



# NEWPORT NEWS

NEWPORT WATERWAYS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm**  
**Newport Watch Meeting**  
Oyster Point Scout Hall

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> March @ 7:30pm**  
**General Meeting**  
Oyster Point Scout Hall

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 4pm**  
**Sundowners????**  
Endeavour Esplanade

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> April @ 9am**  
**Kids Easter Egg Hunt**  
Blue Park, Endeavour Esp

## YOUR COMMITTEE

**President:** Murray Gellert

**Vice President:** David Clair

**Secretary:** Terry Moore

**Treasurer:** Ann Moore

**Membership Registrar:**  
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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here we are already into the second month of the year. At this rate if you blink twice it will be Christmas again.

The end of 2020 was quite busy with Carols in the park, Pipers on the canal, the Christmas lights competition and Santa on the canals on Christmas morning.

All events proved to be well received and went off without a hitch thanks to the effort of your committee members and various helpers. Well done all, have a rest because it will soon be around again.

I guess the biggest changes to the NWPOA this year is the Electronic production and distribution of the newsletter, favoured by many but I guess there will be a few dissenters. Computers, email and IT in general are the way of the current and future world whether we like it or not.

In addition, the trades magazine/page has also gone electronic and now is attached to the associations web page. By putting it on the web it has reduced the cost of production and advertising dramatically and with hope and the support of local businesses / trades will be a good source of revenue for the Assn.

The Neighbourhood Watch program is continuing to do its work and at the moment volunteers are required for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings. This is a great source of revenue so if you can help please contact Pam Bauze and let her know you can support the event. Date as yet to be advised.

This about covers recent events so ill close and in doing so wish everyone a happy and prosperous, covid free New Year.

**Murray Gellert - NWPOA President**







## NEWPORT WATCH REPORT

Welcome back! Following the past 12 months sincere wishes for a healthy, successful 2021 to all our Newport members and community.

Newport Watch meetings this year will again be held at the Oyster Point Scouts hall corner Sunnyside Road and Fernlea Avenue, Scarborough on Tuesday 16 February, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 17 August and 16 November commencing at 7.00pm. You are most welcome to attend and meet your Zone Captains and neighbours. If you have a personal contact you feel could be a guest speaker, please let me know.

Unfortunately, I have had a resignation from a Zone Captain of long standing, Ron Lewis. If my memory serves me correctly Ron and I jointed the Association at the same time at the AGM in 2000 and he has volunteered his time as a Zone Captain for Zone 28 since then, also serving on the Management Committee, and updating the Constitution. Well done Ron and **thank you**.

We can always use more volunteers, so if you have some spare time please make contact. Time spent is entirely up to you.

Neighbourhood Watch Queensland (NHWQ) posted the following in one of their Weekly Digests:

### **Don't Gift your keys to thieves.**

540 total number of plates stolen in 2020.

Police intelligence analysis shows that most plates are stolen from vehicles parked at a home address in open carports, garages, driveways or on the street. Vehicles unlawfully entered were left unlocked, allowing opportunistic offenders to steal property from the vehicle or the vehicle itself. In Queensland 1 in 2 cars are stolen using the car's keys.

Keep your keys safe: keep them out of sight  
Keep your home safe: lock your doors, windows  
Don't gift your keys to thieves.

### **No matter where you are, lock your car.**

As a community I believe Newport Watch is active and shows positive results with less crime statistics than other areas on the peninsula. Keep up the good work, know your neighbours and look out for each other.

**Pamela Bauze** – Newport Watch Area Coordinator.

## CAROLS IN THE PARK

6<sup>th</sup> December 2020

With Covid stopping many events from taking place, the Committee was determined to bring Christmas cheer to the community.

The NWPOA teamed with the Redcliffe City Choir and on December 6<sup>th</sup> held the inaugural NWPOA 'Carols in the Park' at Endeavour Park in Scarborough. Made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Moreton Bay Regional Council, this free event was open to the whole community. Participants brought along a chair, nibbles, and drinks and were treated to Christmas carols performed by the accomplished community choir. Traditional carols closed the event, with the audience encouraged to join in.

Despite the windy conditions which played havoc with the music sheets, the choristers performed marvellously to an appreciative audience. It was the perfect start to the Christmas season of a year that brought many challenges.

The feedback was so positive, we are hoping to make this an annual event.

*By Laura Valenti  
NWPOA Committee member and  
President of the Redcliffe City Choir*



## DRINK DRIVING

I was recently out enjoying a few drinks with friends. Feeling jolly, I thought I may be over the limit, so I took a cab home.

Sure enough on the way home there was a breath testing station, but since it was a cab they waved it past. I arrived home safely and without incident. This was a real surprise, as I had never driven a cab before. I don't know where I got it and, now that it's in my garage, I don't know what to do with it!!





## MEMBER COURTESY TRAILER

The courtesy trailer which was purchased by the Association for the use of members at no cost to them has been a great initiative. It was utilised 96 times during last year, and already 8 times to the first week in February this year. There is an adaptor and a trailer net which can be borrowed if required. The trailer is used for a variety of reasons and most borrowers are very good at reporting or fixing faults and taking care and cleaning it out before returning.

All that is required is a form listing the driver's name, licence number and the vehicle registration, and of course being a current financial member of NWPOA.

Again, the Association would like to thank Josh Kindred for providing the parking spot on the Newport Marina where the trailer is kept. It is easily accessible to all users.

To borrow, contact Pam on 3202 8354.

## LAW MOWING

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer... Always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

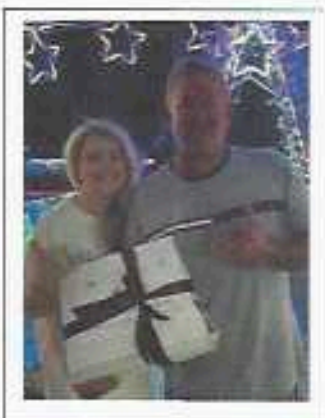
When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

I watched silent for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, *"When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."*

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp!

First Prize Winners



Second Prize Winner & President presenting prize



## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Pipers on the Canals, Christmas Lights Competition, Santa on Christmas morning all took place again during December, and this year the Association added Carols in the Park.

These events could not occur without the hard work and assistance of members of our committee and community who offer their homes, transport and services completely on a voluntary basis and to make our community a special place during that season of the year.

The Coast Guard and their volunteers who have been part of our celebrations for many years, the Redcliffe Choir who performed beautifully on a very windy day in the park, Trevor and Sonia Anger, our Santas Murray and Ian (accompanied by Santa's little elf), Jerry Emberley, and pipers from the Redcliffe Scottish Pipe Band all play a part to ensure success.

Donations were provided by the Association to the Coast Guard, Pipers and Choir with our grateful thanks and appreciation.

**THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED, AS WE COULD NOT CONTINUE WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT**

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Christmas Lights Competition was judged on Saturday night the 19 December. I was ably assisted by Jocelyn and Norman Davey. Terry Moore was also on the boat providing assistance with navigation. There were ten entrants with the standard much improved from previous years.

Last years winner who puts on a fantastic show which I believe take up to two months to install won again but the second and third prize winners were very close behind.

The winners were:

1. **Shane Farrell** on Skua Canal – 9.5 points out of 10
2. **Keith (Scotty) Bootland** on Gannet canal – 9.4 points
3. **Lesley & Conrad Mouton** on Albatross Canal – 9 points

All in very close contest.

Congratulations to all the winners for a tremendous effort which I am sure was enjoyed by many spectators both from Newport and surrounding areas.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Fully Online Service Now Available

You may be aware that we have created an easier way for you to keep your membership updated. You can now join, renew and pay for membership online, all at your fingertips.

Just click on the link below to our website and follow the easy steps to register. Once you are registered, you can log into the system at any time to check on your membership, change your contact details, and renew. This will ensure you keep receiving your member benefits and email correspondence including newsletters.

We encourage you to use our online system from this coming renewal period as it will provide a much more secure option and assist the committee greatly by streamlining the renewal process.

To use our online membership service, click below:

<https://newportwaters.com/membership-join/>

## NWPOA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Our Local Online Business Directory is up and running, so click on the link below to see what businesses have started advertising:

<https://newportwaters.com/local-businesses/>

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise? Click on the link below and follow the easy steps to create your own advertisement. For a very low fee, this will remain on our directory for a whole year.

<https://newportwaters.com/price-lists/>

If you have any questions or need assistance loading up your ad, please email:

[membership@newportwaters.com.au](mailto:membership@newportwaters.com.au)



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