



# COMMUNITY UPDATE

WELCOME to another edition of the Kawana Forest community update. What a great place we live in, surrounded by our forest with pleasant pathways that link to the Birtinya waterways. It was great to see our community getting together at the Christmas party in November last year. It was a huge success and the children had a ball. We were very fortunate to have Cr Rick Baberowski attend again to show his support of our community. There was face painting, a local resident DJ, who donated his valuable time, sausage sizzle, raffle prizes, from our treasured local businesses, and, who could forget Santa delivering lolly bags to the children. Check out the photos via our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/KawanaForestResidents>

The KaFRA committee's main aim is to continue to bring community together, and our recent meetings have been to discuss ideas for more events. Funding for these events is only possible via fundraising, sponsorship or via our \$10 annual family membership fees. We have recently applied to both Sunshine Coast Council and Stockland for community grants, so keep your fingers crossed that we are successful, so we are able to run our next event in early June.

## KaFRA Committee

**President & Treasurer:** Glenn Smith

**Secretary:** Kelly Smith

**Committee:** Jackie Dawid, Steve Leece, Alana McEwen, Rod Burton, Julie Martin, Darren Meredith, Barbara Allain



## Thank you for picking up litter

Over the Christmas period we noticed an increase of litter being dropped in Woodlands Blvd, the main entry road into our estate. Some of this litter is from visitors stopping under the trees at the entry. However the remainder was from our estate. Fortunately, the amount of litter of late seems to have lessened, which is great. We are also very lucky to have some great people in our community, who proactively clean up this area, to keep the entrance of the estate looking tidy. Thank you!

## La Maison du Patissier

"Bonjour!" is the great welcome you receive when you enter Kawana Forest's exciting and bustling new patisserie 'La Maison du Patisserie'.

Please be welcomed to the owners, Eric and Françoise. Françoise has shared a bit of their background:

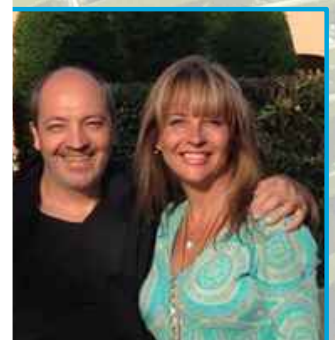
"Eric and I met when we were just teenagers in France. I used to go to his patisserie every day after school and looooved his cakes! One day I wanted to congratulate the guy that was making those yummy treats. He fell in love with me, instantly, I didn't! From this day on, he kept following me and I gave in eventually!

After a couple of years we went to New York for 3 years. Eric worked in the most prestigious places in Manhattan, I worked as a hairdresser in a famous hairdressing salon and we married at City Hall. It was great, but for me it wasn't a safe place to have kids, so we moved to Australia in 1990. Eric worked in a few hotels, including, the Ritz Carlton hotel, as a corporate executive pastry chef for Australasia.

A few years later, the company left Australia and wanted Eric to go with them, back to America. We loved our life in Australia so we stayed, and moved to the Southern Highlands in Bowral, to create a very successful business, 'Gumnut Patisserie'. Following that, we moved to Manilla, near Tamworth, where we brought a caravan park up to its full glory in 5 years. We turned Manilla into a destination for hang-gliding and tourism. We had people from all over the world coming to us, but again, it didn't feel like home there.

After a holiday on the Sunshine Coast, we knew straight away, this was it! We had to move here. So in 2000, we sold the caravan park, moved to Traveston and started a cute little shop in Cooran, called 'Maison de Provence' as a homeware / gift shop. Even with two young kids, I felt like I wanted to do more and organised markets in this cute little town! We made it such a success that we out-grew the shop and moved it to Pomona, to include a tea room. It grew big pretty quickly, as people came from all states to check us out. I was blown away!

Eric's pastries were the big talk. After 3 years, I became pregnant and gave birth to identical triplet boys! We then moved the business to Cooroy for 7 years, then sold it, and went to France to holiday for a couple of months, to see the family with our children. On returning, we decided to move near Caloundra to start a business again, as we missed our clients. We realised they are our family here in Australia! After a few months of very hard work, we are very excited in opening 'La Maison du Patisserie', and look forward to meeting everyone."





Background image from our local forest



## Meet Kellie Davison - Owner of Forestry Hair

Many of us are very fortunate to know Kellie and her team in the hairdressing salon, of Kawana Forest shopping area. They all make you feel very welcome from the moment you step through the door, and have you feeling like a million dollars with your newly styled hair.

With over 30 years of skill and experience, Kellie started her business, Forestry Hair in February 2017. Kellie was drawn to this location for its great community and the wonderful green natural feel of the estate.

Kellie's clients come from far and near, mainly from Kawana Forest, but also, locations even as far away as Gympie. Kellie loves the way her job allows her to apply a form of art to create hair styles, whilst being with great people all day. Drop in and say 'hello'.

A big THANK YOU to Kellie for generously donating lucky door prizes for our Annual KaFRA Christmas Party.



## McGrath Australia Day Event

A big THANK YOU to Jodie Hedley-Ward and the team of McGrath Real Estate of Caloundra, for hosting such a great event for our community. The generosity in providing a jumping castle, face painting, drinks, BBQ and a coffee van, catered perfectly for everyone. It was also another great opportunity to meet new residents and connect with existing residents...The McGraths team kindly donated \$500 to KaFRA to contribute to our next community event as part of their Community Giveback Program.

## KaFRA Membership

**KaFRA's main aim is to continue to bring community together, discuss items relevant to our state and local members, and to be a voice for our community.** It would be great to include you as a member. There is a small annual fee of \$10 per household to assist in funding community events.

**New Members:** It's always a pleasure to see new members! If you are new to the estate or you've been here for a while but haven't got around to joining, there is a simple application form to completed, with your contact details, and submitted to the KaFRA committee. Application forms can be obtained by emailing [secretary@kafra.org.au](mailto:secretary@kafra.org.au) or, by asking one of our committee members.

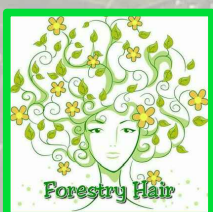
**Continuing Members:** A special thank you to our members. If your household is already a member but hasn't renewed for this year, renewals can be made as follows:

**Membership fee can be paid in a number of ways:**

1. Preferably direct deposit to KaFRA's bank account via internet banking. Bank: **Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account Number: 134 076 280 Account Name: Kawana Forest Residents' Assoc Inc.** Be sure to include your name and street address as well in the deposit, so we can allocate it correctly.
2. Hand cash or a cheque to a committee member, to allocate accordingly. Receipts will be issued for cash and cheque payments.
3. There is also an opportunity for new and renewed memberships at one of our community events.

## Our valuable sponsors

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