

the community link

A NEWSLETTER FROM *Marburg Residents' Association*

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Hello and welcome to our first publication of *The Community Link*, a newsletter designed to factually inform the community of what's happening in Marburg and District.

About the Association

The Marburg and District Residents Association (MRA) has a long standing link to the community, being formed in 1975 by like minded residents with the aims of initiating and supporting community activities that would benefit the community overall. The current committee and the association's members continue to hold that view.

In the immediate past, the association has been active in pursuing those goals. We have gained positive responses from elected representatives, successfully applied for government funding, and conducted fundraising activities to provide benefits for the community. The new **skate bowl** is a fine example, as is the maintenance work recently completed on the heritage listed **Marburg Community Centre** which is owned by your community through the MRA. Social events for all the community have been the **Music in the Park** during last summer and our annual fundraising event, **Christmas Party in the Park** held on the last Saturday of November each year.

The association meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the Marburg Community Centre. Councillor David Pahlke usually attends. This is an excellent forum for the community to express views on what they would like to see happening in and around Marburg. The meetings are relaxed (tea/coffee/biscuits), of two hours duration and the committee is 'user-friendly'.

Recent Agenda Items

Some recent items on the agenda have included:

SEQ Regional Plan

The plan outlines the focus of development throughout South East Queensland over the next 20 years. It indicates significant

residential development south and west of Ipswich for example. Marburg itself has been earmarked for a proposed "horse precinct" adjacent to the town. A community meeting last year raised concerns about aspects of the proposal and those concerns led to a rethink of the original plan. The consultation process is ongoing. The MRA is currently in consultation with the South East Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (SEQROC) via the Ipswich City Council on the implications for the Marburg region.

Greening Marburg

The new flood retention wall and flood channel through Marburg have raised the issue of



The newly renovated Marburg Community Centre. Drop in for a visit!

vegetation and beautification of these areas for community use. Community involvement would be sought for vegetation planting and land use approvals.

Walkway/Bikeway

The MRA and Ipswich City Council are currently establishing the viability of a walkway/bike track from the flood basin through town to the northern side of the highway (as Stage 1). The funding for this would be through a number of government projects.

Traffic

The roadways are not gazetted for entry into the Marburg traffic area of B Double trucks. However, there is more and more of this activity being reported.

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The Residents Association is keenly aware that today’s busy lifestyle means for some that just getting through the week is an achievement in itself. However, if you have a view or idea that would benefit the community, come along to an MRA meeting. If you are unable to attend, contact the association anyway.

Sometimes the barrier to turning an idea into reality is the number of people on the ground to make it happen. If you have the skills that would help the community in some way, but your time is limited, we would like to talk to you about it. If you feel that it is a “good thing” but you can probably only attend a couple of community activities a year, please do so

because the community needs you. A small contribution from the bulk of the community is a powerful thing collectively.

Become a Member

Everyone is welcome to attend the association’s meetings. However, if you feel strongly about your community, consider becoming an association member. The current executive members for 05/06 are:

Barry Gratton	5464 4624
Peter Mahone	5464 4097
Sandra Hanel	5464 4261
Michele Essex	5426 6024
Greg Farr	5464 4309

As a community service, further editions of *The Community Link* will have updates from other community groups and organisations.

What’s on in Marburg

**Saturday 1 October
2.00 – 3.00pm**

Community Hall Dedication

The community hall has been renovated and painted (\$25 000 did the trick) and we would like the community to see and use the result.

The hall is also available for hire.

**Tuesday 4 October
7.00pm**

MRA meeting

**Friday 7 October
6.30pm – 8.30pm**

Music in the Park

Local band. BBQ/drinks.

**Tuesday 1 November
7.00pm**

MRA meeting

Wednesday 16 November

Flood Retention Wall
Grand Opening

Saturday 26 November

Christmas Party in the Park
(Community fundraiser)

Live bands/food/drinks/
give-aways/raffles.

Bookings essential:
singles or groups.

Christmas Lights

Last year Marburg looked a picture and the idea of decorations by light is catching on big time.

This year wouldn't it be nice to turn on the lights on 26 November and come down to the Community Hall for the party and celebrate all that is good about our community?

See you there!

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