

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2017 – FEBRUARY 2018

WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

Weekdays

Morning Walking Group

Tues / Wed / Thur / Fri

Community Yoga

Weekdays & Saturdays

Women's Fierce Fitness

Tuesdays

Playgroup

Fortnightly Group

Tuesdays

Seniors Fortnightly

Social Catch Up

Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Create-in-Craft

Weekly Group

Wednesdays

Coffee Catch Up

Fortnightly Group

Sundays

Active Runners

/ Joggers Group

25 November

Community Event

Movie Night & Live

Music under the stars

1 December

Community

Donation Drive

The Smith Family

Toy & Book Appeal

15 December

Community Event

Festival of Lights

February 2018

Community Event

Community Cooking

Class



HI FROM SUZANNE

With 2018 just around the corner, this time of year is often busy with social engagements, preparing for the upcoming festive season and summer holidays. Taking time out to stop, reflect and recharge, I find is a great way to reminisce on all we have accomplished over the year.

At Enriching Communities this year we have had the privilege of meeting so many new residents that have moved into Gainsborough Greens. We have also had the wonderful opportunity to create fun, interactive and inspiring community events.

This year we have seen the growth of our social activities calendar with some wonderful leadership shown from Lynda coordinating the weekly Craft Group and Owen driving the weekly Runners group. We are also very excited for our

Community Facilitator Lyndsey and her husband Caleb to be welcoming their first child very soon.

We have shared so many great moments with you all this year and would like to thank each and everyone one of you for joining us on this journey building community. Thank you to those who have given their time volunteering, all these acts of kindness show us that community spirit is thriving each and every week here at Gainsborough Greens.

We also have a wonderful 2017 Community Video for you to enjoy. Please LIKE us on facebook.com/enrichingcommunitiespimpama to see the video.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Warm Regards,
Suzanne.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Hero

Often there are people that give, lend a hand to others in need with the sole purpose of just wanting to help another person. These are the stories of kindness and compassion for others that we like to recognise and share with you all because they reminds us of what community is truly about.

Neighbours in communities from many parts of the world, are known to wave hello and continue on with their day. However, we have a special story to share, about a beautiful relationship that has formed between two neighbours here in Gainsborough Greens that goes beyond that smile and wave.

Our Community Hero learnt that her neighbours daughter was ill in hospital which led her to rally the community together to help support the family at the difficult time.

A heartfelt call to action to the community from our Hero saw so many people come together collectively to help the family.

With donations being provided from residents and local businesses running food drives, local residents chipping in with garden maintenance and cleaning. It even gets better, our Hero and her husband organised for Paige's hero Wonder Woman from MovieWorld to come see Paige at her bedside. This remarkably shows how neighbours can be closer than a wave.

We would like to extend a big thank you to **Parahi Willis**, for her compassion and care for Paige's family. Parahi has reminded us how a little compassion and getting to know your neighbours can make the absolute world of difference in people's lives.

Parahi will receive a Gainsborough Greens Golf Club voucher to the value of \$50.00.

Garden Comp Winners

Do you want to WIN \$500?

Did you know keeping your garden and lawn beautiful at Gainsborough Greens automatically enters you into the Garden Competition.

Since the competition started two years ago, Mirvac has awarded \$10,000 in vouchers. The judges commend you all, as they are noticing the pride and care taken is constantly improving.

Thank you to everyone who takes the time to tend to their gardens! Removing of weeds, cared for lawns and creative garden beds are what the judges are looking for.

Congratulations to our new winners for this newsletter edition:

Louise & Zane 1 Rundle Ave, Forest Green
Stephanie & James 7 Warrabah Cl, Green Park

Both our winners received a \$500 Mirvac EFTPOS gift card.

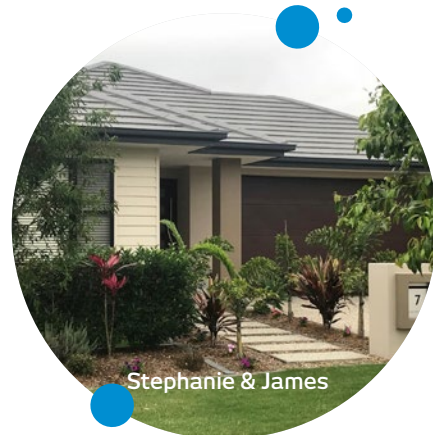
Look No Further Guide and Useful Contacts

Do you ever need a recommendation or looking for a local service and don't know where to turn? Literally, you do not have to look any further now, searching is a lot easier all while you support your local neighbourhood businesses.

Two amazing resources have been compiled to help you:

Join the Gainsborough Greens Residents Group (Facebook Closed Group)

Answer the joining questions, upon acceptance you will be able to look at the Files Tab and view these great lists. fb.com/gainsboroughgreensresidentsgroup



Stephanie & James



Louise & Zane

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Movie Night & Live Music under the stars!

Let's welcome in the Festive season, enjoying the sounds of our local school band and singers from Pimpama State Secondary College. The students will enjoy your support as they showcase their talents ENTERTAINING us all.

We will be showing the recent new release 'A Dog's Purpose' (G) 120mins. **Santa will even make a special appearance!**

Bring along your picnic rugs, cushions, snacks and drinks as we settle in for a lovely evening under the stars. Pooches welcome!

Date: Saturday 25 November 2017

Time: 5pm

Location: Park Area, Swan Rd, Pimpama

Cost: FREE

RSVP: please email to rsvpagg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or call for any enquiries Suzanne 0447 872 382



6th Annual Festival of Lights Competition

Friday 15 December 2017

Gainsborough Greens will be lit up again for the 6th year running, as we welcome in the "Festival of Lights Competition" for 2017. You can get involved by visiting the many light displays put on by your neighbours or even better you can enter the competition! **ENTRANTS:** By decorating your home not only can your creative flair possibly see you WINNING 1 of the 5 \$250.00 EFTPOS GIFT CARDS, even better your efforts bring our community together in a very special way.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES ARE:

- Best Decorated Home
- Best Solar Powered Display
- Best Novice (first time entry)
- Best Lit Garden
- Best Laser Light Display

Judging takes place Friday 15 December at dusk.

TO ENTER: visit www.festivaloflights.net.au The online competition entry form and Terms and Conditions are to be completed by 5pm Wednesday 13 December 2017.

SPECTATORS: Save the date Friday 15 December.

Explore our beautiful community in the evening, marvel at the amazing displays all the while supporting those who have spent countless hours decorating and lighting up Gainsborough Greens. There will be a buzz in the air!

Thank you to everyone that gets involved. Your amazing light displays are always a pleasure. In our eyes, you are all WINNERS!

Culinary Creations Cooking Class

February 2018

Community Cooking classes are a great way to learn a new dish to perfect at home, all the while meeting other local residents while you enjoy the flavours you have created. Our classes are hands on and informative where you will learn from a local chef how to prepare and cook a special dish at the commercial kitchen space located in Pimpama State Secondary College. These classes fill up fast with limited spots available.

We will follow our cooking class with a community luncheon enjoying what you have created together.

Date: February 2018

Time: 10:30am

Location: Pimpama State Secondary College

Cost: FREE Class

RSVP: please email to rsvpagg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or for any enquiries call Suzanne 0447 872 382



SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Playgroup is here! NEW!

Dear Gainsborough Greens Mums, we have a special announcement to share with you all.

Commencing this November, we have partnered with Pimpama Early Learning Centre to launch the NEW & FRESH Gainsborough Greens/Pimpama Early Learning Playgroup.

There will be SMILES all around at Playgroup. So come along for a fun morning of educational, social and learning opportunities for your little ones. Playgroup will include a range of different activities from obstacle courses, art experiences, ball games, bikes, water play, yarnng times, stories and singing. The Playgroup is FREE and open to Gainsborough Greens Residents.

Time: 9:30am – 10.30am (1 hour)

Meeting location: Pimpama Early Learning, 166 Yawalpah Road, Pimpama

2017 Dates: 14 & 28 November, 12 December

2018 Dates: 9 & 23 January, 6 & 20 February

Book: rsvpagg@enrichingcommunities.com.au

To keep up to date LIKE us on fb.com/gainsboroughgreensmumsgroup

For more information contact

Suzanne 0447 872 382 or

suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Yoga in the park

Yoga is not all fancy poses and super strength, Kukoonyoga believes yoga is for everybody, whether it is for calming your mind, building strength & flexibility, deeply toning your muscles or just finding some inner peace through mindful breathing, yoga is for you.

A weekly yoga practice can see you reaping the rewards of stress-relief, better sleep, reduced anxiety, clarity of mind, raised energy levels and so much more! We encourage you to give it a go to see if it is something you might enjoy, the benefits are endless.

Times: Numerous sessions available – Range of Yoga from Gentle to Flow Yoga, Prenatal, Postnatal, Kids and Mums n Bubs on offer – please visit www.kukoonyogacommunity.com for all the times

Location: Cnr Kalgoorlie St & Marble Lane, Pimpama (Gainsborough Greens – off Swan Rd) New location coming soon.

For more information LIKE the Yoga page on facebook.com/kukoonyogacommunity

Fairways and Birdies! Can you hit for Sunday Social Golf?

It's time to tee-off with social golf for residents! This monthly golf get together, will see you meeting others from the community out on the fairways, aiming for a birdie while you enjoy 18 holes.

For bookings please contact Suzanne at Enriching Communities to confirm your spot on 0447 872 382 or suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Time: 11:00am tee time (meet at pro shop before tee-off time)

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

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club

Dates: 1st Sunday of the month:

3 December 2017

7 January 2018

4 February 2018

Weekday mornings Walking Group Forest Green/Terrace Green

With beautiful walking tracks on our doorstep, why not join in a lovely dawn walk! Led by local resident Carol, the walk lasts between 30-45 minutes taking advantage of the golf course views and wildlife. This is a free activity, just come on down for the walk any morning you would like.

Time: 6:30am weekdays

Meeting location: the roundabout on the Corner of Melville Drive & Gainsborough Dr

For more information contact
Carol 0419 693 965



Active Running/ Jogging Group

We welcome people who would like to run, jog, cycle or walk to come along on a Sunday morning for a healthy active morning. This group is for like-minded people who live in the Pimpama area that are keen to get out and about on a Sunday morning.

Day: Sunday weekly

Time: 7:00am

Location: Cnr Wyperfield Cct & Nullabor St, Pimpama (at the park area)

For more information LIKE the Runners Group page on facebook.com/Pimpama Gainsborough Walking / Running Group

Women's Fitness Group – The Fierce Project

Women's Fitness at Gainsborough Greens is here to empower you to become strong both inside and outside. With the first session being FREE, female fitness specialist Taylor Rae is here to help you.

If you want to lose weight, tone up, find a happier you, or just enjoy training this is the group for you. With numerous training times available there is no excuse!

Times:

Classes 6 days a week

Visit www.thefierceproject.com

Location: Cnr Kalgoorlie St & Marble Lane, Pimpama (Gainsborough Greens – off Swan Rd)

For more information LIKE The Fierce Fitness page on facebook.com/TheFierceProject

Coffee Catch Up Group

We love welcoming new faces to our community coffee catch up group. We meet at different local cafés supporting local business all the while getting to know each other. It really is a great way for everyone to acquaint, with everyone welcome.

With lots of wonderful friendships formed at these groups, just come along, say 'Hi'. No RSVP is required.

For enquiries contact Suzanne 0447 872 382 or suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Time: 10:00am

Dates & locations:

Wed 15 November

One Little Tree Café – Dixon Drive, Pimpama Junction

Wed 29 November

Hashtag Café, 133 Finnigans Way, Coomera (next to IGA)

Wed 13 December

Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar – Coomera, 78 Waterway Drive (inside GC Marina)

Wed 10 January 2018

One Little Tree Café – Dixon Drive, Pimpama Junction

Wed 24 January 2018

Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar – Coomera, 78 Waterway Drive (inside GC Marina)

Wed 7 February 2018

Kaffe Co – 1 Commercial Street, Upper Coomera (next to Coles)



Create-in-Craft Group

Are you a creative and like getting together with like-minded people? This group might just be for you! The group was created for the crafters in our area to keep up to date with what is happening in the way of craft in Gainsborough Greens and Pimpama.

We are a group of like-minded crafters who meet weekly for a couple of hours working on our own craft projects. We will occasionally have a special session where we will learn a new craft and make something special. For further information please contact Lynda on 0418 242 072.

Time & Date: Tuesdays weekly, 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club
For more information LIKE the Craft page on facebook.com/Gainsborough Greens Pimpama Craft Group

Seniors Social Catchup

Inviting all new residents and our friends who have been living in Gainsborough Greens, to come on down to the Golf Club for the Seniors Morning Tea.

Our fortnightly Tuesday group is a great chance to chat with other residents about all kinds of topics with coffee and tea provided. If you haven't come along before, don't be shy, we always have a good laugh and talk about some interesting topics.

Call Suzanne for more information. Hope to see you there!

Time: 10:30am

Dates:

21 November

5 December & 19 December

– (Christmas Treat – thank you to Halycon)

17 January 2018 & 31 January 2018

14 February 2018 & 28 February 2018

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Magnificent Christmas lights brings our community together

John and Rebecca Geise have been the stars of the Gainsborough Greens' Christmas lights competition for the past two years with their magnificent displays which capture the spirit of the season.

The Geise's took first place in Gainsborough Greens' annual Festival of Lights competition in 2015 and 2016 and the couple are now encouraging other residents to get involved in the hopes of creating a 'North Pole on the Gold Coast.'

John, who moved to Gainsborough Greens from Brisbane in 2015, will be joining the judging panel for the sixth annual competition and is urging entrants to be creative.

"Rebecca and I were initially attracted to Gainsborough Greens for the atmosphere and overall vibe of the community, which I have found really comes alive during the holiday season," he said.

"The Christmas lights competition really helped us to break the ice with our neighbours, who are now some of our closest friends, and I would love for others to have that same experience by getting involved in this initiative.

"There will be new categories introduced into the competition this year, like the 'first timer' category, meaning even those who are just starting out have the opportunity to take part, even if they don't have a lot of equipment.

"I am working on a dedicated Festival of Lights website at the moment so that everyone in the community can easily register this year. I can't wait to see the creative displays everyone comes up with."

John said he got the inspiration for his Christmas light displays from all over the world – and although he won't be entering the competition as a participant this year, he still plans to put on a show.

"Rebecca and I normally start brainstorming themes a year out and I'm actually going to build a lot of my own displays this year," he said.

"This time around, viewers can expect a seriously 'over the top' display including projectors, videos and coloured lights with accompanying music.

"I love seeing peoples faces light up when they visit our display – it truly is a heart warming experience and it's the reason I put so much effort into this event."

The Gainsborough Greens Festival of Lights Competition will be judged on December 15.

For further information, please contact Gainsborough Greens community engagement manager on suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au or 0447 872 382



GAINSBOROUGH GREENS COMMUNITY PAYS IT FORWARD THIS CHRISTMAS

Put a smile on the face of children in need across Australia this Christmas, by taking part in Gainsborough Greens' pay-it-forward initiative. Gainsborough Greens community engagement manager, Suzanne Guastini of Enriching Communities, is driving the initiative, with the aim of setting a new gift-giving record at Gainsborough.

Ms Guastini says Gainsborough residents have proven themselves to be a generous bunch in recent years by digging deep to create a magical Christmas for Aussie kids through the Starlight Foundation, Gold Coast Allied Health organisations and The Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal.

"One of my favourite quotes is from Carlos Ruiz Zafón who famously said – 'presents are made for the pleasure of who gives them, not the merits of who receives them – and I think that is a great reminder for all us this Christmas,'" she said.

"I have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our residents since we started collecting for Christmas Appeals five years

ago – but I am really hoping that 2017 can be our biggest and best year yet," she said.

"The population of Gainsborough Greens is growing every year so this alone will hopefully result in an increase in gifts, but I would like to challenge all of our residents to give just a little more.

"This year The Smith Family Toy and Book Appeal aims to deliver more than 60,000 new toys and 40,000 new books to children of all ages across Australia.

"This means that all donations from Gainsborough Greens residents will go towards assisting disadvantaged young Australians to succeed at school in order to create a brighter future for themselves. There really is not a better gift to give this holiday season."

Donations can be dropped into the Enriching Communities Office inside the Gainsborough Greens Land Sales Office on Swan Road between 10am and 5pm daily.

Donations must be received by Friday, 1 December 2017.

For further information, please contact suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au or 0447 872 382



LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Queensland State Election

Only those living "off the grid" would be unaware the Queensland State Election was called for the 25th of November.

Roads are a big issue for locals. With that in mind you may have noticed a few signs in and around the local area.

In particular, I'm sure you've seen my sign "Fighting to fix Exit 49" on Yawalpah road. This is my number one priority for the electorate wish list I put to my colleagues, in the lead up to the election.

Unfortunately, the current government did not announce ANY funds for this bottle neck in the last budget, nor anything in their recent announcements.

As well, I have a Queensland Parliamentary Petition in place to shout about your concerns regarding Exit 49.

It needs to be fixed and I need you to go online to the Queensland Parliamentary Website and sign the e-petition to support the need for this upgrade.

I will be tabling the petition on the first day of the first sitting week in 2018, regardless of who forms government.

More good news, the LNP have announce their commitment to build the \$500 Million Inter Regional Transport Corridor (IRTC), to help you move around the region more easily and not spend time stuck in congestion on the M1.

As the Member for the State Seat of Coomera, I have been lobbying for this new state road. A road that will intersect with the eastern end of Yawalpah Road.

Should the LNP be successful in forming government, this will become a reality.



E-petition "2829-17 Upgrade of Exit 49" available at: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/current-petitions>

RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Fit & Family Fun Day Pimpama Junction

Fit & Family Fun Day was held at Pimpama Junction on Saturday 16 September 2017. Our Enriching Communities team along with volunteers from our Gainsborough Greens Runner's group enjoyed being out in the local community meeting with new residents and sharing all about our community program. With live Zumba, fresh food, yoga and golf demonstrations, it was a great day of sunshine and connecting.

To learn more about our Community Program at Gainsborough Greens please contact Suzanne 0447 872 382 or suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au Facebook.com/enrichingcommunities



Tech & Taste Community Centre Tour

Our community came together to learn all about what's on offer at Upper Coomera Community Centre on Thursday 5th October. A librarian talk, community centre and swimming centre tour and resources taken home on the day proved to be a valuable tour. Lunch was followed at the local café at the Upper Coomera Community Centre.

If you are looking for a place to hold meetings, book a function space, pay rates, borrow library books, enjoy some morning Zumba, or a place for coffee, to meet a JP or even a swim locally, we recommend visiting the Community Centre.

Located at 90 Reserve Rd, Upper Coomera, there is always so much to do. For more information visit goldcoast.qld.gov.au and search Upper Coomera Community Centre



Sow 'n' Grow Community Garden

Our Community Garden was replanted this October at our 'Sow n Grow Together' community event held on Saturday 7th October 2017.

The children delighted in planting the garden beds with a range of decorative and edible plants. The morning was supported by local business TruScapes Landscaping, they generously donated over 100 plants to the gardens and brought a long a group of volunteers to plant our community gardens.

Thank you very much to the TruScapes team for investing in our community, your generosity above and beyond is greatly appreciated. Our planting session was followed by a light morning tea and mingle at the Land Sales Office on Gainsborough Drive, adjacent to the garden. We encourage you to come along, be involved in the garden. If you are keen to establish a regular gardening group please contact us.

For landscaping enquiries please contact the TruScapes team on 0402 928 759 or visit truscapes.com.au or [facebook.com/TruScapesQLD](https://www.facebook.com/TruScapesQLD)



Reptiles & Spookies Halloween Community Event

Gainsborough Greens Community rocks!

Our wonderful community came together on Sunday 29 October to celebrate Halloween. Spooky children dressed for the occasion with many prizes being given to the scariest and most creative costumes that we saw on the day. We were all entertained with the always interesting and interactive reptile show from Gold Coast and Brisbane Snake Catcher again we learnt and saw lots! Thanks Tony and Brooke.

We would also like to thank Mary from Sparkly Wishes for her wonderful face painting and fancy dress parade she donated to our community.

A big thank you also to the team from Edge Early Learning Pimpama for hosting a yummy barbecue, the team there are fantastic supporting our community. The Centre is opening very soon.

Halloween Fright House Decorating Competition

Our Community shined again on Tuesday 31st October 2017, when Trick or Treaters enjoyed the Halloween displays our residents created. With so many wonderful comments about well-mannered children enjoying the activity, we would like to congratulate all the children for their wonderful and respectful behaviour.

With more than 15 homes decorating for the competition, the spooky buzz was in the air. A big thank you to these local businesses for donating the prizes: **One Little Tree Café, Exotic Wok n Grill and Woolworths Pimpama**. The winners were presented with their vouchers for creepiest front door/porch, spookiest garden and shocking front window on the evening. Soon our Festival of Lights Competition will be another great time for us all to be out and about meeting around our neighbourhood again.



Melbourne Cup In Style

The race that stops the nation, saw us celebrating with a beautiful lunch at Gainsborough Greens Golf Club.

Melbourne cup was a great reason for us to get dressed up with special fascinators, outfits, heels and ties, is just how our community enjoyed this get together in style.

With some fun casual sweeps, great company and prizes for fancy dress our afternoon was a delight. We are looking forward to enjoying more social get togethers at the NEW Golf Club Restaurant in 2018.



Artist Impression

MIRVAC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Gainsborough Greens was awarded finalist in the recent QLD UDIA Awards for Excellence, in both the Masterplanned Community category as well as the Environmental Excellence category.

This further establishes Gainsborough Greens as one of the Queensland's leading communities, something that you should all be extremely proud of.

Mirvac are extremely proud of what we have created to date at Gainsborough Greens, in addition to our amazing community program, on completion of the project we would have delivered 7 formal recreation park areas, 166 Hectares of park space and provided council with over \$30 million worth of infrastructure charges to further benefit the community.

The last two formal recreation parks will be delivered in 2018. We are hoping to be soon underway with the construction of the new park and playground as well as the sports fields on Wraight Street at the western end of the estate, unfortunately this is still being held up by council approvals. We are aiming for a mid 2018 completion and will look to do an exclusive official opening for our residents before opening it up to the general public.

We have a development application in with council at the moment for the final formal recreation park across the road from McDonalds and are hoping to be able to share some concepts with you in our next newsletter, it is looking very exciting and will be a great addition to the already fantastic parks at Gainsborough.

Construction on the new Golf Club house is almost complete with the new club house looking likely to open January 18. This will make way for one of that last precincts in Gainsborough Greens, construction on this area (where the existing golf club house is sitting) is to begin early next year.

If you have any questions regarding the development of the community please feel free to contact the Community Hotline on 1300 033 800.



MEET 'N' GREET

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. We also welcome all new residents moving to the community at a personal 'meet and 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!



The Gainsborough Greens Community Newsletter is prepared bi-monthly for the residents and friends of Gainsborough Greens. If you have any enquiries please contact:

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