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Riverstone Crossing eNews

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Welcome

Welcome to Spring at Riverstone Crossing. Firstly, thank you to all the residents who participated in the Meet & Greet evening with Councillor John Wayne. Many questions were answered and Cr Wayne has committed to follow up on a few issues for some residents including drainage and parking.

We also had quite a good turnout for **the Informal Resident's Evening** on Wednesday 10th and a reminder that the September community night takes place on **Wednesday 14th from 7pm**. Please feel free to come along and participate in the evening which is open to owners and tenants alike.

And finally, thank you to the residents who came along to the AGMs that were held in the Riverhouse on the 27th.

[Please see more details on the AGM on page 6](#)

Upcoming Events

Trivia Night

By now you should have received information on the Riverstone Crossing Inaugural **TRIVIA NIGHT** being held on Friday 16 of this month. The evening commences at 6pm with drinks & nibbles provided on arrival. Questions start at 6.30pm with some fantastic prizes and give-aways happening throughout the night. There is a lucky door prize of an overnight stay at Royal Pines Resort including breakfast and either 18 holes of golf or a 45 minute pampering session for two. First prize in the Trivia competition is a double Gold Pass to Event Cinemas at Robina for each team member plus a carton of Penfolds wine for the table.

Get your team together and put your thinking hats on – and we'll see you at the Riverhouse on the 16th.

Wildlife Warriors

Head over to the Stockland Sales Office on Sunday 18th September from 11am – 3pm and check out the Wildlife Warriors. Meet all the animals from slimey snakes to cute critters.

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*Don't forget to rsvp to
Kim if you can attend the
Trivia Night –*

*AT THE TIME OF
PUBLICATION THERE
ARE ONLY A FEW
TABLES LEFT*

Council Organised Events for September

Tastes of Gold Coast (3 - 18 September)

Council's annual food and wine festival celebrates the wonderful food producers, chefs, restaurants, and beverage makers of the Gold Coast and Hinterland. For 16 days, exciting events and world-class culinary delights will tantalize and inspire even the most discerning food critics. For full details, visit www.tastesofgoldcoast.com.au

Bring On Spring at Broadwater Parklands (4 - 25 September)

Now in its second year, Council's Bring on Spring festival includes a diverse range of free events, including concerts, circus activities, arts workshops, children's playgroups and movie nights. Why not try the outdoor movie night (Gulliver's Travels) this Friday night (9 September) or the Gold Coast Acoustic Music Festival with a folk and acoustic music concert, workshops and a barbecue on 17 and 18 September.

Swell Sculpture Festival (9-18 September)

Council is a proud sponsor of the Swell Sculpture Festival at Currumbin Beach from 9 - 18 September. Over the 10 days, visitors can experience the 50 featured sculptures, enjoy twilight walks, informative artist talks, discover new perspectives at the Public Art Forum, wander through the Swell Smalls Gallery and participate in artist master classes and childrens' workshops. For more information, visit: www.swellsculpture.com.au

Community Gardens workshops (monthly)

For those interested in growing their own vegetables, fruit and herbs but don't know where to start, Council has launched a series of hands-on workshops to be held in the city's community gardens on over the next 12 months. This Saturday (10 September) you can be introduced to organic gardening at the Southern Beaches Community Garden in Tugun. In October, the workshop will deal with small space and balcony gardening, at the Ashmore Community Garden. For the full schedule, visit: www.gcparks.com.au

GC Pet and Animal Expo (17-18 September)

The biggest pet expo in the state with more than 100 activities and exhibitions new dock diving dogs, Dr Chris Brown, pet products, rides, children's activities, face painting and the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary precinct. Join in the fun at Central Park Oval, Varsity Lakes, 9.30am to 4pm. Entry is free. For more information, visit: www.goldcoastpetexpo.com.au

“Go along to some of the Council events – perhaps it will give you some ideas to bring back to your Riverstone community”

The recent history of Riverstone Crossing land

For those of you who are unaware of the history of the land that Riverstone Crossing sits upon, we have included some background for you. More details can be accessed on <http://www.thomblake.com.au/secondary/BL415R03a.pdf>

Otmoor farm was established in the early 1870s when it was selected by Messrs Miles and Ardgah under the *Crown Lands Alienation Act 1868*. Mr Ardgah followed the pattern of other selectors in the district and cultivated sugar cane. In 1876, the property was purchased by the Queensland National Bank with the intention of developing it as a substantial sugar plantation. A small mill had been in operation when the bank acquired the property however to fully realise the potential of the property, the bank invested in a substantially larger mill which was completed in 1883. As a sugar plantation, Otmoor farm was only briefly profitable. Declining prices and over production in the mid and late 1880s led to the closure of the mill and the bank ultimately sold the property.

Dairying and small crops became the main activities on Otmoor and in 1935, Otmoor farm was purchased by Fred and Edwin Kleinschmidt. Under the Kleinschmidt brothers, arrowroot became the principal crop on Otmoor. They constructed a mill and by the 1950s, Otmoor farm was one of the major producers of arrowroot in the region. By the 1970s, Otmoor was finding competition from overseas imports increasingly difficult to sustain a viable operation and finally production ceased in 1976. With the closure of the mill, dairying became the principal activity once again on the farm until it was sold in 2004 to be developed for residential and recreational use.



Arrowroot Building & Dairy



Arrowroot Mill

What happened to our Goal Posts?

Date: 8 August 2011
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Dear Ms Divall

RIVERSTONE CROSSING SPORTS PARK – GOAL POSTS

Apologies for the belated response in regards to your request to reinstate the AFL goal posts in Riverstone Crossing Sports Park.

We have been investigating what would be the best possible use of this park through planning documents and discussions with regional sporting bodies. From these investigations, it has been recommended that touch football would best utilise this facility and we are now in the process of developing a concept plan for the park.

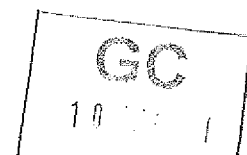
If you have any questions or require further information, please don't hesitate to contact Jodi Pocock, Recreational Services Officer – North, on 5581 6721 or jpocock@goldcoast.qld.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



Liz Muenchow
SENIOR RECREATIONAL SERVICES OFFICER - NORTH
For the Chief Executive Officer

CC Councillor John Wayne



Upcoming Activities in our Area

11th September - **Walk for Peace**, Pacific Pines. Assemble 10am Central Park. Guinness Book of World Records attempt for largest human peace sign.

Contact: Katie St Clair katie849@gmail.com



17th September - **Lions Car Boot Sale** - Upper Coomera House, 90 Reserve Road, Upper Coomera.

Contact Debbie Bidgood coomeralionspresident@gmail.com

Responsible Pet Ownership

We are currently liaising with council to provide some dog poo bins & bags throughout the development and will keep you posted on developments. In the meantime, here's some information relating to pet ownership:

Checklist

- Make sure your pet is registered, has a current identification tag and is micro chipped
- Walk your dog on a lead
- Contain pets to your property
- Pick up your dog's droppings, and
- PLEASE CONSIDER YOUR NEIGHBOURS



COUNCIL DOG RANGERS WILL BE PATROLLING RIVERSTONE SO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES.

For more information, visit www.goldcoastcity.com.au or phone 5581 6664.

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.

Body Corporate Business

Following on from the recent AGM's, please find details of your elected Body Corporate office bearers:

Committee Members - Haven

Christina Sparkes	Chairperson
Brad Porter	Secretary
Darren Wilcox	Treasurer
Gavin Jury	Committee Member
Steven Mulford	Committee Member
Tony Goldstone	Committee Member
Tracey Sams	Committee Member



Committee Members - Riverstone

Simon Curtis	Chairperson
Damian Shephard	Secretary
Lachlan Govenlock	Treasurer
Allan Lance	Committee Member
Jon Plumridge	Committee Member
Jon Jeffrey	Committee Member
David Cooke	Committee Member



Committee Members – PBC

Simon Curtis	Chairperson
Zoe Kouklinos-Powell	Secretary/Treasurer
Damian Shephard	Committee Member
Tina Sparkes	Committee Member

Next Month's eNews will feature....

...information on Swales, a recommended Planting list for private lots and much more. Can you guess which Park in your development has recently won a National Award for sustainable design? We'll let you know in October's edition.

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