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Join the KIRA Beach Clean – 1st Saturday of Every Month

KIRA has joined forces with Clean Up Australia to clean Double Bay Beach and Island Park. Our clean-up efforts take place on the first Saturday of every month, and KIRA are thrilled to announce that we have already successfully completed two beach cleans. This initiative is a great opportunity for us to make a tangible difference in our community and contribute to the preservation of our beautiful environment. Your participation and enthusiasm are key to the success of this project, simply come along at 7:30am with your gloves and be treated to a sausage sizzle on completion. We look forward to seeing more of you join us in our upcoming clean-up events. Let's continue to work together to keep our beaches and parks pristine and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to this cause.

Next Clean Up: Saturday 7th June

EASTER HOP FUN

On Monday 21st April KIRA were proud to host our first "KIRA KIDS" event of the year! Our Easter Hop involved a range of activities such as cake decorating, arts and crafts and of course an easter hunt with lots of treats involved.

Keep your eyes peeled for our future "KIRA KIDS" activities and come along and join in the fun. Our events are free to island residents through the kind support of our sponsors and donations.



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With many years experience, and a wealth of local knowledge, Terri-Anne knows how to best market your Kawana Island property, and achieve the maximum results.



Heart and Home: How One Agent Became a Trusted Name on Kawana Island

After more than two decades of buying, selling, and developing property, it would be fair to say real estate is in her blood. But for this seasoned agent **Terri-Anne Murray**, the journey into the industry wasn't just about property—it was about passion, people, and the desire to help others achieve their property goals.

With 26 years of hands-on experience in the property world, her entry into professional real estate was anything but conventional. "I've been in the world of real estate for 26 years, long before I made it my full-time career," she says. "My passion grew from my own experiences—navigating the market, seeing the potential in homes, and understanding how the right strategy can transform a sale."

That passion found its perfect match five years ago when she joined the esteemed Amber Werchon Property team. It was a move that allowed her to combine deep industry knowledge with a genuine desire to help people. "Whether it's finding the perfect home or making a smart investment, I love guiding people through one of life's biggest decisions."

But it's not just her expertise that sets her apart—it's where she's chosen to focus it.

Kawana Island holds a special place in her heart. "I love the genuine community-focus of the Island," she says. "Neighbours become friends, and everyone takes pride in their home. There's a shared pride in maintaining the Island's beauty—and people around the coast recognise that. It's what makes Kawana Island such a highly sought-after place to buy."

Her deep connection to the area runs more than skin deep. With over 55 successful sales on the Island, her name has become synonymous with results—and relationships. "Some of those clients I've helped more than once," she notes. "Others I run into regularly in the neighbourhood, and they always talk about how much they love living here."

Despite her impressive track record, she's quick to defy the stereotypical image of a property agent. "For me, people come first. Always," she says. "It's not just about the transaction—it's about the transition. Selling a home usually means a major life change, and I see it as an honour to help people into their next chapter."

That people-first ethos has earned her not only a loyal client base but lasting friendships. "I've made so many incredible connections in this career. I'm truly grateful for that."

And her achievements speak for themselves. In 2021, she became the first agent to break the \$3 million mark at auction on Kawana Island's waterfront—a historic milestone for the local market.



But her life is rich beyond the property portfolio. In 2017, Terri-Anne and her family packed up for a life-changing year of travel, visiting 21 countries while home-schooling their two sons along the way. Add to that a national title in outrigger canoeing—plus a third-place world finish—and you start to see the picture of someone who lives life with intention and heart. "I even paddled against Lisa Curry Kenny once," she laughs, "back in my late twenties!"

From champion paddler to trusted property advisor, her journey has been anything but ordinary. And on Kawana Island, she's more than just a familiar face — she's an agent who's helping shape the future of a community she loves.



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Looking After Our Wild Birds

At KIRA we receive lots of correspondence from community members about our wonderful nature on the island. There is often concern about feeding wildlife and the bigger impacts it can have on the wildlife and community. We have held some great morning teas to discuss this in more detail and whilst we do not encourage feeding wildlife, we understand that millions of well-meaning Australians continue to enjoy doing so in their backyard.

With this in mind, it is important to understand that while feeding wildlife can be enjoyable, we should do so responsibly to ensure we are not inadvertently causing harm. Focusing on our local birds, birdlife.org.au has provided a guide that emphasizes offering a variety of natural foods such as seeds, fruits, and insects, which are safe and nutritious for birds.

Additionally, providing clean, fresh water is crucial. Birds need water for drinking and bathing, so maintaining a shallow birdbath and keeping it clean will attract them and support their well-being.

Another key point is to avoid feeding birds processed foods or leftovers from our meals. These can be harmful to their health and disrupt their natural diet. Instead, sticking to natural food sources will help maintain a balanced ecosystem.

Creating a bird-friendly environment is also beneficial. Planting native trees and shrubs can provide shelter, nesting sites, and additional food sources for the birds. This not only helps the birds but also enhances the beauty of our surroundings.

Lastly, be mindful of the impact of feeding on bird behavior. Overfeeding can lead to dependency, so it's important to offer food in moderation. Encourage birds to forage naturally by providing a diverse range of plants and habitat features.

By following these simple guidelines, we can all contribute to the well-being of our local wildlife. Let's work together to create a safe and nurturing environment for our feathered friends.

Keeping Safe on the Island

Recent reports indicate that while our suburb remains a relatively safe place to live, there has been an uptick in certain types of crimes, such as property theft and vandalism in the area. Being aware of these trends can help us take proactive measures to protect ourselves and our neighbours.

To reduce crime in our community, here are some practical steps we can all take:

- 1. **Strengthen Home Security**:** Ensure that your home is well-lit and secure. Install motion-sensor lights, deadbolt locks, and consider a home security system. Simple measures like locking your doors and windows can make a significant difference.

- 2. **Get to Know Your Neighbours**:** Building strong relationships with your neighbours fosters a sense of community and vigilance. Keep an eye out for each other and report any suspicious activity to the authorities.

- 3. **Be Mindful of Your Belongings**:** Don't leave valuables in plain sight, whether in your car or around your home. Secure your belongings and encourage others to do the same.

- 4. **Report Suspicious Activity**:** If you notice anything unusual or suspicious, don't hesitate to contact the local police. Prompt reporting can prevent potential crimes and keep our community safe.

By taking these steps and working together, we can make Parrearra an even safer and more welcoming place to live. Let's continue to support one another and stay vigilant in our efforts to reduce crime in our community.

Community Morning Tea Success

Thank you to all those that joined our first morning tea of the year on 28 March at Vrina Mezze & Bar. It was fantastic to meet so many new faces on the Island.

As well as a great community turn out, we heard from Coastal Conservation Officer Sandie Johnston from the Sunshine Coast Council who discussed beach and conservation initiatives in the area. We also heard from KIRA President Natalie Briggs on the 100-day plan for the Olympics and one lucky winner walked away with a lucky door prize provided by **Tic Technologies**.



Our events are free to Kawana Island residents and friends and aim to bring a sense of belonging and connection for all. Please join us at our next event and meet your neighbours, all residents are welcome. We can't wait to meet you!



Business Networking

Meet Local Business Owners on the Island and Connect with us!

Are you a business owner or work from home on the island? Do you want to meet, network and connect with other Kawana Island residents that are in business? If yes, then come along for our third Kawana Island business networking event.



Where: Vrina Mezze & Bar

When: Friday 18 July 10:30am

Respect one another and no hard sell please!

KIRA will provide free coffee whilst you network. The day's event will be brought to you by our host Mark Paddenburg (<https://www.linkedin.com/in/mark-paddenburg-6421121/>).

Those who wish to stay for lunch after are welcome to do so at their own cost. A great way to socialise and connect!

KIRA Residents - Spotlight!

We want to hear your stories and history of living or working on our island. Do you have an interesting hobby or community group you are a part of? Have you moved from afar and what are your experiences of Island life? Email hello@kira.net.au and share your journey with the community in our KIRA Newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday 3 May & Saturday 7th June: KIRA Double Bay Park Beach & Island Park "Beach Clean-Up" - 7:30am - 8:30am

Monday 2 June: KIRA Committee meeting at Kawana Island Meeting Place 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday 18 July: Kawana Island business networking event, VRINA Mezze & Bar 10:30am

SAVE THE DATE: "SANTA PAWS IN THE PARK": Sunday 27 July at Double Bay Park - Times to be announced

SAVE THE DATE: "MUSIC BY THE BAY 2025"
Sunday Afternoon - 14 September 2025 - Times to be announced

Dumped and Dangerous

Council finally move forward to ensure a safe passage for Kawana residents moving about the island

KIRA worked closely with SCC and local residents to ensure the issue of safety was prioritised along the busy thoroughfare of Grand Parade, which is key in connecting residents to their homes, often when the work day is over and the sun is setting with parked vehicles causing obstructed views during high-traffic periods.

Abandoned and 'long-term storage' trailers and vans have caused major issues for safety along this busy corridor of road, not just for traffic but for wildlife and pedestrians with debris from unkept 'toys' and lack of ability for council to sweep the gutters in and around vehicles parked.



Although this is an ongoing project in terms of monitoring the yellow lines and effectiveness of the most recent changes, **KIRA president said** 'While it's good to see progress, with Council finally coming to the party and seeing the potential hazards on this stretch of road, there is a way to go to solve the increase in vehicle activity per household due to ongoing issues, including cost-of-living. With many homes now at capacity with adult children or 'share-housing', this undoubtedly has a knock-on effect on the increase in congested streets. With parking limits now also in place in busier and built-up parts of the island, it is even more pertinent that we be mindful of the available spaces on offer for rate-paying residents to park and safely move about the island day-to-day.'



Let's make our community newsletter richer with your contributions!

Let us know by emailing us at hello@kira.net.au

N.B. KIRA may not be able to feature all contributions and we reserve the right to edit submissions.



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KIRA acknowledges the Gubbi Gubbi people, Traditional Custodians of the land in the area.
KIRA expresses its thanks to the Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie MP, for the printing of this newsletter.