

Iluka Homeowners Association Newsletter - March 2025



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**Mark your
calendars!**

Join us for Iluka's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

***Easter Sunday 20 April 2025 from 9:30am to 11:00am at Sir James
McCusker Park, Iluka.***

This fun-filled event is a wonderful tradition for our community,
and we can't wait to see you there!

Easter Egg Hunt – Bring the little ones along for an exciting morning of egg-hunting fun!

Cuddly Animal Farm – Get up close with adorable farm animals.

Coffee Van – Enjoy a fresh coffee while soaking in the festive atmosphere.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help on the day. If you're available and would like to
lend a hand, please contact the committee at committee@iluka.org.au

Come along, bring your family and friends, and let's celebrate Easter together
in the heart of our community!

The event will be free however a gold coin donation to

Make-A-Wish Foundation
will be greatly appreciated.

This event is proudly sponsored by the Iluka Homeowners Association



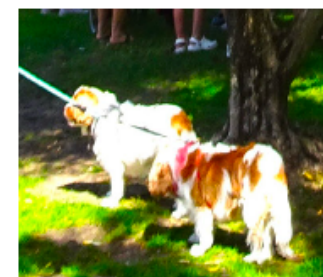
"Pawsitively Perfect Park Play: A Tail-Wagging Tale of Responsible Dog Owners"

Ah, the local park – a place where the sun seems a little brighter, the grass feels a bit greener, and the sound of yips and wagging tails fills the air with joy and camaraderie. The parks in Iluka are a true haven for dog lovers and their furry companions. What makes these spaces truly special, however, is the responsible dog ownership that prioritises consideration for others, safety, and respect for the environment. Responsible dog ownership is a joy, not a chore. So, as you grab a leash and head out for a walk, keep the following tips in mind:

- Pay attention to any signage about dog control regulations
- Always supervise your pet closely
- Be considerate of others while caring for your pet
- Be aware of areas where dogs must remain on a leash at all times, to ensure the safety of local flora, native animals, and birds

Being mindful of others strengthens our community and makes our parks such great places to enjoy. The next time you visit, remember ***to leash up when required, clean up after your dog, and keep an eye on your furry friends.***

After all, being a responsible dog owner is a walk in the park – quite literally. With community members who consider each other, it's no wonder our parks are pawsitively perfect places for everyone to enjoy!



🎵 *Iluka Sounds in the Park: A Celebration of Community & Music* 🎵



Our *Iluka Sounds in the Park* series has been a resounding success so far, bringing neighbours and friends together to enjoy live music in the beautiful setting of Sir James McCusker Park Amphitheatre. Here's a recap of the first two events and a look ahead to what's next!



17 Sunday, 24 November: Coastal Sounds

The series kicked off in November with *Coastal Sounds*, who captivated the audience with their incredible music. Approximately 250 attendees, including families, kids, and even a few well-behaved dogs, enjoyed a wonderful evening of connection and entertainment. Kids danced under the trees, neighbours chatted, and the relaxed atmosphere made for a memorable start to the series. Thank you to the food trucks who attended, *The Pitch Inn Food Truck* with delicious burgers and "Mr Supa Whip" soft serve ice-cream.



17 Sunday, 19 January: Gaz Fowlie

Our second event was another fantastic success! Despite the hot day, the amphitheatre's shady trees and cooling sea breeze created the perfect conditions for an evening of live music. *Gaz Fowlie* wowed the crowd with his broad repertoire of songs, ending the night with a singalong to Neil Diamond's "Sweet Caroline" with arms waving in unison! Thank you to *The Canuck Truck* who delighted with their delicious

Canadian speciality of loaded fries, and *Shake Waffle and Roll* offered the perfect sweet treats to round out the night. A big thank you to Tom from *Iluka Electrics* and Niall from *Bowe Electrical Co* for their support in signing off on the compliance requirements needed by the City of Joondalup to ensure safe use of the park's power. We greatly appreciate their assistance in making this event possible.



Save the Date for the Final Event in the Series!

17 Sunday, 16 March | 5–7 pm

🎵 *Merlot Music* will bring smooth jazz sounds to the park for a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately, due to lower-than-expected patronage to the food trucks, the dessert van has decided not to return for the next event. However, we're pleased to confirm that *The Canuck Truck* will be there on 16 March, offering their popular loaded fries along with some dessert options to ensure there's still a sweet treat available!

This event series is proudly organised by the volunteers of the Iluka Homeowners Association and we are thrilled to see so many neighbours coming together to support local music and celebrate our community spirit.

We hope to see you at the final event! Bring your picnic, chairs, blankets, and enjoy an evening of great music in the heart of Iluka.

Warm regards,

The Iluka Homeowners Association Committee



Calling Local Musicians!

We've loved showcasing the incredible musical talent right here in Iluka, and we're already looking ahead to next year's **Iluka Sounds in the Park** series! If you're a local musician or part of a band and would be interested in performing at a future event, we'd love to hear from you. Contact us at committee@iluka.org.au. This is a great opportunity to share your music with the community in a relaxed and welcoming setting. If you're keen to be involved, please reach out to us—we'd love to expand our lineup for 2025-26!



Toilet in Sir James McCusker Park

Visitors to Sir James McCusker Park can now enjoy an even more comfortable and convenient experience thanks to the recent addition of a brand-new toilet facility, completed by the City of Joondalup. Situated near the barbecue area, picnic spots, and the children's playground, this universally accessible facility ensures all visitors can enjoy their time at the park with ease. The facility is secured with a time lock system and is open daily from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

STREET TREE PLANTING

Street trees play a crucial role in enhancing our city, particularly in our own suburb of ILUKA. They provide essential shade, help to lower surface temperatures, create habitats for native fauna, improve air quality, and contribute to a more aesthetic and appealing environment.

Did you know that as a homeowner, you can request a free street tree from the CoJ's Preferred Tree Species List on your verge if there isn't one already, or if there is space for more than one tree?

More information in regard to Street Tree Planting can be found at <https://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/residents/roads,-streets-and-verges/trees-planting-initiatives#StreetTreePlanting>



CoJ tree on left planted 6 months ago, while the tree on the right is now 2 years old.

Where possible, supporting the city in nurturing biodiversity, enriching urban landscapes, and mitigating the effects of climate change offers lasting benefits—not just for us today, but also for our children and future generations to come. In hot weather don't forget to leave out a shallow dish of water for ground dwelling native animals and a high up birdbath for our native birds to drink and wash themselves.



POLYPHAGOUS SHOT HOLE BORER

As we are aware from media reports, this invasive beetle targets a wide variety of plant species, with over 500 documented cases globally. The City of Joondalup is collaborating with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to prevent the spread of the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB), and is encouraging the community to help by using the [MyPestGuide Reporter | Agriculture and Food](#) app to report any suspected sightings. There's a short and simple video on the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development site <https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/borer> which explains a little about how the beetle works and what to look for. Hopefully, together, we can help safeguard our environment!

A message from your Committee

SAR Update

The committee understands and acknowledges the concerns raised by residents regarding the recent decline in maintenance standards across the suburb. This issue has primarily stemmed from the transition to a new contractor responsible for the upkeep, resulting in some initial challenges, particularly in relation to turf maintenance. The committee has been actively working with the City of Joondalup's SAR representatives to address these issues and ensure that maintenance levels are restored to an acceptable standard.

In addition, the committee is currently collaborating with the City to identify and budget for several landscape upgrades, which are set to begin in this financial year. These improvements will further enhance the overall appearance and landscaping amenity of the suburb.

A map detailing SAR coverage is shown on the right. It is also available on the Iluka Homeowners Association website for residents to check what is included. <https://www.iluka.org.au/sar/>

Maintenance Issues

As you are paying additional contributions for the enhanced level of maintenance then it is reasonable that you should expect that your money is being spent effectively. If you notice a maintenance issue, whether it is maintenance that has not been carried out satisfactorily or requires urgent attention, you are able to report it directly to the City of Joondalup through the online "Report It" Customer Request System (CRM).

<https://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/community-and-spaces/community-safety/report-an-issue>

If you have any questions or concerns related to SAR matters, you can also get in touch directly with the Committee by using the webform found under Contact on the Iluka Homeowners Association website. We would encourage all residents to make use of the above facilities. The committee regularly meets with City of Joondalup Maintenance representatives to review the maintenance being carried out.

Just a reminder that the **Iluka Homeowner's Association** committee meets on the **first Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm at the Joondalup Sports Association** on Miami Beach Promenade. Everyone is welcome to attend, with our upcoming meeting to be held on **Tuesday 8 April** – a great opportunity to share your ideas, voice your concerns, ask questions, get involved in the community or volunteer to help out with our events.



SAR Turf and Landscape Areas:
Turf in **Green**. Landscape in **Yellow**.



Get Involved in Your Local Community!



Love bringing people together? Or perhaps you are a student studying Event Management! We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help with organizing future **Iluka Sounds in the Park** events and other community gatherings. If you have an interest in event planning or just want to lend a hand in making our suburb an even better place to live, we'd love to hear from you. Whether it's helping with logistics, promotion, or ideas for new events, your contribution will make a real difference. Let's keep the community spirit alive—get in touch if you'd like to be involved! You know the address committee@iluka.org.au.

You have seen the costume - will you fill the shell?

We are currently looking for **volunteers** to assist us with our upcoming **Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, 20 April!** We urgently need someone to **dress up as the Easter Bunny!** If you can fill the empty shell - please contact us at committee@iluka.org.au It is so rewarding to see the smiles on the faces of the children. **Give it a go - you won't be disappointed!**

