

the community link

A NEWSLETTER FROM *Marburg Residents' Association*

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

The Marburg Residents Association meets on the first Tuesday evening of each month at the Marburg Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March. The current executive members are:

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MARBURG NOMINATES FOR TIDY TOWN

Saturday, 2nd February saw the mayor, councillors and community groups launch Marburg's 2008 Tidy Town application.

With a very successful Music in the Park, sausage sizzle event, council staff on hand with lots of

giveaways (the 200 t-shirts were very popular, more have been ordered), the morning was a great way to launch and promote our application. The mayor presented a cheque to the community to assist with Tidy Town projects.

Representatives from various community groups will co-ordinate and compile a program of activities and events to enable the community to show support and be actively involved in our Tidy Town application. Council will also be an active partner.

There will be informal visits from the judges during April/June and an official judging period to evaluate/assess our application.

The Tidy Town competition is not just about the neatness and cleanliness of the town, it's also about community spirit and how the community enjoys the lifestyle it has created. We will be compiling a book on Marburg to present to the judging panel. If you have any ideas or views (or your community group does) on making our nomination a success, call Barry Gratton to volunteer your services.

GREENING MARBURG

Planning for plantings along the town section of Black Snake Creek commenced early in 2006. After much talk and increasing



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community interest, earthworks commenced in October, 2007 adjacent to the Euchariste Sirios Bridge on the first stage of this project. The big event was on 10 December when students and staff of the Marburg State School planted up part of the area. The remainder of this area will be planted shortly. When this project is completed, a walking path with attractive plantings and seating in quiet areas will connect Edmond Street to the Showgrounds.

A planting of about 150 trees was undertaken at the intersection of Marburg Quarry Road and the Rosewood-Marburg Road on 14 October. These trees are just starting to become visible above the bridge guard rails. This project was funded by the Main Roads Department and is maintained by the Residents Association and was planted with assistance from West Moreton Landcare.

The latest greening project for Marburg is the cleaning up and enhancement of the small remnant of dry rainforest at the western end of Edmond Street opposite the Outback Café near Kickbusch Road. This remnant is

a representation of the softwood scrubs that occurred in our area before settlement. This ecosystem is now greatly fragmented and is endangered. In addition to being an attractive western entrance to Marburg, this remnant has the potential to be developed into a parkland setting with a track network and interpretive signage which would provide an educational awareness of the original vegetation of the district. Work on this project will commence in the near future with a call for volunteers for working bees.

Bob Hampson is responsible for these projects. He welcomes questions, comments, input and especially assistance on any of these).

ANZAC DAY

On Anzac Day this year, the Marburg Residents will be organising an Anzac Service to be held near the Anzac memorials at the Community Centre at 8 a.m. We would be interested in hearing from anyone in the area who has memorabilia, photos or information on local people who enlisted in the

services. If you are able to help and are willing to lend any items of interest for a display on the day, please contact Wendye Gratton.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Live music in the park in Marburg made its return on Friday 1st February when Kylie and Kim played their soft rock and country style music to an appreciative audience.

Organised in partnership with Erny Kuss Guitars, Marburg's Music in the Park is now in its fifth year of presenting live music sessions at the corner of Queen and Edmond Streets.

Thanks to an Ipswich City Council grant and Rachael Dance at the mixing desk, the sound system has been much improved as the February audience discovered. The new 'music shell' erected by the ICC in 2007 brings additional atmosphere to the night.

The next Music in the Park will be on Friday 7th March, featuring After Dark, and commencing with a barbecue at 6.30p.m. Bring family and friends and enjoy a great night out in the park. It's just too good to miss!

Black Snake Creek Festival

Friday 10th / Saturday 11th October

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