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## October | 2025

### An incredible day of music and magical moments..

What do you get when you mix perfect Spring sunshine, live tunes, raffle prizes, and a whole lot of community spirit? **Music by the Bay 2025**, of course! Held at our very own Double Bay Beach, this year's event was every bit amazing, with clear skies and the bay sparkling, the KIRA community turned out in force to picnic, dance, and celebrate everything that makes Kawana Island such a special place to live.

A massive thank you to everyone who came along – your energy, smiles, and support made the day truly unforgettable. As a fully volunteer-run event, it's one that takes nearly a year to plan, and we were thrilled to see all the hard work come to life in such a joyful way.

To all our raffle winners – enjoy your incredible prize bundles, and don't forget to support the local legends who made those donations possible. Every dollar spent locally helps our community thrive. Buy local, support local, love local!

A heartfelt thank you goes to the Sunshine Coast Council Grant Program, Mayor Rosanna Natoli, and Division 4 Councillor Joe Natoli, whose ongoing support helps make events like this possible. We also extend our gratitude to the Deputy Premier, the Honourable Jarrod Bleigh, for his continued encouragement of grassroots community connection. From all of us at KIRA, thank you for being part of such a special day.

*\*\*There will be a survey for feedback posted on our Kawana Island Residents Association (KIRA) Facebook page - please share with us your thoughts, recommendations and stories..*

### Thank you to Our Raffle Supporters:




## Movie by the Bay – Kicking Off the Festive Season!

KIRA is delighted to share that we are planning our very first Movie in the Bay, supported by the Sunshine Coast Council (subject to permit approval). This exciting new community initiative is designed to bring residents and visitors together in a relaxed and welcoming setting to celebrate the start of the festive season.

The event will take place on **Saturday, 29 November, beginning at 5.30pm**. Guests are encouraged to arrive early to enjoy a range of family-friendly activities, including face painting and popcorn, while securing the perfect spot to settle in for the evening. At 6.30pm, the program will feature the screening of a festive movie in the park (decided by facebook poll) – the perfect way to embrace the spirit of the season.


We invite you to bring along your own picnic, chairs, and blankets, and to share this special evening with family, friends, and neighbours. The natural beauty of the bay provides a wonderful backdrop for what we hope will become an annual highlight on the community calendar.

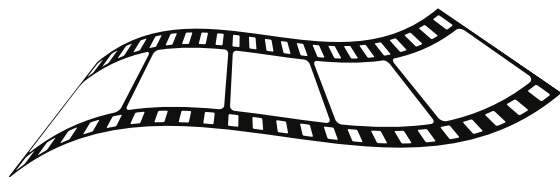
Through Movie in the Bay, KIRA aims to create opportunities for connection, enjoyment, and shared celebration. We are proud to host this initiative and look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a memorable night under the stars.

 Date: Saturday, 29th November



 From 5.30pm: Face painting, popcorn, and time to find your perfect spot

 From 6.30pm: Screening of a festive movie in the park



## AGM & President's Update

The Kawana Island Residents' Association (KIRA) held its **Annual General Meeting** on Sunday 10 August 2025 – an earlier date than usual, helping us all avoid the festive season rush later in the year.

At the AGM, Natalie Briggs presented the Annual Report, outlining the key activities and community matters that KIRA has been actively involved in over the past year. These included ongoing concerns such as graffiti management, e-scooter speed issues, and RMS bus routing and timing, all of which continue to be discussed with relevant stakeholders to ensure safety and accessibility for all Island residents.

We also re-opened the conversation around The Wave development and how its initial works and future construction will shape daily life on Kawana Island. It's vital we remain involved in this conversation, advocating for thoughtful planning that complements our unique community lifestyle.

One of the highlights of the AGM was acknowledging the incredible efforts of our KIRA Committee, especially over the past six months. From planning to execution, their dedication brought to life a vibrant calendar of events, including:

- **Music by the Bay** - another music-filled event!
- **Morning Tea** events with engaging guest speakers
- **Business networking** - local businesses
- The launch of **KIRA Kids**, kicking off with the hugely popular Easter Hop activity morning
- Our first ever **Senior Socials** Trivia Morning, which was packed with fun and laughter

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce the launch of our brand-new **KIRA website**, proudly supported by **Tic Technologies**, a local business generously sponsoring this project. The new site will offer improved functionality, making it easier for residents to stay connected, access information, and engage with upcoming activities.

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## HELP US, HELP YOU!

Help Keep Kawana Island Beautiful!

We all want Kawana Island to maintain its idyllic beauty and resort-like feel – but we can only achieve this with your help.

Recently, KIRA campaigned for volunteers to help repaint the island's iconic pillars, restoring them to their former charm and elegance. While the KIRA committee has worked hard to raise the funds for this project, we've had very few volunteers come forward so far.

### Now it's your turn to get involved!

Lend a hand and help us bring this vision to life so Kawana Island can truly shine.

When you provide your details we will assign you a team to work with on your first pillar. Whatever you can contribute would be deeply valued.

Please contact us with your name, number and availability and we will be in touch!

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## Join Us at Morning Tea



KIRA warmly invites all residents to join us for our next Community Morning Tea on **Friday, 31 October, from 9:30am to 11:00am** at the **Kawana Island Meeting Place**. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with neighbours, enjoy great food, and take part in an informative and enjoyable morning.

The event will be catered by the amazing VRINA Mezze and Bar, offering delicious bites to complement the morning. Our dedicated KIRA volunteers will also be on hand to serve freshly brewed tea and coffee throughout the event. Best of all, this is a completely **free gathering, with a lucky door prize to be drawn on the day.**

Alongside the social aspect, we are pleased to host a special presentation on Recycling and Waste Management. This informative session will provide valuable insights into how we can all play a part in protecting our planet, with practical tips you can put into action at home.

Whether you're keen to learn more about sustainability, meet new people, or simply enjoy a relaxed morning with friends, this event has something for everyone.

We encourage all residents to come along and be part of this community initiative. We look forward to seeing you there!

