



## NEWSLETTER 4th JUNE

Well the winter chill is upon us but it didn't stop seventy or so moviegoers turning up for the very first 'Movie Night on Graceleigh'.

It was lovely to see all the families snuggled up and staring up at the big screen. The new popcorn machine was a big hit too, with kids and adults alike. A big thank you to Syd Slater and Bonnie Shearman for a great effort manning the machine, they were kept on their feet all night.

I had a chance to chat with Michael Kenyon, President of the P&C Association who was there with his kids for the event. It was a great opportunity to show Michael the equipment and talk about how his committee could take advantage of it for future events such as the already successful 'Trivia Night'. And that is the point I'd like to get across to everyone reading this: the movie equipment and all the other equipment BRASA owns is there for its members and the wider community to use and enjoy. So if you think you have an idea for an event where the movie equipment or the first-class P.A system and mixing desk could play a part, don't be shy. Send an email and the committee will work in with your budget and use its resources to bring your idea to life.

We are a lucky community with a lot of good stuff at our disposal. Let's use it and make things happen!

Greg Slater  
BRASA President



*Snuggling up at 'Movie Night on Graceleigh'*

### **The Beechmont Community Park Project (BCPP)**

has officially joined BRASA as a sub-committee. BCPP -while retaining its autonomy- has accepted BRASA's unconditional offer of support, and is keen to take advantage of the clout and expertise the larger, like-minded organisation might provide when negotiating with Council and other official bodies.

Co-founder Sarah Hicks said: "the community's input over the past six months in creating a vision to energise Syd Duncan Park, has been both exciting and enriching. Our group recognises the advantages to be gained by working with a larger organisation in the same community, and it looks forward to future collaborations".

The dynamic group, founded in 2014 by Sarah Hicks and Sarah Browning, aka 'the two Sarahs', is focused on bringing community-desired improvements to Syd Duncan Park and has had several successful meetings with Cr. Glenn Tozer of the Gold Coast City Council.

Shane Mobbs, BRASA committee member, has been closely involved with the group and helped formulate a submission recently sent to council, outlining the community's long-term vision for the park. He said: "BRASA strongly supports the local community in its endeavours to secure much-needed infrastructure for Syd Duncan Park. This truly is a community-inspired project; a good example of how successful outcomes can be achieved when a community works together and in conjunction with the various levels of government. It is great to see how effectively the team has harnessed the community's energy, achieving tangible results in a relatively short space of time. Long may it continue".



### **CALLING ALL SAUSAGE SIZZLERS.....**

**The BRASA Sports & Social Club** will be holding a fundraiser at Bunnings, Nerang from 9am to 3.30pm this coming Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

Bunnings BBQ's are excellent fundraisers and the proceeds assist with the running of other community events.

If any members or friends would like to spend a couple of hours assisting on the day, or even helping to cut up what seems like a mountain of onions the night before, please contact: [brasacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:brasacommittee@gmail.com)

**17 July 2015**

**The Great Beechmont Art Show** will commence with a drinks and nibbles night at Laurel Cottage from 6pm on Friday 17 July 2015. Admittance is \$10 if pre-booked, or \$12 at the door on the night.

On Saturday and Sunday 18 and 19 July, the Exhibition will be open from 2pm to 5pm for the Beechmont community and friends. Admission is by gold coin donation per person. On the Sunday, activities will be arranged for children.

This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the talents of the many artists who reside on Beechmont and many of the art works will be for sale. Please come along to help support your local artists.



As you may have noticed from the Calendar of Events on the BRASA website there is a lot happening on our Beech Mountain.

To make sure all these events are successful, we need people who are willing to volunteer their time and skills to ensure the smooth running of activities.

A volunteer- based organisation is only as strong as its volunteers.

We are putting together a register of members who have volunteered to help at our various community events, for example with BBQ's, at Movie Nights, writing grant applications, finding items for raffles, chasing sponsors, face-painting, or just simply providing a pair of hands and a smiley face.

Please forward your name and ideas about how you would like to help.

We would love to hear from you.

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## REMEMBER CAROLS IN THE PARK?

It seems like a long time till Christmas, but all events take time to organise and the Christmas Carols is an event that the Beechmont Survey has identified as near and dear to the hearts of the Beechmont Community. Unfortunately since the previous organiser moved from the mountain it has been sadly missed.

Are you willing to be the lead organiser? Or are you willing to assist the organiser?

If so, please contact [brasacommittee.com](http://brasacommittee.com).

Unfortunately, if no one comes forward, the Christmas Carols will not run again this year.



## Graceleigh Park Oval In Good Hands

Since the establishment of the oval management team led by grounds man Tony Knowles, the oval has never looked better. The systems now in place will ensure it gets even better.

“We have stocked up with all the necessary ant bait and other essentials in the container onsite and we’ve given the trusty mower an overhaul to get the maximum performance from it”, said BRASA President Greg Slater. “Tony Knowles is implementing systems that can be followed easily and will ensure continuity. We are aiming to have a top-class oval the community can be proud of”, he said.

The final stage of the top-dressing of the oval is planned for September this year.



## Neighbourhood Watch

**BRASA** has received advice from both Jon Krause MP for Beaudesert and Ros Bates MP for Mudgeeraba that they are seeking to establish a Neighbourhood Watch group to cover both Beechmont and Lower Beechmont.

If any Beechmont community members are interested please contact:

Jon Krause MP, Member for Beaudesert, Reply Paid 85980, Beaudesert Qld 4285



## Defibrillator On Hand At Graceleigh

We all hope we will not be put in the position where we have to administer CPR, but isn't it better to be prepared; especially when the knowledge could mean the difference between life and death of a loved one?

The defibrillator, recently purchased by BRASA through the proceeds of a successful grant application, will be of assistance when carrying out CPR – it actually tells you what to do!! The automated voice takes you through the procedure. How helpful is that?

It is a fascinating piece of equipment, amazing new technology, which can actually help save lives.

BRASA is currently negotiating with the Department of Education and Training to locate the recently purchased defibrillator in a secure location at the Hall on Graceleigh.

It is important that there will always be someone available to assist in an emergency and to that end a free training course was recently conducted by Catherine Slingsby, an accredited St John's Ambulance Service instructor. Catherine is prepared to run more courses if community members are willing to participate.

BRASA would like to see at least three members from every Beechmont group equipped to use the machine. It is not difficult to learn. If members of the community wish to participate, further training courses will be arranged.

Please contact: [brasacommittee@gmail.com](mailto:brasacommittee@gmail.com)

## CRICKET CLUB CHRISTENS NEW PITCH



After several postponements due to a run of bad weather, the new astro-turf cricket pitch at Graceleigh Park Oval was finally played on last week when the Loweres and Uppers met for the final game in this year's Kennedy Shield challenge.

The Loweres, having long forgotten the taste of victory, fared better on the new conditions and took the match with two overs to spare.

The tightly contested match produced some memorable moments, notably Tom Sharp's bloody face-plant into the turf after an age-

defying leap for a catch that never was. But the man of the match went to the Loweres wicket keeper Gavin Zahner for a stellar all-round performance.

Club President Dan Blunt said: "there's plenty of movement off the pitch and it's definitely more challenging for the batsman. With the upgraded pitch the club is in good shape and all the players are looking forward to visits from other cricket clubs such as Tamborine and Beaudesert in the new season".

The Club will soon be selecting its best side for the much-anticipated inter-village matches.

Watch this space.

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## FOLKS: GET READY TO HIKE RAMBLE AND STROLL



**Beechmont Walking Tracks** could be just around the corner as BRASA treasurer Tom Blake and BRASA member local Wal Cattermole continue to investigate potential walking tracks in and around the beautiful Plateau.

As the recent BRASA survey indicated, walking tracks are much desired by the membership and will no doubt be well traversed once established.

Tom Blake said: "Wal (Cattermole) and I will be putting together a draft outlining possible routes, which we will present to the membership. When consensus is reached we will

approach council for their backing.

"There is a group of locals who are keen on setting up a walking club but it has been deterred by the dearth of tracks. Hopefully, with some perseverance, we can change that".

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# BREAKING NEWS

STATE OF ORIGIN GAME 2 ON THE BIG SCREEN AT LOWER

BEECHMONT FIRE SHED 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE FROM BEECHMONT'S VERY OWN 'MICK VIEVERS' MORE DETAILS TO COME...



