



# Bunya Residents Association Inc



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BUNYA NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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Happy New Year and what a wonderful start with all the rain

Isn't it wonderful to see our gardens thriving instead of merely surviving, all the trees with new growth and our water tanks overflowing—if only we had installed another tank to take all that extra water.

All our native animals should have an abundance of food and the birds must have known it was going to be a good year because we have had many more baby birds visiting our garden than in previous years.

**BELLROSE JEWELLERS**  
**SHOP 113 BROOKSIDE SHOPPING CENTRE**  
**MITHCELTON PH : 3355 3255**

**TOPIARIES RESTAURANT**  
**961 EATONS CROSSING RD**  
**SAMFORD PH 3289 3899**

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again we had beautiful weather for our Christmas party. SuperChook from Patricks Road had an early start so we could enjoy hot chickens and Fernland Patisserie donated bread for the sausage sizzle. Santa arrived with lollies for the children and then they enjoyed races organized by Melissa and Kenia. Many thanks Melissa and Kenia. This year the Samford Rural Fire Brigade came along to give us a talk and they had a simulated fire demo showing us the necessity of preparing our properties for the fire season. Thank to all the volunteers who gave their time it really was appreciated. Through out this newsletter we have advertisements for the local businesses who have generously given us vouchers and gifts for our Christmas raffle—20 prizes in all. Please give these businesses your support.

Geoff Wilson donated a Christmas Hamper, Brian Battersby donated \$100.00 towards our costs and Peter Dutton gave us movie passes. Thanks to everyone for their help in making the day a success.

**STEVE JONES HARDWARE**  
**OLD NORTHERN ROAD**  
**EVERTON HILLS PH : 3353 3566**

**TOWN & COUNTRY PLUMBING**  
**SHOP 6A MARY RING DRIVE**  
**SAMFORD PH : 3289 1888**

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

We will be doing our bit again this year to help keep our suburb tidy. We start around 8am and finish with a sausage sizzle cooked by Bunya Lions 10.30 to 11am. If you can come and help please register at SES House James Drysdale Reserve crn Jinker Track and Bunya Road. Remember to bring hats, gloves, sunscreen, water and wear suitable shoes.

**GLEAM O' DAWN PRODUCE**  
**MT GLORIOUS ROAD**  
**SAMFORD PH : 3289 1699**

**LIFESTYLE NURSERY**  
**MT GLORIOUS ROAD**  
**SAMFORD 3289 6276**

## SOLAR HOUSE LIGHTS

Have you seen the solar house light on the top of our notice board? You can purchase these light for \$35.00 with \$5 from each sale going to our NHW. As most of our streets are quiet dark these lights will be useful for anyone looking for your house at night and especially good if you require any of our emergency services. One resident who has installed their light on a high post has said it makes it easier for them to distinguish their own driveway in a dark area.

Please consider purchasing a light for your home. E-mail to address at top of newsletter if you are interested.

**SAMFORD HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT**  
**MAIN STREET**  
**SAMFORD PH; 3289 1485**

**BUNYA SPORTS CLUB**  
**JAMES DRYSDALE RESERVE**  
**BUNYA PH 3351 8155**

## KOALA SIGHTINGS

There have been a number of koala sightings recently ----- A couple near the end of Retreat Court, Mailmans Track, near 49 Weston Drive, Earnest Court, Hoare Court and Allen Road. Riverside residents have seen a mum and baby.

## BUNYA SCHOOL 1875 TO 1965 BY MELVA A WELCH

Melva Welch who was appointed Local Historian of Bunya and Bunyaville in 1990 by the Pine Shire Council has reprinted the above book. Copies can be purchased for \$14.00 from Melva Ph 3351 1785 or from the Samford Historical Society. Melva kindly donated a book to the BRA. For any resident who is interested in the history of our area this book is a must. The 102 pages are packed with information not only about the school but the local families and life in these early days with lots of old newscuttings, photos and many reminiscences collected over the years. Great for the children to read about school life of yesteryears in their own suburb. Some of the former pupils still live here.

## DUCKS

Do you have a problem with ducks making a terrible mess around your pool area?

Have you found a solution? Please let us know if you have and save the sanity of some pool owners in our suburb.

## Neighbourhood Watch Report January/February 2010.

Hello and welcome to the first Neighbourhood Watch Report for 2010, I hope you all had a pleasant break over the Christmas/ New Year period. Unfortunately Bunya has once again been mentioned in the Police Media Information Sheets with the offence of stealing from a motor vehicle occurring on two occasions 19/12/2009 on Blue Hills Drive at the entrance to the new estate. The Developer held a function in the sales office for new owners, and offenders broke windows on two vehicles and stole keys and wallets containing money, credit cards, and personal information. The second offence occurred 01/01/2010 when a wallet containing contents was stolen from a vehicle parked on the Jinker Track at Bunya. Anyone with any information to help solve these crimes please contact the Albany Creek Police Station or Crime Stoppers.

It is unfortunate that new estates, until they become inhabited, have a tendency to attract hoons to the deserted streets to do their burnouts etc. and there is often a flow on of criminal activity and wilful damage to property. With this in mind I would ask residents living at that end of Blue Hills Drive to keep an eye open for any such activities and note description and registration of any vehicle acting in a suspicious manner and report it. It goes without saying, if you live in the area ensure your property and out buildings are secure. Also reported a resident of Bunya Downs had his car struck by rocks thrown from the park in Bergin Creek Rd as he drove past on Christmas Eve. I received a report of a slug gun being used on Weston Drive in Riverside, another report stated it sounded like a .22 rifle, either way both weapons require a licence under fire arms law and it is an offence to go armed in a public place. Once again anyone with information on either of these offences please pass it on.

I have just now received notification of a break and enter of a dwelling in Weston Drive Riverside 26/01/2010, so I guess it is timely to mention ID marking of your property either by engraving with the recommended code or by using a Micro Dot ID kit available from participating P.C.Y.C at Sandgate, Petrie or Everton Hills. I would suggest phoning first to ensure stocks are available.

A point of interest for those of us with teenagers in the household the Bligh Government recently placed wide ranging reforms to the liquor act before parliament and Queensland parents or persons who supply teenage children with cartons of alcohol will face fines of up to \$6000.00 for secondary supply offence, and a licensee, nominee or manager of licensed premises could be fined up to \$18750.00. Ms Bligh said this is not aimed at the mum and dad who gave their teenager a sip of wine on a special occasion, but it is aimed at curbing binge drinking.

Don't forget Solar Powered House Numbers by DS Numbers P/L are available from NHW at a special price of \$35.00 the light can be seen glowing all through the night on top of the notice board on Bunya Rd.

That's all for now, so until next time keep safe and remember if it doesn't look right it probably isn't so report it

Regards Denis Perrin.