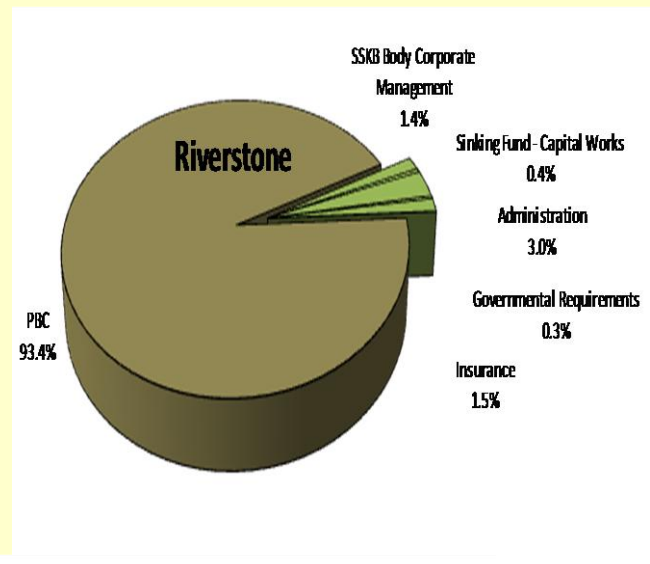
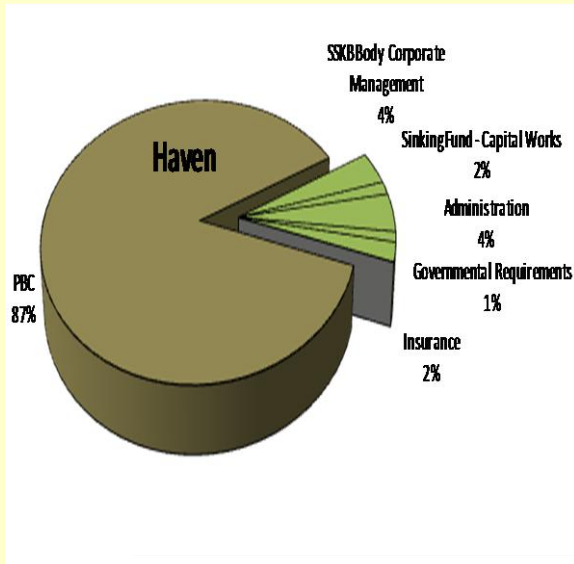
- Maintaining Silt fencing along the swale to control the build-up of silt. Silt buildup in the crossover and swale can alter the original profile and affect drainage of water.



- No parking of vehicles on the swales. Parking vehicles in or on the swales will also cause damage and affect the swale contour.



What your Body Corporate levies pay for



The diagrams above show you how your levies are calculated.

LEVIES

The 2011-12 levies for Riverstone Crossing/Riverstone range between \$39.03 and \$39.09 per week (after discount).

The 2011-12 levies for Riverstone Crossing/The Haven range between \$39.15 and \$39.79 per week (after discount).

The difference in the levies is due to the number of interest entitlements apportioned to each lot, as the interest entitlement has to be used to calculate the insurance levy.

LEVY DUE DATE

1 June, 1 October (normally a few weeks later as this levy is issued after the annual general meeting which is held at the end of August) and 1 February.

When levies are paid by the due date there is a 20% discount.

CCAA Public Domain Awards 2011 - Sugarmill Park

Sugarmill Park represents the confluence of this estate's historic beginnings in the 1870s and its current stormwater capture and treatment network. These two themes are brought to life vividly by the concrete pipe artwork and the landform of the park. The pipe artwork and its setting highlights the major hidden component of the park: the one megalitre Humes Rainvault™ system that sits four and half metres below the surface. This system conserves 21.1 megalitres of stormwater runoff from the estate that is used for irrigation of other park areas throughout Riverstone Crossing. The overall stormwater system, including an additional one megalitre groundwater recharge facility, contributes 37.8 megalitres of water annually that would otherwise be lost and need supplementation via town supply. Not surprisingly, the central message of the park is conservation. This is reinforced by one half of the pipe artwork interpretive text and imagery addressing water conservation measures, and the other half addressing the conservation of local history and significance in the landscape. This capturing of cultural heritage, by 'recycling' history on such a development site, reinforces the new residents awareness of the past and consideration for conservation of resources in the future, providing some measure of inter-generational equity. Sugarmill Park also won an Award in 2008 in the SIA National Excellence Awards.



Judges Comments

The overt formal expression and hidden infrastructure commended this project to the Jury. An artwork of substantial Scale, it reveals and educates, referencing the truly substantial water-retention and recycling system underground, making it a part of the everyday lives of residents who make this suburban sub-division their home.

Upcoming Activities in our Area

29th & 30th October

Relay for Life at Coomera Anglican College at Upper Coomera. Teams are welcome to register directly through the web site www.relayforlife.org.au

12th November

Coomera Pasifika - cultural music festival, with local youth and residents leading the organisation and participation of the whole community. This event is to be held at the Upper Coomera State College. Seeking volunteers. Contact: nlwilliams@goldcoast.qld.gov.au for more information.

19th November

Aquafest - "Harrigans" Jacobs Well: Two day markets and water competitions. Organised by Coomera Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club Coomera and Rotary Club Hope Island. Website: <http://www.aquafest.com.au>. Anyone wishing to have a display or market stall please contact: Debbie Bidgood coomerallionspresident@gmail.com

Riverstone Crossing Recommended Planting List for Landscaping of Lots – Native Plants

One of our residents, Lachlan Govenlock, has taken the time to put together this easy reference guide for you. Lachlan says, "As with the plantings around Riverstone Crossing areas, the landscaping of Lots with Native Plants will enhance the aesthetics of this development and assist with the vision of Riverstone Crossing".

Amended list is derived from the original design covenant – schedule of planting species for private property.

If nursery details are required or you wish to discuss your specific requirements, please contact Lachlan on lachlan.govenlock@hotmail.com. Alternatively, Greening Australia nurseries will stock most plants listed above as tube-stock (approx \$2 per plant).

Plant	Environment	Comments
Small to Medium Trees (3 to 15 metres in height)		
Flame Tree (Brachychiton Acerifolius)	Subtropical, dry rainforest	Flowers – rainbow lorikeet. Common Penciled Butterfly
Black Sheoak (Allocasuarina littoralis)	Forest understory, sandy – stony soils	Seeds – Black Cockatoos
River Sheoak (Casuarina cunninghamiana)	Watercourses	Good pollen source for bees
Tuckaroo (Cupaniopsis anacardioides)	Littoral rainforests, coastal areas	Fruit eaten by many species of birds
Tulipwood (Happullia pendula)	Subtropical and dry rainforest	Fruit – Australian King Parrot Cornelian Butterflies
Lily Pillies (Acmena mithii)	Great screening / hedge tree Subtropical rainforest	Fruit eaten by many species of birds
Crows Ash (Flindersia australis)	Dry rainforest	Seeds – Galahs
Three-veined Laurel (Cryptocaria triplinervis)	Littoral and coastal rainforests.	Attractive small bushy tree, pale white flowers and purple fruit.
Queensland Maple (Flindersia brayleyana)	Subtropical rainforest	Green ornamental foliage. White clusters of flowers
White Oak (Grevillea baileyana)	Subtropical and dry rainforests	Beautiful white flowers
Native Frangipani (Hymenosprum flaven)	Subtropical rainforest	Yellow flowers
Foam Bark (Jagera pseudorhus)	Watercourses	Attracts Lewin's Honeyeater, Paradise Riflebird, Regent and Satin Bowerbirds and Noisy Miner
White Cloud Tree (Melalleuca bracteata)	Watercourses	
Hairy Psychotria (Psychotria loniceroides)	Subtropical rainforests	Small tree, small white fruit attract birds
Wheel of Fire (Stenocarpus sinuatus)	Subtropical and coastal rainforests	Beautiful, rare tree
Whalebone Tree (Streblus brunonianus)	Subtropical rainforest	Graceful, small weeping tree
Lilly Pillies (Syzgium australe)	Subtropical rainforest	Excellent hedge / screening tree
Weeping Lilly Pilly (Waterhousia floribunda)	Subtropical rainforest	Excellent shade tree

Shrubs		
Maidens Wattle (<i>Acacia maidenii</i>)	Littoral rainforests	Endangered species. Long white flowers
Native Holly (<i>Alchornea ilicifolia</i>)	Subtropical rainforests	
Callistemon species	SE QLD	Red flowers
Bitter Pea (<i>Daveisia squarrosa</i>)	SE QLD	Yellow flowers
Hop Bush (<i>Dodoneae triquetra</i>)	SE QLD	
Copper Laurel (<i>Eupomatia laurina</i>)	SE QLD	Strong perfumed shrub
Grevillea species	SE QLD	Attracts birds
Native Rosella (<i>Hibiscus heterophyllus</i>)	SE QLD	Large yellow or white flowers
Hovea (<i>Hovea acutifolia</i>)	SE QLD	Purple flowers
Dogwood (<i>Jacksonia scoparia</i>)	SE QLD	Yellow flowers
Yellow Tea Tree (<i>Leptospermum flavescens</i>)	SE QLD	White flowers
Blue Tongue (<i>Melastoma affine</i>)	SE QLD	Purple flowers
(Hairy Bush Pea) <i>Pultenea villosa</i>	SE QLD	Yellow pea shape flowers
Native Peach (<i>Trema aspera</i>)	SE QLD	
Feature Plants		
Lacy Tree Fern (<i>Cyanthea cooperi</i>)	Subtropical and littoral rainforest	Morning sun / shady position
Spear Lily (<i>Doryanthes palmeri</i>)	Springbrook National Park. Spectacular ornate lily.	Beautiful 3m flower spear
Rough Tree Fern (<i>Cyanthea australis</i>)	Subtropical rainforests	Morning sun / shady position
Pandanus / Screw Palm (<i>Pandanus tectorius</i>)	Coastal dunes – Byron Bay	Full sun
Bangalow Palm (<i>Archontophoenix cunninghamiana</i>)	Subtropical and littoral rainforests	Sun / shade position
Alexandria Palm	Subtropical rainforests	Sun / shade position
Grass Tree (<i>Xanthorrhoea johnsonii</i>)	Sandy – stony soils	Full sun
Groundcovers		
Swamp (Spider) Lily (<i>Crinum pedunculatum</i>)	Watercourses	White flowers. Attracts frogs
Matt Rush (<i>Lomandra longifolia / hysterix</i>)	SE QLD	Great in mass plantings, perimeter / border plant
Native Ginger (<i>Alpinia Caerlea</i>)	Subtropical rainforests	Shady positions
Fruited Palm Lily (<i>Cordyline congesta</i>)	Subtropical rainforests	Red fruit, evergreen. Shady positions
Yellow Buttons (<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>)	SE QLD	
Soft Twig Rush (<i>Baumea rubiginosa</i>)	SE QLD	
Blue Flax Lily (<i>Dianella caerulea</i>)	SE QLD	Great in mass plantings
Wombat berry (<i>Euystephus latifolius</i>)	SE QLD	
Spoon Lily (<i>Alocasia brisbanensis</i>)	Subtropical rainforests	White flowers. Shady positions
Climbers		
Native Passionfruit	SE QLD	Red flowers
Sweet Sarsparilla	SE QLD	Green – white flowers

Riverstone Classifieds

EXERCISE BUDDY NEEDED

A 'trying to be fit' Riverstone resident is looking for an exercise buddy to help her get motivated. If you are interested in meeting a friend and having someone to exercise with please contact Colleen on malncoll@bigpond.com or advise Kim in the Riverhouse.

CAKE DECORATING CLASS

Kristy is trying to organise a few people to join her for a Cake Decorating Class being held at the Riverhouse on November 26th. If you are interested, contact Kristy on mai2602@yahoo.com.au or 0410422678. Alternatively, just let Kim know.

Riverhouse Spa – Emergency Stop Button

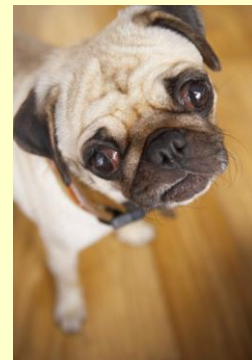


Please note that the Red Button in the Spa area is an **EMERGENCY STOP** button only. The actual spa is on a timer and will stop automatically. Unfortunately we have had to replace this button several times in the past few months.

Dog Ownership

You will be pleased to know that we are getting our first **dog bag dispenser** and poo bin compliments of the GCCC within the next month. The bin & bags will be located on the left hand side as you come over the bridge. We are hoping to have another couple of dispensers installed in the future and will keep you up to date with any developments.

In the meantime there are many dogs that are being allowed to roam around the community. These dogs risk getting run-over or being picked up by the Council dog rangers. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR DOGS ARE CONTAINED IN YOUR YARD** – and when being walked, that they are on a **LEAD AT ALL TIMES**.



Regular Activities at the Riverhouse

Tiny Tots Playgroup meets each Wednesday morning from 9.30 till 11.30. Come along for a cuppa and watch your children play and enjoy the company of other kiddies. For more details call Sue on 0439 391 416 or contact Kim at The Riverhouse.

Tennis lessons can be arranged with Paul Fox who is a regular on the tennis courts here at Riverstone. Paul has over 35 years experience in tennis in Australia and overseas. He currently coaches at The Jubilee School, Highland Reserve Primary and Queen's Park at Southport. Group coaching of up to 4 players can be organised for \$15 per person or individual lessons for \$35 per half hr & \$60 per hour. For more information and bookings, please call Paul Fox on 0414 557 329 or email him on foxtennis@westnet.com.au.

Pilates takes place each Tuesday morning from 10am until 11am under the fig tree next to The Riverhouse. Feel free to come along. No bookings required.

Just a reminder.....

As this is a publication for the residents, please feel free to send any info and suggestions that you think could be distributed to your neighbours through this medium.

Additionally, if you know or hear of anyone who is not receiving their copy of this newsletter, please ask them to contact Kim on either 5502 6661 or theriverhouse@riverstonecrossing.com.au and we will add them to the list.



Look Out, Look Out...



...there are **SNAKES** about. On a final note, please keep a look out for snakes as you are walking around the estate. Now that the weather is getting warmer, there have been many sightings over the past few weeks.

Contact details for your
Community Liaison Officer

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"Come along and join in one of the regular activities - or get together with some neighbours and start a new regular activity at The Riverhouse"