



Newsletter June 2020

Mandalay Progress Association Inc.

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Dear Residents,

The Mandalay Progress Association strives to promote the general welfare and concerns of our community and encourages social activities, connections and events here in our little part of Fig Tree Pocket. The Committee is made up of a diverse group of volunteers who dedicate many hours to maintain the continuation of representation for our residents.

We would love any feedback and comment on our community advocacy of late such as the roundabout at Gunnin St, the fish kill and algae bloom at the lagoon inside the Biami Yumba Park and the proposed pontoon at the boat ramp. Many of you would remember how bad the smell was over the summer and today we saw the pelicans are back! We are in regular communication with our local councillor to discuss our concerns and any improvements we feel need addressing.

To all new residents - welcome to Mandalay. Please check the notice board in the Biami Yumba Park for names of the Committee members, newsletters and instructions for posting on the board. You can also check out our Facebook page for more information.

COVID-19

As restrictions lift it is important to remember that the virus hasn't been eliminated so we must still continue to remain vigilant. Follow government advice, maintain social distancing and practice good hygiene. There are a number of resources for your physical and mental health available via both the State and Federal Governments. We will provide some links on our Facebook page but for those who don't have the internet, contact our committee member Jo Wood (mobile: 0417 054 507, email: joemily@hotmail.com) or your Local, State or Federal MP's office who will point you in the right direction.

We understand from many of our residents that there is a huge amount of support in our community with regards to assistance and good old neighbourliness! To those households, our special thanks. It has been a delight to see teddy bears, chalk drawings and signs made by kids out on the streets.

ROAD SAFETY

School has now returned. Please remember to observe school zones and slow down around parks and play areas. The ducks are perching on grass verges as well as in the Biami Yumba Park and exploring Fig Tree Pocket Road as well. The beauty of our pocket is that kids can ride their bikes and play in the streets so please keep watch out and SLOW DOWN!!!!!!

UPDATE ON WORKS

Roundabout: We consider it would be good to obtain feedback from the community regarding the improvement works carried out by the Council. A suggestion has been made to the Council for them to carry out a post implementation survey on the works. Hopefully, they will take our suggestion on board. We have also raised concerns to the Council about the safety of cyclists and pedestrians using the roundabout. At this stage the Council has advised that they will erect 'Watch for cyclists' signage at the approaches to the roundabout.

Pontoon: We noted an update from Cr James Mackay's email dated 5 June, concerning the pontoon. Accordingly, we have written to the Councillor to find out more information. As promised before by the Councillor, the MPA will be provided with more information when available, and our feedback sought.

Lagoon algae: We believe you might agree that the lagoon has been going well after all the works done by the Council following the algae bloom and fish kill which occurred in Dec 2019. These included removal of the dead fish, biological treatment to the water, fixing the aerator, desilting the inflow channels, etc. Council also advised

that they will conduct a holistic review of the lagoon and identify opportunities for water quality improvement. As soon as we hear from the Council, we will provide an update. We also suspect that one of the aerators may still not be working and we have followed up with the Council regarding this.

MEMBERSHIP

We need your support. A minimal and an affordable subscription fee of \$20 per annum per household is all we ask of residents. The subscriptions are due for the new year starting on the 1st July. A healthy kitty in the coffers of the MPA which is registered with the Office of Fair Trading and has an A.B.N., is well set up for appropriately representing the community and lobbying Local, State and Federal Governments on your behalf.

Your subscription to the MPA allows us to be able to host more events, in particular, our popular and well attended annual Jacaranda Festival in October. We maintain close relationships with establishments in Mandalay, our neighbours Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, Montessori, Gan Gani and the Equestrian Club.

JACARANDA FESTIVAL - Saturday October 24th proposed date

Our BIG ANNUAL EVENT that we have all looked forward to...in the past. The weather has teased us and we have had to cancel or postpone our event due to unexpected storms to the big disappointment of all. However, this year, our main consideration will be the stage of our restrictions and advice from the State Government and the Council. With this in mind, we shall ask you to watch this space. Please keep an eye for updates on our Facebook page and notice board. Those of you that have lived in Mandalay for a while will know what a great community event this is with music, coffee, food vans, magicians and prize draws. So, let's hope this year won't disappoint. With the large number of attendees however, we shall have to give the matter some serious consideration. Comments from you whether you would attend such an event this year would assist us in making the final call. Please email the Secretary with your comments.

OUR COMMITTEE

Our President Simon Leister has had to stand aside due to work and family commitments. The Committee has elected Dee Mets, our current Vice President to stand in as Acting President until further notice. Please see below the updated list of our Committee.

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| President (Acting): | Dee Mets | mandalaypresident@gmail.com | |
| Vice President: | Dee Mets | Treasurer: | Sonia Veitch |
| Secretary: | Joseph Tam | mandalaysecretary@gmail.com | |
| Committee members: | Stephen Norris | Max Beckitt | Sally Twina |
| | Jo Wood | Mark Veitch | Simon Leister |

Stay safe and let us know if we can assist in any way.

Kindest regards

MPA Committee

Membership application / renewal:

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| Surname: | First Name/s: (It is optional for you to provide the names of your family members.) | | |
| Address: | | Contact number: | |
| Email: | | Preferred means of receiving notices: (please circle) Email / Newsletter / both | |
| Interested in helping or attending: (please circle) Jacaranda Festival / Environmental matters / Community activities / Neighbourhood planning / Senior's events / Other | | | |
| Suggestion for other events: | | Matters for the Committee's attention: | |
| Payment options: (Pls provide surname and street name for reference when making payment.) | 1. Bank of Queensland - Mandalay Progress Association Inc BSB: 124 001 Account: 1001 9083 (This is the most preferred option for payment) 2. PayPal.Me/Mandalay4069 3. In person, please contact the Secretary for submission of this form. | | |