



Mullet Mail



NEWS & VIEWS OF DANGAR ISLAND RESIDENTS

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Island farewells

Bye to Jenny & Barry Porter, who have gone to China for fabulous cultural discoveries.

Bye to Heather Saunders, 18 years on, she's been given the key.

Bye to Deborah Lockhart, who after 10 years finally understands DI time.

Finally, farewell to Sheila and her family. What will we do without her.

All long-term residents, we're gonna miss you.

... and welcome back

to Phil Judd with his partner Tess and Ian and Joanne Cameron [yes, the other one!]

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Dangar Island League is seeking nominations for the position of President. If you are interested in filling this position or becoming a committee member, please leave your nomination at the shop addressed to the League no later than June 30.

McKell Park

Terry Dorrrough disappointingly reports on the federation project:

'Council has let contracts and they say work will start soon. In my opinion, all we can expect from this is lots of neat bitumen paving and concrete pathways, and a significant reduction to the parking capacity in

peak periods. So expect the parking problems in Brooklyn to get worse, not better, in the near future.'

RIVER RESIDENTS PARKING FACILITY

As reported in the last Mullet Mail, one of the conditions of approval for the McKell Park work was that the Council should undertake a detailed feasibility study into the provision of separate parking facilities for River residents.

We are still waiting for Council to form a task force which we can work with to pursue this objective.

I am also still interested to hear from anyone who has a burning desire to be involved. Please contact Terry Dorrrough on 9985 7729 if you are able to participate.

PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT

Last year, a petition regarding private vehicles was initiated on the Island, which was signed by many residents. Council and the RTA was then approached to discuss how the public access-ways on the Island could be best managed into the future. Jenny and Ana have picked up the baton on this issue. As a result, Council's Garry Kennedy will be sending out surveys to residents to gauge more specifically what we want. Garry has facilitated the creation of pedestrian areas in other communities, even in the 'burbs, and within the legislation, is keen to provide the community with a range of options, which suits our particular situation. A meeting will be held after compilation of survey

This newsletter is produced under the auspices of the Dangar Island League in order to inform the community of the issues in which the League are involved on behalf of the community. The Dangar Island League represents the community to Council and other Government bodies, whose decision-making processes affect the quality of life of our community. Resident groups such as the League give structure for these bodies to respond to; ARE listened to, and often give more weight to an issue, than individual contribution. Residents with a community issue that they wish to take action on, can approach the committee with view to form a sub-committee for that reason. Meetings are held in the community hall on a regular basis.

Current positions are held by the following residents:

PRESIDENT:	vacant
Vice President:	vacant
Secretary:	Liz Trevena
Treasurer:	Manfred Merle
Committee:	a Dorrrough Mario Castiglioni
Pedestrian precinct sub-committee:	Ana Pollak Jenny Shanley
Newsletter:	Jenny & Heather D

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results, where residents can comment further and discuss the results in order to come up with a workable solution. At any time during the process, you can talk to him, at Council, to air your views and concerns. If you would like to submit a comment for the next Mullet, leave it at the shop [signed please!]

Jenny Shanley & Ana Pollak



from the League

The committee has considered a proposal to modify the League's constitution and structure. At the next League meeting, the committee will propose the following:

- a) *To change the name of the League to "the Dangar Island Residents' Association"*
- b) *To change the current Articles of Association to enable automatic membership of the association to all residents on the Island*
- c) *To set up a new sub-committee to review issues that are brought to the association's notice and that are about the social and environmental well-being of the Island and its community.*

The committee is of the view that the name "the League" is out of date. It does not attract interest or communicate the subject matter of the Island's community forum. The association safeguards the interests of all residents first and foremost. For that reason the association's name should include "residents" as its primary interest group.

Related to that point is the proposal that all residents have an automatic right of membership. It is hoped that by doing this, newcomers as well as those who feel they have a well-established place in the community will feel included in the association's business.

Because the association is about well being at a community rather than an individual level we need an agreed understanding about what we mean by community "well being". The committee also proposes setting up a sub-committee, which can use what is known as "Agenda 21" (Rio Earth Summit) principles to assist its members to respond to issues from an objective as well as personal points of view. It is proposed that the sub-

committee acts as an advisory body and helps community meetings with those matters that affect everyone on our Island. As advised by the association's participating members it can also act as a link into Council's own Agenda 21 committee, which operates at a Shire level.

PUBLIC JETTY MOORING WORKSHOP NOTES:

In early 2000 the League ran a workshop with interested local community members to discuss the issue of resident mooring for people without access to private jetties. This meeting took place because mooring association that had attempted to formalise its structure and objectives, winding down due to the new President of the League also being a member of the informal mooring group. About 10 people came to the workshop. The group decided on the following:

- a) *To review the extensive work done to date by local residents - including proposals for jetty designs, locations, meetings with Council and funding possibilities;*
- b) *To approach Council with this information and a request to define Council's current position;*
- c) *To also approach on-going commercial users the public wharf for their views;*
- d) *To then research options for some formal partnership between those residents that are affected, Council and utilities;*
- e) *To review the existing proposals and embark on a funding/investment or shareholding solution to the various issues;*
- f) *Only then, when the structure and resource issues are sorted out will the specific issues of what sort of facility and where it can be positioned be broached with stakeholders and others affected by the proposals;*
- g) *It was suggested that a similar community workshop would be an effective way of resolving the*

issues of location and type of wharf;

- h) *If this is resolved, then a proposal would be made to the stakeholders, and if accepted - a formal partnership formed to action the proposal.*

The community will not be surprised to know that no action has taken place since this workshop but that there is still strong interest in taking the steps as outlined above. If anyone (new and older residents) is interested to support progress with this strategy please contact Susan on 99857116.

Bush Care News

It has been a mild winter season so the weeds are thriving unfortunately, especially around the roadside verges of the reserve. The group has been periodically trying to eradicate weeds such as Pitchforks, Asparagus Ferns, Fleabane and exotic grasses that easily disperse their many seeds along these areas. It is a struggle but worth the effort to keep the beautiful bushland vegetation along the roadside. We are also working on a new site on the top south eastern section of their reserve, mainly removing Fishbone Fern and juvenile Lantana. On August 11 there will be a special walk through the Island Reserve led by Peter Nixon who has been invited to share his knowledge of the relationship of habitats with plants and animals. Everyone is welcome, the time is 10.30am and meet at the bench on the fork of Riverview Avenue. For more information write c/- Dangar island shop. If it is raining, the walk will be postponed to September 8. The group's next working bee will be Saturday July 7, 9.30am and look at the Bushcare Noticeboard at the shop for any updates.

