

FOREST GARDENS ESTATE NEWS



A COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER
FOR
FOREST GARDENS ESTATE
OWNERS & RESIDENTS

OCTOBER 2008 EDITION

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the October edition of the Forest Gardens Estate Newsletter. In this edition we will solve last month's Puzzle, tempt you with a 'wicked recipe' introduce the gardener and his accomplice and say goodbye to Rick and Jane.

Did you know? Record prices are being accepted for units within the Estate.

NOTICE BOARD: Some residents have requested another noticeboard be erected in the lower section of the Estate. The maintenance shed is an ideal location until the BBQ shelter near the entrance to the estate in Heathcote Drive is repaired.

Annual General Meeting

The notices for the AGM have arrived in your letterbox by now. It will be held at the Agricultural College in Jolimont Road, Forest Hill at 7pm on Wednesday 5th November. There is plenty of parking, toilets available, all on one level, seating for 100 (wishful thinking) and tea & coffee facilities. The Committee are hopeful of a good turnout. Anyone needing a ride are encouraged to call BCS and leave a msg re transport and some cars will be leaving from the BBQ in Heathcote Drive at 6.30 pm for anyone needing a ride. Obviously we will need to know before hand.

UPDATE !!!

Advice from BCS as we go to print – An incomplete financial statement has been sent out, an amended one is in the mail.

RECIPE CORNER:

CHOC TOPPED CRUNCHY SLICE

3 X 65G Mars bars chopped

90 g butter

3cups rice bubbles

Topping

200g milk chocolate, chopped

30g butter

Grease lamington tin

Combine mars bars and butter in large saucepan, stir constantly

over low heat without boiling

until mixture is smooth, stir in

rice bubbles. Press mixture

evenly into pan. Spread with

topping,

Refrigerate until set before

cutting

Topping *Melt chocolate and*

butter in pan over hot water

(or in microwave) stir until

smooth.

Arrivals & Departures:

It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of a long standing resident – Vera Duck on the 27th August 2008. Vera has lived on the estate for 10 and 1/2 years. Her twin sister Jean who also resides on the estate survives Vera.

If you are aware of any new arrivals or sad departures that other residents might like to know about – Contact a Committee member.

VCAT HEARING UPDATE:

The Committee can now report that a settlement has been agreed too. As mentioned previously a substantial amount of money is to be paid to the Owner's Corporation and BCS. A payment plan has been put in place with the first payment being made by 30th October and the last by end of March 2009.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE CORNER:

A new PVC Coated Chainwire fence has now been erected at the Forest Chase entrance to the Estate. The shrubbery has been pruned back. (Quite dramatically) Security has been greatly improved.

The Arborist has been on site and has made new recommendations in regard to safety, health and overall condition of our trees and hedges. Action is scheduled on his report

Line marking has now been completed. Thankyou for being understanding during this process.

PLEASE always be aware of workmen around the Estate and take care when driving through to adhere to necessary diversions and directions.

GREY ARMY NEWS:

Change of time and date :- The 'meet and greet' with a sausage sizzle has been changed to Thursday 30th October at 6pm at the BBQ on the Reserve. Come along, meet our new gardener and have a bit of a chat. Please bring your own drinks and chairs. Sausages, bread and sauce supplied.

COMINGS & GOINGS:

Welcome to all new Owners that have moved into the Estate over the past couple of months.

We also need to acknowledge that record prices for units were achieved in September.

WEBSITE:

The website has been activated and is well worth a look. Any suggestions or assistance in maintaining the information will be greeted heartily.

PARKING:

Always and issue please be aware of parking safely around the estate and not damage common property lawns.

BINS:

Another reminder BINS belong behind your gate not on common property.

INTERIM GARDENING CONTRACT

As advised in previous newsletters the Interim Contract for the maintenance of the Common Gardens and Lawns is now coming to an end.

Rick Waterman's contract with us will be completed on 31st October 2008. He and his family will be leaving the estate shortly after. We wish to pass the thanks of the residents of FGE and wish them all well in their future endeavours.

HI-TECH NEWS:

The AGM is going Hi-Tech – Not all Owners can make it to the AGM so we are recording the entire meeting. It is hoped that the video will be able to be uploaded onto our Website so those with Computer access can be a part of it.

COMMITTEE:

It's time to elect or re elect Committee members to help shape our Community for the next 12 months?

Have you got some spare time? Any special interest or skill you have to offer?

Nomination forms were enclosed with your AGM notices.

Security

BBQ shelters are in the news again. Non-residents are utilising our facilities and some are leaving a mess and making a nuisance. The Police say they are in the estate because they can be. We need to make it uncomfortable for them. Residents should call the **Police on 000** or **Nunawading Police on 9871 4111** and report anyone behaving badly no matter where in the estate they are.

SOMETHING LIGHTER

Following the problems in the sub-prime lending market in America and the run on Northern Rock in the UK, uncertainty has now hit Japan.

In the last 7 days the Origami Bank has folded, the Sumo Bank has gone belly up and the Bonsai Bank announced plans to cut some of its branches.

Yesterday, it was announced that the Karaoke Bank is up for sale and will likely go for a song, while today shares in the Kamikaze Bank were suspended after they nose-dived.

Furthermore, 500 staff at the Karate Bank got the chop and analysts report that there is something fishy going on at the Sushi Bank where it is feared that staff may get a raw deal.

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