

# **Suffolk Park Chatter**

*for Baywood Chase, Byron Hills, Beachside*

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*Local news and events hot off the press for residents and business*

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## **Tree Planting Day**

This was a great success. So many local families attended. It was particularly great to see so many children taking part. Over 1000 trees were planted in record time. Thanks to Angus Underwood from Byron Council, Natural Environment Team Leader. Thank you Suffolk Park Dunecare who have been working in the area for 20 years.

## **Digital TV Update**

The switch-over to digital will take place on 6/9/2012. Guest speaker, Peter Goldstone ("Goldie") Ph: 0421606065, said at the last public meeting that the escarpment can block out some signals, but all 16 channels should be available and there is no need to upgrade your personal equipment for the switch-over. People on a Centrelink pension should enquire if they are entitled to a new set top box or payments to retune the antennae to the new transmitter or to subsidise a satellite system.

## **Sportsfield and Skate Park**

SPPA members Harley and Donald met with council and presented the plans for the upgrade to the Sports Facility and Skate Park which were well received. The proposal will be presented to the next council meeting (October) with a request for \$30,000 seeding fund to proceed with the development.

## **Community Garden**

We are in negotiation with the Council and the Department of Education to lease a block of land on Beech Drive. This land requires a bit of work before we get our hands dirty, our flowers and vegetables growing.

## **Open Space Projects**

SPPA are investigating further options for open space improvement. We are looking at interesting options for Gaggin Park, Midgen Park, the Beech Drive lake and pocket parks in the area. We look forward to working with council to get maximum benefit for Suffolk Park from our assigned S94 funding.

## **Signage**

New 'WELCOME to SUFFOLK PARK' sign has been installed on the corner of Broken Head Road and Clifford Street. Thank you to local artist, Donald Maughan for his creativity, Mullumbimby 'Old Timber Mill' who donated the timber and to local builder Peter Griffins for his assistance with the erection of the new Suffolk Park sign. More signs are planned to really put all of Suffolk Park on the map.

## **Clean up Day**

Volunteers collected rubbish around the lake, the beach accesses and many Suffolk Park streets. What a success, thank you to

'The Suffolk Park Bakery' for the coffee vouchers, the volunteers enjoyed coffee, cakes and a chat after a hard mornings work. Another clean up day is planned before year's end.

### **Lake beautification**

A big thank you from the SPPA to Terryanne Tripet (0402356166) who has kindly donated Native plants to be used to do some beautification work around the lake at the Baywood Chase section of Suffolk Park. Terry and volunteers will be doing some planting over the next month. Any and all help would be appreciated with this project.

**Local Council Elections** – A '*Meet the Candidates*' will be held at the Suffolk Park Community Hall (corner Alcorn and Clifford Streets) on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm-9pm. Come along and have your questions ready, enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a chat afterwards.

### **Hot Off The Press News From Council and Community**

- ⤴ **Exciting Suggestion** – Council have discussed with SPPA the development of a child bike training track for the small children on the Beech Drive block of land owned by the Education Department – what a wonderful community asset this would be.

### **What's on in Suffolk Park:**

- ⤴ Various types of yoga, exercise and choir is held at the Community Hall. A notice of events, times and dates is displayed on the window of the Community Hall.,
- ⤴ Dunecare; meets first Saturday of the month at 8.30am . Co ordinator; Helen Brown 6685 4964

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