



Newsletter

Firstly, a big welcome to new neighbours. Although it's always sad to say goodbye to old friends, we seem pretty blessed here at Shangri La because we always seem to get wonderful replacements.

It's been a while since our last newsletter but there has been plenty going on, not least of which is a lot of maintenance work in the Clubhouse...

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Anyone who has visited our Clubhouse recently will be unsurprised to hear that, for Health and Safety reasons, we have decided to close the building until current remedial work has finished.

What's going on?

About six months ago we discovered a slow leak inside an internal wall cavity. Upon investigation, the leak was found to be from a failed cap to the 'in-wall' water cistern that used to serve the (now redundant) urinal. The cap had obviously been leaking over a long period of time. Such 'gradual deterioration' damage isn't covered under insurance so we secured an independent builder to assess the damage - which proved to be significant.

When we exposed the sub floor it became apparent that water damage had spread further than originally thought so we have had to lift more of the flooring than anticipated to make sure we have identified all material that needs treating or replacing.

Our Secretary will send out an email when work is completed and the Clubhouse is able to reopen. Obviously, Fiona (Clubhouse Manager) is unable to accept bookings for the foreseeable future. If you have a booking in place, please contact Fiona as it is likely you will have to make alternative arrangements for your function.



Pool now closed

Incase there are a few hardy characters still using the pool we have to now ask you to take your 'refreshing' dips elsewhere because the Shangri La pool is now officially closed.



During the winter months we save significant valet costs by knocking chemicals and pool care down to a minimum. This means, of course, that the pool won't be up to our normal high health and hygiene standards - so please don't go in!

The pool will be opened again after our AGM and working bee; usually this is in time for the Labour weekend.

Replanting our border

Thank you to Rob and Ray who have been liaising with the Council in order to try and get some positive improvements as regards some of our old and dieing shrubs along the borders with Gulf Harbour Drive and Island View Drive.

The borders belong to the Council but their declining state has obviously not been a Council priority to date. However - some good news! The Council have agreed to take down and dead or dieing trees and shrubs and we are talking to them about both tall tree replacements and an additional number of wider shrubs. We will let you know the outcome but so far its looking reasonably positive.

Our financial condition

SLGRA end of financial year is 31st July. Every year we try to hit a sensible balance between prudent investment into our capital fund (for one-off big expenses) and the desire to keep monthly fees to a minimum.

Thanks to this sensible fiscal approach, SLGRA is in the fortunate position of having accrued over \$60,000 in our capital fund. Although substantial, it is unlikely to be enough to cover some of the mid term expenditures we have coming up which now include:

- Clubhouse water damage work
- re-lining of the swimming pool
- realignment of tennis court flood lights

This is therefore an early 'heads up' that our fees are likely to increase this coming year.

Your bin or not your bin?

Please take care which blue recycling bin you grab after the Monday collection as a couple of members have been frustrated by the fact that theirs always seem to go 'on walkabout'. Thanks!

Reserved parking

As there are a number of new residents in Shangri La Gardens we thought it was timely to remind people that the red bricked parking bays are primarily for visitors.

Your Committee

Your SLGRA committee meets in the clubhouse at 7.30pm on the second Monday of every month. Any paid-up member can attend to submit ideas or raise issues under 'General Business'. Please notify the Secretary in advance so we can timetable your attendance.

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