

THE DEVON PARK BODY CORPORATE COMMITTEE COMMUNIQUE

FOYER UPGRADE PROJECT STARTED

After much preparation, the very necessary renovation to the tower entrance has begun... the first step of the plan was to move the Fire Alarm Information panel* from the right of the entry door to around the corner in the mail box area.

That step has now been done, the installation has been tested and is fully operational.

For those of you who aren't aware of this project, this summary of events will explain what and why... It began as a result of the need to renovate the entry window frames; investigations into the work led us to the decision that the time was right to correct some of the shortcomings of the area (the 'temporary' wooden ramps for example) while maintaining/improving the values of the complex as a whole.

Two local architects were invited to submit 'broad concepts' for the project and a survey of owners and residents was undertaken. A consensus was obtained; the successful architect (Geoff Richards) was appointed.

Architectural and engineering drawings will be completed soon and we are about to embark on discussions with builders and trades people/suppliers about costs and timeframes... we are hoping we will be able to select a builder in the latter part of this year, with work to start in late January/early February next year... we will let you know as that decision has been made. Our major concerns will be to ensure that the work is done as efficiently as possible and with as little disruption as possible: inevitably there will be some disturbance from time to time, but we will do our best to keep you informed and up to date. As well as future newsletters and emails, we will use the notice board next to the mail boxes to post updates on the work and warn of any major activity planned.

*Along with the new Fire Alarm Information panel we will be progressively – over the next year or two – installing new smoke detectors, to ensure that our system is compatible with current technology and is as reliable as possible. 🌿

THE NEW GARDEN COMMITTEE

Early this year a garden committee was formed and to date there are three active members: Bob Kirk (G8), Andrew MacKenzie (801) and Dianne Vigneau (108), plus a temporary member, Robyn Gaw (G3), who with time might be in a position to join as a full time member.

All the members are experienced in different fields of horticulture, so it is hoped that they will be able to advise the Body

Corporate so that sound and informed decisions will be made in terms of both maintaining and developing further the beautiful garden areas that we have at Devon Park. To improve what was very poor soil in the herb garden, Robyn has asked Dennis not to dispose of grass clippings from the new lawn so that they are now being used as mulch for that garden. Any excess clippings can be

used in other parts of the garden for soil improvement. Bob has been very busy researching effective ways for treating couch grass which is becoming a problem in the drive border. Dianne has presented a garden planting plan to rejuvenate the garden area outside the East Wing. Work has already begun on removing the unwanted plants, so until the soil is well cleared of all weeds and new plants are planted,

we apologise for the unsightly area.

Andrew is hoping to come up with a planting design for the swimming pool area... the area perhaps in most need of a facelift. Any person who would like to contribute to the garden, with ideas or manual assistance are encouraged to approach a member of the garden committee. They are 'our' gardens so helpful participation is always welcome. 🌿

A NEW FEATURE FOR THE NEWSLETTER
"JUST A THOUGHT"

Something to cheer you up, to brighten your day
to lift your spirits...
(and a way for me to fill in the odd corner).

**"I'm going to retire and
live off of my savings.
Not sure what I'll do the
second week."**

2015 DEVON PARK AGM

A 'heads up' for owners.
Just letting you know that this year's AGM is
scheduled for Tuesday May 12.

It will start at 7.00pm as usual and
will be held in the lift foyer.

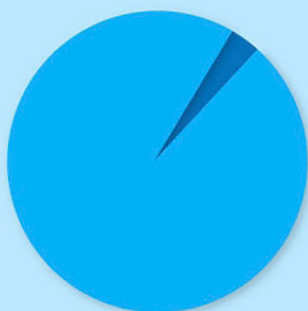
You will all be receiving formal notice of the meeting
from the Body Corporate Secretary, Ken Neighbours
within a couple of weeks of the meeting, but in the
meantime put this date in your calendar: 🌿

SOUTH THE HARBOURSIDE LAWN

The south lawn (on the harbour side of the west wing) has
been receiving a lot of attention lately and the benefits are just
beginning to be seen. First there was the matter of improving
the drainage, a considerable task in itself; the older drains had
become clogged and after heavy rains the ground underfoot
remained soggy for days... we believe that's now been fixed.
Then the new lawn had to be laid and nurtured so that the
conditions for good growth were just right.

And now (we think) we have a south lawn that looks and feels
the way a good lawn should: 🌿

**In view of the fun we've been having with
false alarms recently we thought this would
be of interest:**



**WHAT SMOKE
ALARMS
WARN YOU OF**

■ Fire hazard
■ Your abilities in a kitchen

THE TRAINING ROOM

It would be presumptuous to call it a gymnasium; it is
small, but even 'gym' might sound a little too grand, so
we're calling it 'The Training Room'.

It's equipped with a rowing machine, a treadmill, a cycle
machine and free weights - admittedly basic, but enough
to get those corpuscles excited (see photos below).

If you are interested in using this facility, contact Dennis
for information about cost and access: 🌿



THE JETTY

We can now confirm that our jetty is seaworthy (or should
that be 'residentworthy').

There is a combination lock on the gate as a security meas-
ure against anyone wanting access to our property from
the seaward side... if you want to use the jetty you should
contact Dennis; and if you do use the jetty please make
sure that it is locked on your way up: 🌿

THE POOL

The pool has been great this summer, what with the solar
heating working well and the new filter doing its job, and
it's great to see people enjoying this facility... but, as they
say, all good things must come to an end (a bit like the
cricket really!), so this is to let you know that this year the
plan is to close the pool at the end of April, BUT we'll look
at it on a day-to-day basis as long as this golden summer
carries on and the pool is used.

As you will see in the notes from the garden committee
there are plans for improvements to the pool surrounds,
so we can look forward to another season with the pool
looking even better: 🌿