

the community link

A NEWSLETTER FROM *Marburg Residents' Association*

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

The Association meets on the
first Tuesday of each month
at 7.00p.m at the Marburg
Community Centre.

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PLANNING MARBURG'S FUTURE

In early 2003 the state
government released its south-
east Queensland plan 2005-2006.
This regional 'footprint' of the area
proposed that the Marburg area
be utilized as an equestrian
precinct area with land usage
being zoned accordingly
(stable/residential zone).

A land usage proposal was
subsequently drawn up by the
Ipswich City Council and a process
of community consultation began.

The results of these consultations
were that the community raised
serious concerns with Council
about the proposed stable/
residential zone to the point
where Council agreed that a
complete review of the original
proposal would be undertaken.

As a result of this proposal,
the level of awareness in the
community about the diversity of
the area and the reasons why the
community in general enjoys the
current lifestyle was raised. With
this in mind and after discussions
with David Pahlke (Division 10
councillor) the Marburg Residents'
Association applied for a funding
grant to help the community to
develop a vision/plan of what the
future in Marburg could look like.

- What do we currently enjoy?
- What do we need?
- What would we like to see?

A community and workshop
approach is being planned and
everyone will have the opportunity
to participate. Also a thorough
review of the original stable/
residential zone is being
implemented by Council to enable
decisions to be made about the
project's feasibility and the
environmental impact to the area.

This brief will also provide for
extensive community input and
whilst this is a focused review on
the stable/residential zone, it is
also about Marburg's future.



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Broad community input is essential on these reviews because we now have a unique opportunity to shape the future direction of our community. A flyer will be distributed when all the dates etc are confirmed but July/August is looking realistic.

WHERE'S THE RAIN?

One of the long term projects we initiated some eighteen months ago was a development plan in conjunction with Council and SEQ Catchments about the revegetation of Black Snake Creek and installation of a walk/bikeway to enhance our lifestyle. We currently have funding and a plan and commitment from the community as well as the local school's support, but NO RAIN! Sadly some of our established plants/trees are stressed and dying, but our intention is to move ahead when the rain finally arrives. (The other night was a start).

MUSIC IN THE PARK/ WINTER DINNER AND MUSIC NIGHT

Last year 'Music in the Park' turned into a 'Dinner and Music Night' inside the Community Hall during the winter months and proved to be extremely popular.

This year, due also to popular demand, the 'Music in the Park' will continue during the winter months (first Friday) and also the 'Dinner and Music' night will run on the 3rd Friday of the month (\$25 per head, BYO drinks).

Bookings are essential. Contact Michele on 5426 6024 or Barry on 5464 4624. The dates are 20th July/17th August/21st September. Hope to see you there.

CHRISTMAS AT WOODLANDS

Last year our Woodlands dinner in December was a sellout success. For all you long range planners, this year the dinner at Woodlands will be on Saturday 8th December. Plan a table with your friends or come along and meet new friends. It's a great night out for \$40 per head.

BLACK SNAKE FESTIVAL

This year the Festival will be on Saturday 27th October.

We have begun the initial planning with the committee from last year. What has been discussed, as well as the program of events is the untapped potential of some people in the community whose ideas and skills could make the Festival even better. If you feel you can contribute in some way, come along to the meetings, (check the Community Board for dates) or contact one of the committee members. If you feel you could volunteer some of your time to the day that would be great.

The proceeds from the festival are used to maintain services to the community and to support people in our community in times of need. The community needs you!

COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

The Marburg Residents' Association, like all non-profit organizations is faced with raising funds to support its community and sometimes, it is not easy.

We have been successful in the past with various projects: Eg Skate bowl, painting the Community Centre, improving playground equipment, electric barbecue, establishing the revegetation of Black Snake Creek project and proposed walk/bikeways, installing a stage for 'Music in the Park'.

We have achieved this through grants, Council and local business support as well as community support via our various fund raising activities, i.e. 'Music in the Park', Black Snake Creek Festival and Christmas dinner at Woodlands.

We are currently looking for funding to do necessary repairs to our heritage listed Community Centre (which incidentally is community owned). We are also upgrading some of our facilities within the building to meet demand.

Part of that Community survey we mentioned earlier about 'What would we like Marburg to be' will help our Association in establishing priorities for future funding. But we are counting on your continued strong support for our Association's activities, so that the community as a whole will reap the benefits.

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