

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL – JUNE 2017



WHAT'S ON CALENDAR

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Walking Group

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Reading for under 5's
with City Libraries

Tuesdays:

Mums n Bubs
Fortnightly Group

Tuesdays:

Seniors Fortnightly
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Wednesdays:
Martial Arts in the Park

Wednesdays:

Coffee Catch Up
Fortnightly Group

Wednesdays:
Create-in-Craft
Fortnightly Group

21 April
Community Event
Friday Night Trivia

5 May:

Community Event
Ladies Cocktail Night

4 June:

Community Event
Nature Walk & Talk



HI FROM SUZANNE

Your Community Engagement Manager

Welcome to all our new residents and hello again to all our neighbourhood friends! We have lots to share with you in this newsletter. With the Acts of Kindness Initiative story on page 4, how you can connect with people in the community on page 3 and all the other great social activities and community news and development update, you are being kept up-to-date at Gainsborough Greens.

Lyndsey and myself, really look forward to meeting you out and about at one of the many activities and events we have planned for you this autumn at Gainsborough Greens.

If you would like to know more and connect feel free to call on 0447 872 382 or drop me an email suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Have a lovely day!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Hero

In our community we like to recognise people who give back to the neighbourhood with this special achievement as a Community Hero of Gainsborough Greens. A community hero is someone who puts others first and shows noble acts without expectations.

Michelle Drummond, a local Gainsborough Greens resident and Emily Gawley became friends through our Facebook community when Emily and her family were still living in Melbourne. Michelle offered her advice and phone number to Emma, as the Gawley's were looking for a new place to call home.

We would like to say a big thank you to Michelle, for her community spirit, you are an inspiration of how easy it can be to help others. Michelle and her family, often help with community flyer distributions and come along to lots of the planned events.

Our Community Hero Michelle Drummond will receive a Gainsborough Greens Golf Club voucher to the value of \$50 as a thank you for her community spirit.

Do you know of a resident that is involved in the community, that you feel should be recognised for their efforts? If you do, please contact Suzanne to have a quick chat about your nomination.

Acts of Kindness Initiative

Often we hear about kindness stories, from residents carpooling, keeping an eye out for each other, sharing moving boxes, complimenting locals on social media for their great service and so on. These inspiring acts of kindness, are what make this community so very unique and special.

For a wonderful read, head to **page 4** and see how one local resident helped another in need by giving his time and skills. We would like to thank Rick for inspiring us all, it's these small acts of kindness that are catalysts to changing our world!



Garden Competition Winners

With over **\$7000 in Mirvac EFTPOS Gift Vouchers** being won since the Garden Competition started only some 17 months ago, the judges commend you all. The standard of gardens are testament to the success and dedication of our local residents. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to tend to their gardens, your efforts are definitely being noticed and congratulated.

All homes are automatically entered into the competition by maintaining a clean and well maintained front garden that meets the covenant regulations. Removing of weeds and lawns and creative garden beds are just some of the things that judges look out for.

Congratulations to our new winners for this newsletter edition:

Claudia East from 8 Bunderoo Cct in Terrace Green / Forest Green

Scott & Vivienne Montgomery from 3 Kalgoorlie St in Green Park

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

ParkRun – Let's make it happen!

Do you like to jog and run? Yes! We want to help the community establish a parkrun here at Pimpama.

We are calling for expressions of interest to help you establish a parkrun here at Gainsborough Greens for all community runners to enjoy!

With weekly 5km timed runs that are free and open to everyone, we just need you Runners to help establish a group here in Pimpama.

Please contact Suzanne at suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au or **0447 872 382**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Friday Night Trivia – What do you know?

WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES!
Villa Italia Dining Vouchers and more.

You are invited to Friday Night Trivia, a community get together. Time to test your knowledge and battle it out all in the name of fun and some great prizes!

On a serious note, pizza and drinks are on us, please bring along a \$10 donation for The Cancer Council (as we collectively support their research efforts).

Limited spaces, book in early!

Date: Friday 21 April 2017

Time: 6pm

Location: Coomera Community Space, 133 Finnegans Way, Coomera (IGA Shopping Centre)

Cost: \$10 donation to support The Cancer Council's Research endeavours

RSVP's: Required by 18 April 2017. Please provide name, address and number of adults (18+yrs)

Please send your RSVP to rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or call/text Suzanne on **0447 872 382**



Ladies Cocktail Night – Empowering & Pamper!

Ladies, you're invited to our annual event, where we will empower and pamper you!

We have lined up this special cocktail event on the Marina to celebrate women and support a very worthy cause.

You will be treated to the wonderful culinary tastes from Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar. You can browse the local stalls, enjoy a little pampering and take home something from the guest speakers.

With door prizes for best dressed in pink and an evening of mingling with local ladies, we know this evening will be something very special!

Limited spaces – book early! Open to Gainsborough Greens residents only.

Date: Friday 5 May, 2017

Time: 6pm

Cost: \$10 donation for DV Connect

Location: Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar, 78 Waterway Drive, Coomera (proceed to the end of the Marina and turn left)

Attire: Cocktail. If you wear pink you might take home Best Dressed!

RSVP: 30 April, limited function capacity, book early to avoid disappointment rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or Lyndsey 0488 99 1978



Nature Walk for the whole family

Learn about the Greenway connections.

Join us for a lovely Sunday morning Nature walk through the Greenway connections.

The informative educational walk will be led by our favourite Horticulturist John White from Eureka Landscapes. You can anticipate to take home some special nuggets of information.

Light refreshments will be provided at the end of the walk at the Swan Road Park area.

Date: 4 June 2017

Time: Walk starts at 9am – 10:30am

Meeting Location: Cnr Wraight St & Saltwater St, (Off Gainsborough Drive). Unsure? Let us know.

RSVP's appreciated for catering purposes rsvpgg@enrichingcommunities.com.au or Lyndsey 0488 99 1978

Social Media – Keep informed

We have a very active and informative Facebook community at Gainsborough Greens. Join us to keep up-to-date

Like us at

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/GainsboroughGreensCommunity

KINDNESS IN ACTION AT GAINSBOROUGH GREENS



Jill Russell found the true meaning of community after fellow Gainsborough Greens resident Rick Smythe decided to 'pay it forward' and contribute his time to help make a difference in her life.

The 71-year-old retiree moved to Gainsborough Greens last May and has since fallen in love with its community feel.

Jill said a chance meeting at Gainsborough Greens' fortnightly community coffee catch-up had improved her lease on life.

"While at the catch-up, I mentioned I was in need of help mowing my lawn and one of the ladies recommended Rick Smythe," she said.

"I engaged Rick to pop by and mow my lawn regularly and, on one occasion, I mentioned I was having trouble getting up the step that leads to my front door.

"I had been to Bunnings to try and find a ramp, but I did not even know where to begin. By that afternoon, Rick had assembled a step for me. I was so overwhelmed such nice people resided in our area.

"I have a walker most of the time, as I suffer from health complications, and the step has made my life so much easier.

"Rick would not take any money for it - he just said to buy him a coffee! I couldn't let him do it free of charge though, so I bought him a gift voucher for his troubles.

"His generous act of kindness made me feel so safe and secure to live in such a friendly community."

Jill said she made the move to Gainsborough Greens from Upper Coomera because of its quality of homes and community atmosphere.

"From the moment I arrived at Gainsborough Greens, I knew this would be my new home," she said.

"Coming from a double story house to a single level, low maintenance and fresh home has been a dream come true.

"I attend the coffee club, which has allowed me to really become engaged with the community - it is a very rewarding experience, as I meet different neighbours each time.

"When you get to 71, you need to feel secure in your surroundings so it is nice that I feel comfortable and am surrounded by such pleasant neighbours."

YOUR LOCAL VILLA ITALIA AT PIMPAMA JUNCTION



Aydin Hunturk turned his love for customer service and quality food into a thriving family business, after throwing open the doors to Villa Italia Pimpama late last year.

At just 19 years of age, Aydin enlisted the assistance of his parents, former cleaning business owners Ali and Mary, for his vision of a family-friendly Italian restaurant to come to fruition.

He said he was looking for a new challenge when he opened Villa Italia, but couldn't have done it without the support of his family.

"My family and I have always worked really well as a team and have always shared a passion for authentic Italian cuisine," he said.

"I would not have been able to get the restaurant to such a successful place without the help of my parents. I am forever grateful for what they have done for me.

"Five months ago, the opportunity arose for us to take over the local Italian restaurant in Pimpama, so we jumped at it. We really could not think of a more perfect fit for us.

"We absolutely love working at Villa Italia because of the Pimpama community - they are the nicest and most welcoming people to be surrounded by. It is such a joy to come to work each day."

Aydin said he was looking forward to supporting the community, by donating a prize for the upcoming Gainsborough Greens Trivia Night on Friday, 21 April, which is raising money for the Cancer Council.

"My family and I wanted to help in any way we could and the trivia night is a great way for people to come together and have fun while fundraising for a great cause," he said.

"We love getting involved with such an amazing community. Just before Christmas we donated some vouchers to Pimpama State School so families could drop by for an authentic Italian meal on the house.

"We are the happiest we have ever been and just love living and working in this community. It is a joy to be here."

Villa Italia is located at Pimpama Junction Shopping Village, 28 Dixon Drive Pimpama.

The restaurant is open six days a week, Tuesday to Sunday from 12pm to 8pm, with later closing times of 9pm on Fridays and Saturdays.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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: 11am tee time (meet at pro shop before tee time)

Cost: \$39.50 - 18 holes with cart (or utilise your golf membership as per usual conditions)

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club

Dates: 1st Sunday of the month: 2 April, 7 May & 4 June

Create-in-Craft

Do you like to create? Why keep your talents at home for creative pursuits, with a group of residents coming together to share, learn and catch up while working on their projects. Maybe you paint, sew, crochet, knit, scrapbook, draw, bead or something else. We invite you to come along with your creative project for a morning with other like-minded people.

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

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Location: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club

Dates: Wednesday fortnightly 12 & 26 April, 10 & 24 May, 7 & 21 June

Coffee Catch Up Group

We love welcoming new faces to the Coffee Group each fortnight. The catch up group meets at local cafes supporting local business all the while getting to know each other. It really is a great way for everyone to acquaint, with all ages welcome. With lots of wonderful friendships formed at these groups and the catch ups running for over 4 years, we encourage you to come along, say 'Hi'. No RSVP is required.

For enquiries contact Lyndsey on 0488 991 978 or lyndsey@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Time: 10am fortnightly Wednesdays

Locations:

5 April: Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar - Coomera, 78 Waterway Drive (inside GC Marina)

19 April: The Galley, Coomera, 200 Beattie Rd

3 May: Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar - Coomera, 78 Waterway Drive (inside GC Marina)

17 May: Hashtag Café - Coomera, 133 Finnigans Way

31 May: Whistlestop Café & Restaurant - 88 Old Pacific Hwy, Pimpama

14 June: Quarterdeck Kitchen & Bar - Coomera, 78 Waterway Drive (inside GC Marina)

28 June - Exotic Wok n Grill - Dixon Dr, Pimpama (Pimpama Junction)

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 morning tea and coffee 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:

11 & 25 April: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club

9 May: Forest Green Picnic area, Melville Drive (off Gainsborough Drive)

23 May & 6 June: Gainsborough Greens Golf Club

20 June: Mt. Tamborine Day Trip

Walking Group Forest Green / Terrace Green

With beautiful walking tracks on our doorstep, why not join 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: 5:30am weekdays

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

For more information contact Carol 0419 693 965

Reading with Under 5's Matters

Share, Talk and Read sessions with City Libraries

All children and even tiny babies love to hear stories, songs and rhymes and to look at pictures in books, especially with an important adult in their life.

Sharing, talking and reading together helps with children's brain development and sharing books with under 5's is also really important for helping to develop strong language and communication skills.

City Libraries are offering community 'Share, Talk and Read' sessions at Gainsborough Greens. It is a great chance to meet other parents and children in your community. Come and join us, sessions are free and open to parents/carers and children 0-5 years. No need to book, just come along.

Time: 9:30am - 11am

Day: Tuesday weekly

Location: New Park off Swan Rd, Wyperfield Cct, Pimpama.

Martial Art Classes

Do you want to work on your strength and fitness? Increase your confidence and focus? Learn women's self-empowerment?

Come along to this great class held weekly on Wednesday's, the class is held by Mantis Kung Fu, close to home and it's a great chance to meet others from the community. You will enjoy the benefits of working on your fitness and self-defence.

For enquiries contact Sifu Matthew Hansen on 0402 888 892 or info@mantiskungfu.com.au

Dates: Wednesday weekly

Time: 4pm

Location: Park area Corner of Ningaloo Drive & Byfield St, Pimpama (off Swan Rd)

Cost: \$10 per child, \$15 per adult

Mums n Bubs, time to play and chat!

Mums n Bubs is held fortnightly on Tuesdays. We meet for a play and chat. We love to do something different each time, from walking to the park, visiting a local coffee shop or enjoying the play area at the Gainsborough Greens Sales Centre. This is your group and we welcome your ideas. No booking required just come along.

Location: Gainsborough Greens Sales Centre, Cnr Swan Rd & Gainsborough Drive

Time: 9:30am - 11am (enter via the backyard deck/side entrance)

Dates:

4 & 18 April

2, 16 & 30 May

13 & 27 June

For more information contact Lyndsey 0488 99 1978 or lyndsey@enrichingcommunities.com.au

Group Fitness at Gainsborough Greens - All fitness levels welcome

Do you want to get fit and healthy? Then we have the perfect opportunity for you! Tailored group fitness for ANY fitness level, a beautiful area to train in close to home and a certified PT who is passionate about helping YOU! All of this from just \$15 per week! Special introductory offer; your first week for FREE!

Sessions run Monday 6pm, Wednesday 6pm and Saturday 7am for \$20 for 3 sessions or any 2 sessions for \$15

Location: Park area in Forest Green, Melville Drive, Pimpama

Want more information? Give Jaimee a call on 0435 344 183 or email jameecantoni@gmail.com

LOCAL COMMUNITY NEWS

Local Councillor Donna Gates Update

Please remember that your feedback is important to us. The 2017/18 budget will soon be considered so let us know your thoughts and suggestions for our area. You can also contact me at any time for assistance with any local government issues. At the office on **55816301**, by email to division1@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or directly by mobile **0424 778999**.

Regards,
Donna

Update from Coomera State MP Michael Crandon

Are you sick of the ramping on Exit 49 North of the M1? Are you sick of the congestion on Yawalpah Road entering the Exit 49 roundabout?

If you have said "YES" to at least one of the above questions, sign the e-petition

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/e-petitions>

If hooning is an issue, to help your community please always call 134666 (Hooning Hotline) for more Police are needed on the Northern Gold Coast.

If you are involved in a not for profit group that needs assistance with regards to funding please contact my office for direction and information with regards to eligible grants available in our local community.

Alternatively you could follow us on Facebook as we always post community relevant information about available grants.

Remember we're here to help! I am your representative for the State Seat of Coomera and I am here to assist you with any State Government matters.

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Kind regards,
Michael Crandon

RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



The Food Truck Festival & Reptile Show

February Saturdays were shining as the community came together for the 2nd Food Truck Festival. The hive of activity at Swan Rd Park area was alive, with the tunes of live music, a live reptile show, balloon art and face painting. The flavours of the world were delicious as the food trucks served us plus free coffee & ice-cream, it was the perfect way to farewell summer at Gainsborough Greens. We hope you all enjoyed the Festival.



Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 5 March 2017

Everyone should be so proud of this great growing community and all of you for pulling together to make a difference for our local environment. With 46 volunteers in force, a great effort was achieved at our 2nd clean-up day.

We would like to acknowledge all those that helped make the day a great success:

- MP Michael Crandon, as he volunteered at the clean-up and for all those water bottles that kept us refreshed



- With GREAT prizes donated from Eureka Landscapes & Evolve Environmental, not only did we make an impact on the environment, a few lucky residents took home some great prizes!
 - McDonalds Pimpama for the 50 food vouchers donated;
 - Jacobs Well Education and Environmental Centre loaning the tools and gloves.
- Well done everyone!

RECENT EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



Social Golf

Our community of golfers enjoyed a round of 18 at the social golf held on Sunday 5 March.

We enjoyed joining them out on the fairways and greens, watching the skilful groups drive and putt on the sunny afternoon.

Social Golf is a really great time to meet other residents, make connections and enjoy the beautiful course at your doorstep!

You can come along once or many times, we welcome both new and regular players. We have a standing regular spot on the 1st Sunday of each month at 11am.

**For bookings please contact
Suzanne 0447 872 382 or
suzanne@enrichingcommunities.com.au**



Coffee Group

Our social get-togethers, like the fortnightly informal coffee catch up group are great ways to get to know other people who you might share interests with.

We love providing the opportunity for you to come along to this organised get together, to say hello, have a coffee/tea whilst enjoying a morning of conversation.

If you have been thinking, I will do that one day, stop thinking and just come along, if only to try out new cafes and something sweet for morning tea. Some of us even enjoy breakfast. Everyone is warm and welcoming!

Neighbour Day – Biggest Picnic

With the sun shining and picnic blankets peppered across the green grass, our community was entertained at the National Neighbour day celebration.

Treated to the sweet sounds of live music, everyone kicked back with their neighbours to celebrate the amazing community spirit alive at Gainsborough Greens.



Neighbour Day is a great reminder for us all to say hello to neighbours, lend a hand, lookout for each other and enjoy the amazing community Mirvac supports.

We would like to thank all those resident's that shared what community means to them and what it is that they enjoy about living here. We hope you now also enjoy your fun prizes!

The little ones were kept entertained all afternoon, with the sneaky magic, the egg and spoon races, lots of children diving for Easter Eggs, face painting and a jumping castle, not to mention the awaited arrival of the Easter Bunny. It was a great family afternoon of entertainment outside in the sunshine.

We would like to extend a big thank you to **IGA Coomera** for donating hundreds of pieces of fruit, they have shown great community involvement. Thank you again to **MP Michael Crandon** for the bottles of water and sharing his messages to support the local community.

Neighbour Day reminds us that good neighbourly relations are the cornerstone of happy and thriving local communities, and we are pleased to have been able to create this celebration for the Gainsborough Greens residents.





MIRVAC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

2017 is shaping up to be our biggest year yet at Gainsborough Greens. We currently have over 320 lots currently under construction at both ends of the project.

We appreciate everyone's patience during this period, we do endeavour to provide alternate routes, where possible, for our civil construction traffic with the intention of having less heavy traffic running through the community. As always, we stress the importance of not entering any of the construction sites as they do pose a safety risk.

The development application of the sports fields and new park in the western end of Gainsborough Greens is slowly progressing, unfortunately there have been some holdups. We are hoping to start construction in the very near future, however this will be dependent on council approval time-frames.

Based on community feedback, the application that we have submitted for the new park includes equipment that not only caters to the younger children in our community but also the older kids, with a half-court basketball court as well as all-weather table tennis and foosball tables.

We anticipate a 6 month construction program from when we start.

Construction on the new Golf Club House is well and truly underway and is still on track to open in early 2018. The Seven Eleven fuel station opposite McDonalds is also tracking well with an anticipated opening of May this year.

If you have any questions regarding the development of the community 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! Please contact your Community Facilitator Lyndsey on 0488 99 1978 or via email at lyndsey@enrichingcommunities.com.au



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