

MANDALAY PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to Mandalay Progress Association's first newsletter for the year.

Welcome our new committee members Belinda Cox, Henry Laursen, Sally Daley and Steve Jones. We are so lucky to have them on board. They are keen to make our neighbourhood a great place to live and enjoy and endeavor to keep it that way.

Despite many challenges we faced last year, we have managed to keep the community active and excited through a number of new initiatives. These included the book launch, music events, movie nights, food trucks, the Biami Yumba Bar and the fund raising. The surprise Santa and snow in the park were phenomenal. We have also been active in advocating to protect the interests of the community and our environment and have a few wins.

All these won't be possible without our committee, sponsors, supporters and helpers. Also a big thank you to Yung Webster who has diligently worked in the role of Secretary for the last seven months. Thanks to Henry Laursen for stepping up to continue this important role.

Last but not least, a big thank you to our out-going committee members Craig Bartley and Sally Twina (for her ten-year service).

A big welcome to our new residents and let's look forward to another enjoyable and exciting year!



ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

LARGE TREES ON COUNCIL LAND

There have been several local incidents where large trees and/or branches on council land have fallen and damaged private properties. Two local residents told MPA that their claims to council for paying their damages were declined as there were no prior notifications or maintenance requests received by the council regarding the trees. In view of this, should you have any concerns about a similar incident that may occur to you or pose a risk to others, we recommend you report to Brisbane City Council.



RIDING MOTORISED BIKES IN THE PARK

The MPA has recently received reports of people riding motorised dirt bikes in the Biami Yumba Park (near the picnic tables at the corner of Ormsby and Kenny Streets). Heavy tyre marks and damage to the grass and the mulching were noted. MPA wishes to note that riding motorbikes in the park is prohibited and it causes damage to a fragile ecosystem and might lead to injuries to individuals who use the park.

2022 EVENTS

Due to COVID, we were unable to hold events in January and February and as a result we have amended our schedule as follows:

DATE	ACTIVITY
Mar	Seniors outing
April	Easter event
May	Music event / Movie night
June	Mid-year / Young MPA event with BBQ
July	Science & Environment Talk - Lagoon
August	Long Table Dinner + Music
October	Jacaranda Festival
November	AGM + End of year celebrations
December	Seniors celebrations, Xmas carols & Movie night

SECURITY

In view of the frequent break-ins occurring in Mandalay, the MPA wishes to install a set of community CCTVs as a means to deter these incidents and to increase the chance of catching suspects by the Police.

Please [click here](#) to offer your views. Hard copies of the feedback form are available at the MPA notice board should you require.

BANDS IN PARKS - TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Come and join us at this event hosted by Cr James Mackay on Sunday 13 March 2022. Apart from the South Brisbane Federal Band, there will be a magician, jumping castles, sausage sizzle, fairy floss and coffee.

Please [click here](#) for more information.

ADVOCACY

The committee will continue to pursue further the issues highlighted on the page. On 20 January, Cr James Mackay came to inspect the fence at the lagoon and we took the chance to have a walk around the neighbourhood to follow up on a few issues. James will speak to the council about a set of steps, eliminating the steep, slippery path towards the back paddock. A concrete path from Gan-Gani CK to Biami Yumba Park is in the process of funding approval. The rather ugly black metal fence is a quick fix and will be updated to better suit the environment in time. James suggested to plant trees in the dog off leash area. The massive algae and water hyacinth in the lagoon are causing a real concern. We have requested James to look into these urgently.



ROAD SAFETY: The safety of pedestrians has always been a concern on the section of FTP Road between Botticelli Street and Ormsby Street. The committee has recently received a report of a near miss of a child running across FTP Road. We took the chance to raise it with James. He mentioned the creation of more car parking spaces encroaching into the park will not be supported by council as they want to maintain the size of the park. The extension of a yellow line would cause a number of other issues including people parking on the other side which would be an issue for children getting out of cars there. The committee is keen to hear any suggestions you may have to address the issues. In the meantime, we ask that you please take extra care especially when the park is busy.

COMMUNITY GARDEN:

James is aware of MPA's interest in having a community garden and is keen to know where we may wish to have it. Two suggested locations A & B for this are marked on map above. The garden would initially include a compost area and a shed. It can only be done if there are at least ten volunteers willing to donate their time. Please [click here](#) to offer your views. Hard copies of the feedback form are available at the MPA notice board should you require

James mentioned the same in his newsletter issued on 4 February.

We need help: If you wish to know more about any of the advocacy matters and/or wish to get involved, please contact the Secretary.

2022 COMMITTEE MEMBERS



Joseph Tam
President



Henry Laursen
Secretary



Lijane Xiao
Treasurer



Matt Slingsby
Committee
Member



Belinda Cox
Committee
Member



Linda Carling
Committee
Member



Sally Daley
Committee
Member



Steve Jones
Committee
Member

SURVEY

At our 2021 AGM, we have received a strong response to the survey on the work by the MPA and its evolution. Now we wish to extend this survey to the whole of the Mandalay. Please [click here](#) to offer your views. Hard copies of the feedback form are available at the notice board should you require.

SUPPORTERS & HELPERS FOR 2022

We are very grateful that all supporters and helpers will continue to serve the community. Thanks in advance to Alex Trefny, Damien Lacey Plumbing, Lee Berg (ONTIME Electrical & Air), Ben Croft (Events Consultant), Jon Grainger (Security Lead), Simon Leister (Auditor), Steve Jones (Environment & Science Lead) and many others.

The success of holding these events depends on the level of help and support from the community. If you are interested to offer any help, please contact the Secretary.

YOUNG MPA

I am Sarah Ratnesar, a young resident of Mandalay.

I wish to connect with more young people and invite you to be involved in making our neighbourhood a greater place to live and enjoy. I also wish to do some fun things together. Please [follow me](#) and check our Mandalay Progress Association Community Facebook page for updates.

I look forward to hearing from you. You can also email me via: youngmandalayans@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Members are advised if you haven't renewed your membership for this financial year starting (1 July 2021 - June 30 2022) you are due for renewal.

If you are not yet a member, please consider joining us so that we can represent you. The more members we have, the better representation and the bigger voice we have!

Please [click here](#) to sign up and to find our bank details.

Should you have any queries and/or wish to renew or sign up in person, please contact Lijane, our Treasurer via mandalaymembership@gmail.com or 0426 996 814.

