



# NEWPORT NEWS

NEWPORT WATERWAYS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sunday 31 July at 3.00pm**  
**Sundowners**  
Endeavour Esplanade

## YOUR COMMITTEE

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There has been a dramatic increase in new interstate and Queensland residents calling Newport home.

While this is amazing, it's entirely understandable, when you consider our unique marine environment with direct access to Moreton Bay as well as deep sea to the great barrier reef. The value of our precious marine environment is also reflected in the rapid escalation of all home values across Newport.

What may not be appreciated is the fact that all man-made built environments, such as canal estates have limited lifecycles and require continuous special maintenance, renewal, and careful management to prevent environmental degradation and loss of utility. Canal residents pay additional rates in the form of a "canal levy", and the NWPOA monitors how effectively these funds are spent by the MBRC.

The Newport Waterways Property Owners Association (since 1985) has fought for all canal homeowners and associated property owners, by presenting a strong community voice to local and state government authorities and property developers to prevent deterioration of canals and waterways.

Unfortunately, only one in three canal homeowners are current members of the NWPOA. Current members fund this ongoing fight which benefits all canal property owners. In July we will be issuing pro-forma invoices to all canal property owners, with their choice to join or ignore our request for help in ongoing community representation to keep our environment pristine as originally designed and built.

If you have any problem associated with cracking canal walls, sinking land behind revetment walls, sludge enveloping our crab pots, or bottoming of your vessels with silting of canals, then please advise the Association. **Clive Burrows, A/President**



Sunday sailing races on Newport canals c. 1986

## NEWPORT WATCH REPORT

### Newport Watch C.1986

Newport Watch was formed in 1986 as a subsidiary service to Newport residents. We are NOT members of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) controlled Neighbourhood Watch program.

Newport Watch was formed on an old-fashioned model where a zone captain knew everyone in street and could manually collect fees door to door.

The NWPOA had 100% canal owners' membership, plenty of volunteer for zone captains, less streets and hard copy newsletters were the primary method of communication.

The bi-monthly NW evening meetings were an excellent old fashioned model for a cup of tea and cake catch up for older residents. The current zone captains are an older cohort who primarily shun new technology and are not open to the OPS Facebook or Police-link models for crime prevention.

### QPS Operated Neighbourhood Watches

The current Queensland Police Service (QPS) control and run the extremely efficient Neighbourhood Watch groups and have extremely strict guidelines for membership and operation.

The groups only require two members, President and Treasurer with a separate bank that is reportable to QPS. The initial action is that residents are encouraged to report crimes directly to QPS via Police-Link who provide a job reference number.

Then Members post photos, videos, and other information regarding the crime to the NW Facebook page, with the appropriate QPS reference number. Neighbours can post further information, photos, and videos to the Facebook page and forward to the QPS representative Sergeant Sarah Grayson, who may visit neighbours to collect video evidence if required, and in most cases the crimes are followed up very quickly and effectively.

This way the neighbourhood are kept informed, have immediate sharing of critical information, and subsequent follow up by police. The current use of technology is very effective in solving crimes, recovering property, and communicating with all residents who may (or may not) be members of the neighbourhood watch.

### Advantages of QPS run Neighbourhood Watch compared to Newport Watch

- The need for bi-monthly Newport Watch meetings are eliminated
- Information sharing on crimes is not two months old
- Police attend and support QPS run NW's meetings
- Zone captains for streets are not required
- Less insurance cost for multiple zone captains
- Data from QPS crime database and suburbs are shared

### Disadvantages of QPS run neighbourhood watch

- Signing of agreement with QPS required
- Separate bank account for neighbourhood watch is required
- Signatures of new president and treasurer on account
- Records kept for seven years and QPS access is required
- Collecting fees from members are prohibited
- Alcohol at neighbourhood watch meeting is prohibited
- Two weeks' notice and QPS approval required for fund raising events
- :Police checks required for all committee member of QPS watch

If amalgamation with the QPS Neighbourhood Watch is envisaged, then this new body **cannot be part of NWPOA** which is a community advocacy group, with a separate bank account, alcohol allowed at meetings, members provide fees to operate with no constraints on our members or bank account from outside bodies.

### RECOMMENDATION

In summary, I recommend we do not amalgamate with QPS, but look at modernising improving Newport Watch to encompass the QPS Social Media model.

This would require *less people* to run, *less meetings*, *no Zone Captains*.

This could include more flexibility in collection of annual fees to include direct EFT from our website, posted cheques, cash to PO Box and committee letter boxes, with Hard Copy Invoices delivered to members letterboxes to remind them that membership fees are due and payable.

**Clive Burrows, Newport Watch Co-ordinator**



## OUR 1985 FOUNDATION MEMBERS

### JERRY & DIANE EMBERLEY

In 1970 Jerry and Diane met while visiting Green Island off Cairns. They were married in 1973 and lived in New Zealand where they built their first house. Jerry was formerly from Newfoundland the most easterly province of Canada, while Diane was from New Zealand.

To get away from the cold, Jerry and Diane toured Queensland in a caravan, and while visiting friends in Redcliffe in 1980 found land in the recently completed Newport Waterways estate. They were attracted to a north facing canal block, and commenced building their second house, while living at the beachfront Scarborough caravan park at a rental of \$18 per week electricity included, which was leased from Redcliffe City Council (wow that was a bargain).

Jerry commenced construction as an owner builder, with Diane assisting with the work. Their cost-effective method to raise timber side frames was achieved with Diane driving the car on a neighbouring vacant block (with son Greg, then a three year old, in the rear car seat) and using the car with ropes attached to winch the side frames of the house vertically.

Jerry became one of the most valued members of the Newport community and has built over 140 Emberley pontoons and walkways for residents across the Newport canals. Jerry also took on the role as President of NWPOA for a few years, with his barge used as a sleigh for the first Santa on the canals.

Before the Kay Cottee bridge was constructed, Jerry organised NWPOA picnics on vacant blocks of land on the Kippa Ring side. Newport residents accessed the vacant land by boat and supplied chairs, tents and barbeques to have mass picnics for all members.

Jerry still does volunteer work in Challenge Sailing which caters for special schools and local disability services for the Moreton Bay Boat Club, (MBBC). He still collects many other Newport residents from their pontoons each Friday night for a trip from Newport canals to the MBBC for a few social beers. He then travels home via Deception Bay leads and finally via the canals to each member's pontoon.

Diane and Jerry were foundation members of the Newport Waterways Property Owners Association at the inaugural meeting in 1985 and have continued membership and full support for over 37 years.



**Our 1985 Foundation Members – Jerry & Diane Emberley**



**Did you ever wonder about why some of the streets in Newport are named as they are: They were actually named after boats that raced in the America's Cup.**

**Here is a little history on *Resolute*.**

*Resolute* was christened by Grace Vanderbilt and launched on April 25, 1914. In the 1914 America's Cup defender selection trials, skippered by Charles Francis Adams III, she beat *Vanitie* and *Defiance*. In so doing, she beat the America's Cup course record off Sandy Hook by sailing 30 miles in 3:16:41. However, the outbreak of World War I caused the America's Cup races for 1914 to be postponed. The race was finally held during the 1920 America's Cup.

In 1920 the America's Cup was reconvened and *Resolute* again prevailed in selection races before successfully defending the Cup in July, once more

with Adams at the helm. *Resolute* lost the first two matches before recovering to defend the cup 3-2 against Shamrock IV. Robert Wales Emmons Jr. was the manager of the yacht in 1920.

In 1925 *Resolute* was sold to E. Walter Clark of Philadelphia. Her racing career lasted another ten years, and in 1930 *Resolute* again participated in the America's cup selection races, albeit as a "trial horse" against which the potential defenders could be judged.

Robert F Kennedy named his "Wianno Senior" *Resolute* in 1964, after the America's Cup yacht.



## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Why become a Member???

We're glad you asked!

1. [NEWPORT WATCH](#) - Safety and Security for your Family and Property
2. [PROFESSIONAL LIAISON](#) with Relevant Government Agencies
3. [SOURCE OF INFORMATION](#) relevant to Newport Residents
4. [SOCIAL ACTIVITIES](#) for all ages!
5. [GET FREE STUFF!](#)

All this for a very low annual fee!

Support your local community and help our association in its endeavours to enhance the Newport lifestyle for you and your neighbours.

<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:

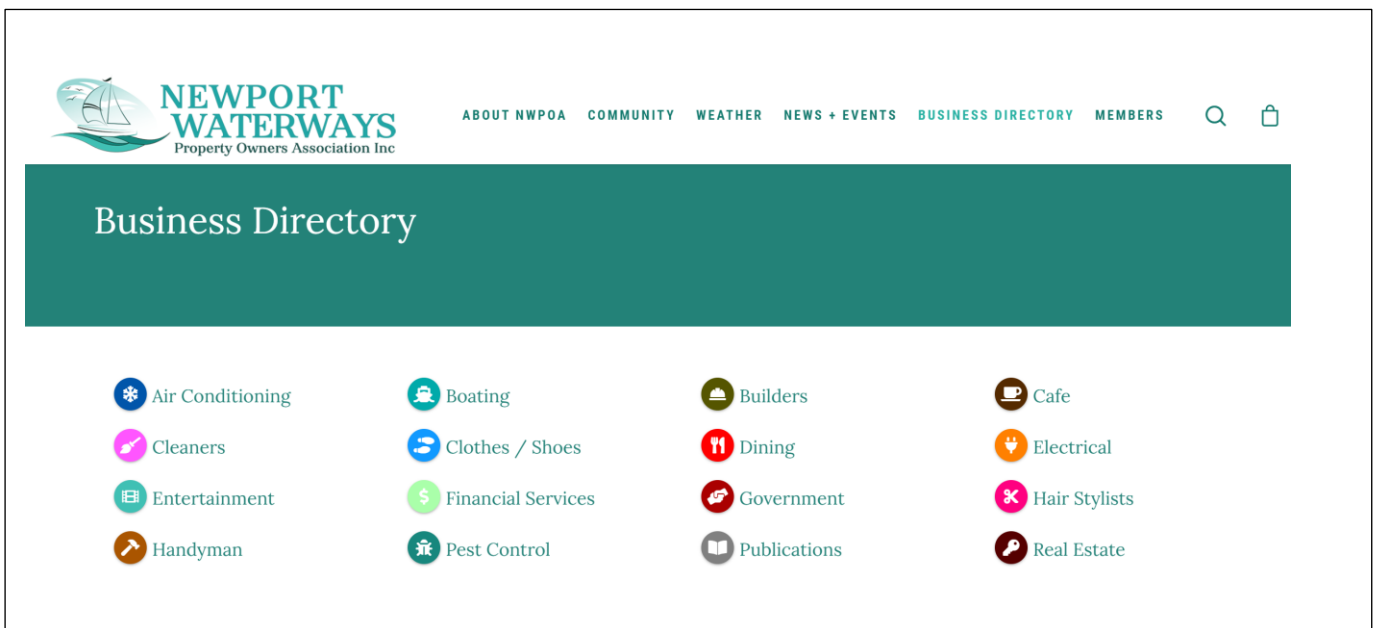
<https://newportwaters.com/local-businesses/>

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)



The screenshot shows the NWPOA Business Directory website. At the top left is the logo for Newport Waterways Property Owners Association Inc. with a sailboat icon. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with links: ABOUT NWPOA, COMMUNITY, WEATHER, NEWS + EVENTS, BUSINESS DIRECTORY, and MEMBERS. There are also search and cart icons. Below the navigation is a large teal banner with the text "Business Directory". Underneath the banner is a grid of 12 categories, each with a colored icon and text: Air Conditioning (blue snowflake), Cleaners (pink brush), Entertainment (green TV), Handyman (orange hammer), Boating (blue boat), Clothes / Shoes (blue shoe), Financial Services (green dollar sign), Pest Control (green bug), Builders (green house), Dining (red fork and knife), Government (red hand), Publications (grey book), Cafe (brown coffee cup), Electrical (orange plug), Hair Stylists (pink scissors), and Real Estate (brown house).

