

## Division 11 News - Cr Jan Grew GAICD, MFT (Bond)

### November 2011

#### Pet Expo a huge success

A big "thank you" to the many thousands of people, and their pets, who came along to the Pet Expo at Varsity Lakes in September.

The weekend was huge, Dr Chris Brown joined us again this year and, as always, was a big hit with the crowds.

Our Dock Diving competition made a big splash and the competitors in Creative Grooming were wonderful, with our winner a beautifully groomed lion.

We were supported by the [RSPCA](#) and Animal Welfare League again this year and everyone enjoyed their free sample bags from our sponsor Iams, the free trees from Council plus all the free rides and activities.

A big "thank you" also to the exhibitors who came along to be part of this fantastic weekend and to the pet lovers who brought their special friends along to join in the fun.

Next year we celebrate our 10th birthday!

#### Christmas concert

At the last army band concert, Major Jeff Cocks, advised the band will be changing shape and size over the next couple of years and that will mean it will not be performing traditional military band concert music at its performances.

While some will be disappointed with this news, Major Cocks wants to reassure concert lovers they will continue to present their lunchtime performances, which will have a slightly more contemporary (popular) flavour.

In order to help shape the future programs, Major Cocks invites residents to suggest some themes for the concerts, for example Bacharach and Beatles, the Music of Mowtown or The Music of Popular Theatre.

If you have any ideas please call the office on (07) 5582 8255 or email them to me ✉ [division11@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:division11@goldcoast.qld.gov.au) and I will pass them on to Major Cocks.

The Australian Army Band Christmas concert will be on Thursday 1 December at 11.30am at Robina Community Centre. Entry is free and we will be supporting the Robina Lions Club with a raffle on the day. They will also be collecting non-perishable food items to give away at Christmas.

If you would like to bring along a non-perishable food item to assist the Robina Lions Club with their collection, that would be wonderful and much appreciated by the Lions.

#### Sports House now open

The Varsity Lakes Sports House, located on Christine Avenue and the shores of Lake Orr was opened on 15 October and will provide sports clubs, students and the public with a superb venue for sporting and recreational pursuits - in particular water based sports.

Sports House will enable more than 1000 people a week to be socially and physically active, through activities like dragon boating, sailing and kayaking.

The facility also has a large community meeting room and you can get information about hiring the room by emailing ✉ [info@vlcl.com.au](mailto:info@vlcl.com.au).

Office space has also been provided for sports organisations. The massive boat shed has provided storage for all the water craft for the clubs.

For more information go to [www.varsitylakesonline.com.au](http://www.varsitylakesonline.com.au) .

### **Do you have a pond?**

This might be helpful if you have a mozzie problem. The majority of mosquito problems on the Gold Coast are caused by saltmarsh mosquitoes that breed in salt water ponded areas left following tidal inundation.

Further mosquito breeding occurs in freshwater wetlands, and even water holding containers.

Localised mosquito breeding can also occur in ornamental ponds or small dams, if they do not contain fish.

Some species of fish have been found to be effective in controlling mosquito populations; these fish eat mosquito larvae as part of their natural diet. However, choosing the right fish is important.

Fish that are native to local waterways help ensure that local ecosystems are not disturbed; these fish are also better suited to local conditions and are readily obtained.

Noxious fish (for example carp, tilapia, gambusia) are illegal to possess and should never be used for stocking.

The Gold Coast City Council Pest Management Unit maintains a stock of native fish that can be used by residents to reduce mosquito breeding in ornamental ponds.

If you would like to obtain some of these fish for mosquito control purposes, please contact the Pest Management Unit on (07) 5581 7914 to discuss your situation.

### **New footpath**

Following a request from the Principal of Robina Primary School I have allocated \$63,000 to lay 392 metres of two metres wide new footpath along Killarney Avenue. This path has a high volume of pedestrian traffic on school days and the new path will allow greater access for parents and children and older residents in wheelchairs.

### **Get that job**

Gold Coast Libraries have an upcoming opportunity to learn more about getting a job.

### **Dress for Success**

Lucy Hendriks from the Fashion Workshop will help you dress to impress at your next job interview. Lucy will also show you how to develop an affordable work wardrobe and dress for your body shape.

→ Robina Branch Library, Thursday 24 November, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Please contact the branch libraries to make a booking.

### **What's on at The Varsity Lakes Community Resource Centre**

Make your own Christmas cards! Come and learn how to make beautiful hand made cards for Christmas on 25 November, 9am - 11:45am at VLCRC. Cost is \$10 for three cards. No experience necessary. All welcome. Book now on 5593 7006.

### **My office in Robina**

Residents can visit my office (opposite the Robina Library entrance) Monday to Friday 9am to 4:30pm, by appointment or you can contact me on:

Phone: (07) 5582 8255

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