

Napoleon Reef, Walang & Glanmire Residents Association Inc.



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2017

Welcome to 2017 and the first Community Newsletter of the *Napoleon Reef, Walang & Glanmire Residents Association Inc.* 2017 promises to be an exciting year for our community. The Residents Association was established in 2015, initially to create a relationship with Bathurst Regional Council. As we are not a village and had no representative group, Council did not correspond with us concerning issues faced by our area. We have achieved this relationship and in 2017 are moving to develop both our sense of community and knowledge of this beautiful area we all call home. We encourage everyone to join us by participating in our activities, contributing ideas and becoming members of the Residents Association.

This, and future newsletters, will be available on our website: www.nrwgra.com

MEMBERSHIP

Help build and protect our community by joining and becoming an active member of the Residents Association. All households in the Napoleon Reef, Walang and Glanmire area are eligible to join. Annual membership donations are \$30 per household with a one-off joining donation of \$20. 2016-2017 memberships are still being accepted by our Treasurer. Membership Forms and details are available at <http://nrwgra.com/membership/>

WEBSITE

We are deeply grateful to Mark McCormick for the establishment and maintenance of our website. The site's aim is to raise awareness of our local area and up-coming activities for our residents and the wider community. This is your site so please let the committee know if you have suggestions for future content.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY – SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2017

This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a community activity as we aim to clean up the roadsides near you: Yarras Lane, Mersing Lane, St Anthony's Creek Road, Napoleon Reef Road, Walang Drive, Cave Gully Road, Valley View Close and The Ridgeway. The day will start at 8.30am at the Glanmire-Walang Fire Shed and conclude with a well-deserved sausage sizzle. Further details are available on the website or from our Clean Up coordinator Brian Bailey.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLES

A Bunnings Sausage Sizzle in 2016 proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable community activity which contributed significantly to defraying the costs of being an incorporated body. It was such a success that this year we are doing two! These are scheduled for Saturday 29th April and Sunday 21st May from 9 – 4 on each day, with the day divided into two hour shifts. Choose a shift or two and come and join the fun! To help with planning please advise Brian Bailey of your availability as soon as possible.

WHAT ELSE IS BEING PLANNED FOR 2017?

There are many ideas buzzing around and we are always open to more ways to engage our community. At this stage there are two in the early planning stages:

1. **Napoleon Reef Trail.** This event is envisaged as a day to promote some of the wonderful artists, crafts people and food and wine of our area with visitors moving to 3 or 4 venues. It is also planned to incorporate a garage sale/car boot sale.
2. **Children's Back to Nature Day.** A fun-filled day of nature-based activities for children.

Both days will occur later in the year with dates to be confirmed. However planning is beginning! If you have suggestions for either of these activities, would like to be involved on the day or in the planning, please let the committee know as soon as possible.

GLANMIRE – WALANG BRIGADE UPDATE

Over the last 3 weeks, the Glanmire-Walang Brigade has spent 13 days on fire grounds. These days can range from 4 hours to 15 hours. Work comprises either fighting fires or the back breaking work of "blacking out" and cleaning up. Currently, our Brigade is travelling daily to Mudgee and working with other Brigades to either put out fires or make them safe so they do not re-ignite.

We have 11 new members and the Brigade has an almost 50/50 gender balance — the envy of other brigades in the region. Most of our new members have already experienced the toils of the fire ground and are enjoying putting into practice their newly learnt skills.

Unfortunately, the majority of the fire grounds we have attended have been grass fires, almost all of them avoidable. Grass fires are almost the worst. Have a look at this link. <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/grassfires>



Hopefully the worst of the fire season will be over by the time you get this update; but then again it might not be! Make sure your fire plan is known by all your family and is up-to-date. <http://www.myfireplan.com.au/index.html>

Brian Bailey (Captain)

UP-COMING ART EXHIBITION

Local artists Katrina Daly and Nic Mason exhibit their works at the t.arts Gallery. Nic has a new exhibition, **STILL**, from 24 February to 10 March 2017. Visit the gallery and enjoy the work of our talented locals. Further details at www.tartsgallery.com

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