

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY – APRIL 2020



WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

Tuesdays

Weekly

Bim'bimba Park Playgroup

***NEW LOCATION**

Tuesdays

Weekly

Gainsborough Greens

Pimpama Craft Group

Tuesdays

Fortnightly

Seniors Catch Up

Wednesdays

Monthly

Mid Week Lunch

Saturdays

Weekly

Parkrun Group

Sundays

Monthly

Social Golf

Friday

14 February 2020

Community Event

Love Thy Neighbour Trivia Night

Wednesday

1 April 2020

Community Event

The Easter Bunny

is coming to Pimpama

Saturday

2 May 2020

Community Event

Critters Ecological Study

HI FROM SUZANNE

Welcome 2020!

A new year is upon us – a time to look forward to the opportunities that are ours for the making and to reflect on the last decade that was.

We have been privileged in our Gainsborough Greens neighbourhood with over 100 community events and more than 700 social activities over the decade.

Our community continues to thrive with friendships and community spirit leading our neighbourhood – with our resident volunteers always there to help, the generosity of everyone at charitable events and the regular get-togethers we share.

If you are new to Gainsborough Greens, we welcome you and encourage you to join us as we have prepared a calendar full of exciting times to connect in our neighbourhood.

This newsletter shares what is happening in the coming months in our community. We hope you enjoy the read and look forward to meeting you out and about soon in the neighbourhood.

Cheers,
Suzanne Guastini
Enriching Communities Founder



COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Hero

We often say it is the people that do not seek any recognition that are our heroes in our local communities.

With a long list of volunteers always keen to help keep our community connected and informed – we would like to shine some light on this local lady who always is there to help us out.

She not only heads up the Gainsborough Greens Parkrun and the weekly Sunday Runners Group, she is also a local teacher and mum to two kids who as a family are consistently saying yes to flyer drops in our neighbourhood.

A big 'thank you' is in order for local **Michelle McIntosh and family** – we appreciate your efforts! Michelle and family receive a \$50 Community Hero Voucher for use at the Gainsborough Greens Golf Club donated by Mirvac.

Garden Competition Winners

Gainsborough Greens residents – you have certainly done it again, keeping your gardens looking wonderful in the tough dry conditions that we are experiencing.

With each newsletter we love to congratulate two residents with gardens that meet covenant, with all residents being automatically entered into the competition.

All you have to do is keep your front garden looking it's best by trimming, mowing and weeding for the chance to **WIN a \$500 Mirvac Eftpos Gift Card**.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Peta and Nathan at 100 Melville Drive** and **Robert and Amanda at 31 Whitsunday Circuit**, both homes receiving a \$500 Mirvac Eftpos Gift Card before Christmas last year. Thank you for your efforts and we certainly look forward to announcing our next garden winners in the autumn newsletter.

Bridge Opening

Our communities are now even more closely connected!

With the opening of the new bridge, visiting our neighbours at Pimpama City Shopping Centre, Whistlestop Café, Edge Early Learning and Jacobs Well region will be so much easier – it will be our little short cut to the wider community around us. We look forward to QLD State Government opening this bridge in the coming months.



Garden Competition Winners

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Love thy neighbour – Community Trivia Night Friday 14 February 2020

Bring your partner, kids and invite the neighbours for an evening of laughter, love and the chance to win prizes!

Dinner is available at the golf club from 5:30pm – the restaurant requires reservations, please book direct on 5546 6003. Trivia starts at 7pm, please arrive 15 minutes before.

Date: Friday 14 February 2020

Time: 5:30pm dinner open (bookings required)
7pm trivia begins (arrive 6:45pm latest)

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club Function Room

RSVP: By Friday 7 February via email rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or call **0488 991 978**. Please advise if you are in a group.



Critters Ecological Study here in Gainsborough Greens Saturday 2 May 2020

This is the chance of a lifetime as you embark with the special responsibility of researching the native wildlife at night here in Gainsborough Greens!

We will be led by ecologists on this specialist adventure study as we get up close and personal into some special areas of our local area. Learning about who's living in the bushland surrounding Gainsborough Greens will be a very unique experience for all.

Date: Saturday 2 May 2020

RSVP: Book in your interest for further information
email rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au



The Easter Bunny is Coming to Pimpama Wednesday 1 April 2020

We are set for a bunny good time with the Easter Bunny hopping into Pimpama this Easter!

Children and adults will join in egg and spoon races, shake their tail feathers with a chicken dance and hunt for hundreds of hidden easter eggs, all in great fun.

Date: Wednesday 1 April 2020

Time: 4:30 – 5:30pm

Location: Bim'Bimba Park, Gainsborough Drive, Pimpama (opposite McDonalds)



Exclusive 8th Annual Ladies Night Out Friday 29 May 2020

We are proud to be hosting the 8th Annual Ladies Night Out for our lovely Gainsborough Greens ladies.

The evening is always a beautiful get together – where we connect, share and catch up with friends in our community all for a good cause. The charity portion of the evening involves a guest speaker who educates and empowers change – sparking ideas and action.

We invite our Gainsborough Greens ladies to a night of connection, self-love and sisterhood this coming May. Your official invitation will be sent out a month prior.

Date: Friday 29 May 2020

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR



If Warren and Claire Tucker are familiar faces, it's likely because you've seen them involved in golf, trivia and all-things community at Gainsborough Greens.

Warren, Claire and their kids moved to Gainsborough Greens in 2016 after searching for a new place to call home. It was the welcoming feel of our community, as well as facilities like 24-hour security, tennis court, parklands, pools and barbeque areas, which convinced them the community was a perfect fit.

Wanting to add a personal touch to their new home, Warren and Claire put on the gardening gloves and picked up the shovel to landscape their entire home – a move which saw Warren later swap his role in the corporate world and start his own mowing and landscaping business.

Since moving in to the Gainsborough Greens community, Warren and Claire have been involved in numerous activities like visiting the Golf Club for a swing on the green, attending Body Corporate Meetings and the recent opening of our brand new Rec Deck.

In 2020, Warren will step into the role as host of our Community Trivia Night and said it's another opportunity for residents to come together for a bit of fun.

"I recently put my hand up to host the Community Trivia Night because I thought, why not get involved," said Warren.

"It's great to know you're supported in whatever you get involved with at Gainsborough Greens and since moving in to the community, Claire and I have really seen it flourish.

"We enjoy being a part of all the activities, attending community events and utilising facilities like the new Rec Deck, and in doing so, we've been able to get to know our neighbours and make new friends.

"Even when you're on a walk or simply out in the garden, everyone waves or says hello. It's a reflection of the fantastic community we're a part of.

"I definitely encourage residents to come along to activities like Trivia Night because it's a great opportunity to get to know other residents, have some fun and a laugh."

NATURFORM ON BOARD TO HELP SHAPE BIM'BIMBA PARK

A gigantic climbing tower, waterways and climbing nets are just some of the exciting features of Bim'bimba Park, our latest family friendly space created by landscape contractors, Naturform in collaboration with Form Landscape Architects.

Specialising in landscape projects and bespoke urban infrastructure, Naturform were engaged to bring the vision for the five hectare space in the heart of Gainsborough Greens to life.

The team has worked tirelessly over the past 12 months to manage and deliver many of the design and construction elements for the project and Naturform Site Supervisor, Matt Soutter, said the result is a one-of-a-kind space for all ages to enjoy.

"Mirvac has such a strong focus on community and Bim'bimba Park is a reflection of that," he said.

"From natural waterways and open spaces to kick a ball, to barbeque areas for families and friends to come together as well as a gigantic playground and an amphitheatre for future events, Bim'bimba Park offers something for everyone.

"The playground caters to all ages and is completely unique, nothing is 'off the shelf.'

"As you make your way through, you can see how it incorporates features like spring toys for younger kids through to climbing nets and a fallen tree climbing feature for the older kids, with the jewel of the park being a giant climbing tower."

Matt said the Naturform team was ecstatic to be engaged and help deliver the special space.

"It has been great to work alongside other companies such as Form Landscape Architects to help deliver this park for the community to enjoy," said Matt.

"We started working on the project 12 months ago and we're now putting the finishing touches in place. It has been very exciting to see the vision come to life over time.

"It's certainly a project that will be hard to follow and we hope Bim'bimba Park brings the community together and is somewhere not only Gainsborough Greens residents, but the wider community, can enjoy for years to come."



RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



September Spring Street Parties

Our Annual Spring Street Parties rolled on through last September with community spirit shining.

It's wonderful knowing your neighbours, sharing a drink and looking out for each other – it's these connections here at Gainsborough Greens that make our neighbourhood so special.

Thanks to all the Party Leaders – you are our street heroes, hosting BBQs, afternoon teas with perfect sunsets and even a movie under the stars with hot popcorn.



Sneak Peek at Bim'bimba Park Thursday 19 December

Bim'bimba Park, meaning solidier bird, has been 4 years in the making with over 150 people involved in creating this special space for the community!

The Northern Gold Coast's newest park is nestled in our Gainsborough Greens Community, a feature we are all so very proud to be involved in. The park boasts some major firsts for our city such as the giant climbing tower – it is one-of-a-kind designed in Australia and created in Germany, this magnificent centrepiece will marvel children of all ages.

Bim'bimba Park is both an iconic space that will see neighbours, friends and families enjoying outdoor BBQs, community events, the never ending kick n play lawn, bicycle and walking paths connecting to 12km of existing pathways and so much more!

Located on Gainsborough Drive, Pimpama we are sure this amazing park delivered by Mirvac will be the host of many wonderful memories for our community now and into the future.



Halloween Spooky Fun Thursday 31 October

If any community does it best – we are proud to say it is Gainsborough Greens! Creativity off the scale is an understatement of how Spooky our Halloween was here!

Decorations, lighting, smoke, front yard neighbour collaborations, costumes and frightening costumes really brought the scare factor to the annual display. Kids dressed up as pumpkins, skeletons and witches, with a bundle of broom sticks flying around there is no doubt our community are the most creative here on the Gold Coast.

We commenced the afternoon with scary face painting and balloon twisting magic show – with our lolly guessing competition proving to be a big success!

Congratulations to the spookiest and most creative Halloween-inspired decorators on the evening, all receiving an EFTPOS gift card:

1st prize \$200 – Rundel Ave

2nd prize \$100 – Paluma Cres

3rd prize \$50 – Wraight St



Exclusive Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 5 November

Hold your horses ladies and gents – we stopped like the rest of the nation officially for our 6th Melbourne Cup as a community.

Joining in the spirit, our ladies and gents dressed for the occasion with prizes on the day. Everyone enjoyed a punt on the sweeps whilst sitting around for a lovely hot community lunch at Pimpama Tavern – thanks for hosting us!

Prizes were awarded to 4 lucky people for best dressed – it was a difficult decision, congratulations and well done.



Festival of Lights Competition Wednesday 18 December

Our residents shined at our 8th Festival of Lights Competition.

The beautiful light displays excite and delight many, no matter how old you are, bringing the Christmas spirit to our streets each year.

The evenings in Gainsborough Greens during December are always a great time to get out and about meeting new neighbours and extending thanks to those that tirelessly decorate their homes.

Thank you to our entrants – again your creativity and love for the community shined brightly!

Congratulations to our winners:

1st place – Kyle & Kate, Ningaloo Drive

2nd place – Brad & Deborah, Whitsunday Cct

3rd place – Nathan & Lauren, Kinglake Cres

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES



Monthly Lunch

Let's try something new and have a Monthly Mid Week Lunch get-together on Wednesdays.

For more information contact Enriching Communities on 0488 991 978 or email us at rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Time: 12 noon

Dates: 12 March, 9 April, 4 May

Location: Pimpama Tavern, 102 Jacobs Well Rd, Pimpama



Seniors Catch Up

Summer has arrived and the perfect time to get out there and meet some of your local seniors at our fortnightly morning tea catch up. A great way to meet new friends – you are always welcome at any of these get-togethers.

Once again, a huge thank you to Mirvac and Pimpama Tavern for sponsoring the coffee and tea – we really do appreciate it.

Time: 10:30am

Pimpama Tavern Dates: 28 January, 25 February, 24 March, 21 April

Gainsborough Greens Golf Club Dates: 11 February, 10 March, 7 April



Sunday Social Golf

Hurrah – back to Sunday Social Golf. You can par, birdie or drop an eagle, really we are just happy to see you along for the relaxed afternoon social get-together. Nothing too serious, just some fun out in the fresh air on the 1st Sunday of each month.

For bookings, please contact Enriching Communities to confirm your spot on 0488 991 978 or email us at rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Time: 11am tee time (meet at Pro Shop before tee time – off Halcyon Drive)

Special price: \$44 – 18 holes with cart (or utilise your golf membership as per usual conditions)

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club, Halcyon Drive, Pimpama

Dates: 2 February, 1 March, 5 April (12pm *special time)

Bookings essential: Thursday before each session



Bim'bimba Park Playgroup

A great time and place for you the little one's to catch up with other locals. Invite a friend or come meet new ones at this casual get together open to everyone.

We now meet at the new Bim'bimba Park, lots of parking, coffee right next door, bathrooms and fun play elements for the kids.

Time: 9:30am onwards

Dates: Tuesdays Weekly

Location: Bim'bimba Park, Gainsborough Drive, Pimpama

Join us on Facebook: [Gainsborough Greens Mums Group](#)



Gainsborough Parkrun

Keeping active and healthy is so easy in our community with the well established parkrun right here on our doorstep. Join in on the free 5km weekly run / jog through our community.

The parkrun group meets at 7am every Saturday morning, a great time to take in the sunrises, enjoy the well connected paths and parks here at Gainsborough Greens.

For more information visit

[facebook/gainsboroughgreensparksrun](https://www.facebook.com/gainsboroughgreensparksrun)

Time: 7:00am

Day: Every Saturday

Location: Aquila Park, Cnr Wyperfield Cct & Nullabor St, Pimpama

PAY-IT-FORWARD

The Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal

We made the call for Christmas generosity to those less fortunate and our community rose to the occasion with donations coming in for The Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who donated here in Gainsborough Greens – your gifts were dropped off ahead of Christmas bringing joy to many. Your support paying-it-forward is greatly appreciated!

UPDATE FROM COOMERA STATE MP MICHAEL CRANDON

We have had so many successes in the Pimpama region in 2019:

- Federal money allocated to upgrade exits 41 & 39
- A commitment to fast track the opening of the bridge
- A commitment to build the Pimpama Railway Station
- The confirmation of a new Police Station and extra Police in Pimpama.
- Extra car parks at Coomera railway Station.

I would like to wish you a happy and healthy start to 2020 as we have so many more things to fight for.

Kind regards,
Michael Crandon

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PUP-ARAZZI PHOTO CONTEST

Every couple of months we call our poochie friends to share photos of themselves around the community and with so many fun photo entries uploaded to Facebook we definitely have a hard job choosing the most creative entry.

Our thanks go out to all those posing pooches – your human families sure do love sharing your smiles! The winner in December was local German Shepherd 'Jani', with his photo showing his eagerness to get to the dog park here in Gainsborough Greens. Jani was captured with the wind blowing on his face as he looked outside the car window, winning a \$100 voucher for Found by the Hound dog trainers for this paw-fect shot!



Jani eager to get to the dog park



MIRVAC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

It's been a busy few months at Gainsborough Greens with the delivery of some exciting new recreation facilities for our community to enjoy.

Bim'bimba Park is now open! Complete with bbq facilities, a basketball court, plenty of greenspace, exciting play equipment including the iconic climbing tower, tree climb and amphitheatre. Years in the making, the team were extremely proud to deliver the Bim'bimba Park to the public just in time for Christmas. As the park will be handed over to council, any booking requests will need to be requested through the Gold Coast City Council website per their usual process.

In infrastructure news, we are still awaiting confirmation for the QR bridge opening. As you are aware, Mirvac have completed their required works. We expect the bridge will be operational and open to the public early 2020 and will be in touch as progress develops.

Since its announcement, we have also received some enquiry around the Coomera Connector. The construction of the Coomera Connector would provide an important north-to-south transport link for north Gold Coast communities and ideally ease peak hour congestion within the transport corridor. This is a State Government initiative and outside of Mirvac's control. Further information can be found on the government website: <http://statements.qld.gov.au>.

If you have any questions regarding the development of the community please don't hesitate to contact the Community Hotline on 1300 033 800.

WELCOME PACKAGES

Gainsborough Greens really is a special community to live in, with Enriching Communities partnering with Mirvac in delivering this unique program to you. We passionately organise special events and social activities to offer you an enriched way of living, and welcome all new residents moving to the community at a personal 'meet n greet'.

We enjoy getting to know our new residents and learning how we can continue to tailor the activities on offer for you here.

Give us a call or drop us an email to book in your "Meet n Greet" appointment. We have a Welcome Gift and Kit ready for you to enjoy!

Phone 0488 991 978 [facebook.com/enrichingcommunitiespimpama](https://www.facebook.com/enrichingcommunitiespimpama)



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