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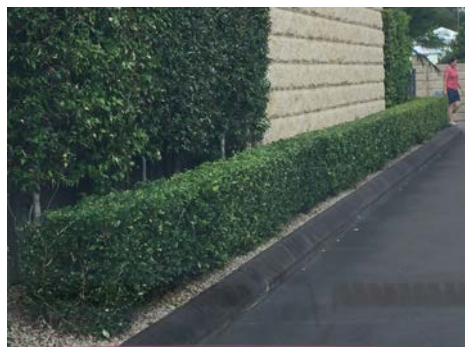
The large palms that dominate the Brunswick Road entry to the Brunswick are a dramatic feature. They do however require regular upkeep.

Are they a feature we should strive to preserve or are they simply creating extra work and maintenance?

Your thoughts?

We have received quite a lot of correspondence in recent weeks about the gardens and grounds. This edition of your Newsletter deals with some of the issues that you have written to us about.

Wayne Brown - Executive Committee Chairman



Freshly trimmed



Needs a haircut

We all want to see the Brunswick looking well maintained. It is only natural that we look outside our own property and judge how well the job is being done by the state of what we can see. At any given time however some parts of the complex will look well groomed and other areas will look as though a trim is well overdue.

Our Gardener, Brett Stanford is well aware of this. He describes looking after The Brunswick as being similar to painting the Harbour Bridge – the job never ends!

Brett has been working at The Brunswick since 2006. Brett's firm is BMS Lawns and Gardens Pty Ltd and he is the contractor for the maintenance and upkeep of all gardens and grounds at The Brunswick with the exception of the areas at the rear of our properties which we all maintain ourselves.

Brett operates on the basis of a Landscape Maintenance Schedule supplied to him when he commenced work here and which Terrigal Projects prepared.



Nobody wants to see unkempt gardens.

Since taking on the job Brett has seen the Brunswick grow to its present size with all stages now complete. All plantings are now mature and require more maintenance than when first established. In addition to Brett's more obvious duties of clearing up and hedge trimming he also looks after all the plants on Common Property and maintains the creek that runs through the property.

The Executive Committee believes that we need to have a closer look at the maintenance of the gardens and grounds. To that end we have asked one of our members, Jan Hunt, to work with Brett to establish an accurate annual scope of works. We want to know Brett's regular programme in order to know WHAT he does, WHEN he does it, WHERE he will be and HOW well he carries out his duties.

This may sound as though we are being critical of Brett and that is far from the case. Many residents have commented favourably on the work that he does. Given that he is only onsite for three days a week in summer and two days in the off-season months many feel Brett is doing a satisfactory job.

An example of Brett's hedge trimming skills



The intention of the Executive Committee is to enable Brett to do the best job he can and to remove any obstacles in his way and provide him with the resources he needs to keep the Brunswick the way we all want it to be.

We may well need to restructure Brett's programme and we may need to look at how much we provide in the way of resources.

DID YOU KNOW?

Brett trims the tops and exterior faces of the internal hedges of the units adjacent to Terrigal Drive and Brunswick Road. This decision was taken years ago to ensure the "street appeal" of the complex is maintained. Owners remain responsible for the trimming of the internal face and the removal of the trimmings from the internal hedges on their property.

We ask residents not to issue Brett with work orders. Please discuss any issues you may have with the Executive



We are coming to the end of the peak season for the use of the pool. There are a few running repairs that need to be carried out and the pool may be unavailable for a period whilst this takes place.

Some repairs to the lighting are due to damage caused by residents or their guests. Please ask children in your care not to use the lights as a step. We ask that residents ensure that all visitors are accompanied while they use the pool and point out that an adult must

accompany children under the age of 12.

We seem to have a number of people who are not residents visiting The Brunswick solely to use the pool. This is not permitted. Please do not encourage such activity. We also ask that residents and their guests do not monopolise the pool for lengthy periods. We all need to be considerate of the needs of others.

Glass is not permitted in the pool area for health and safety reasons.

Bulky goods pick up

Large items can quickly fill the bins and limit the space available for household rubbish. A Council Pick Up can be arranged to collect unwanted bulky items. We are each entitled to six pick-ups a year. Gosford City Council requires two days notice and will collect rubbish on a Friday. Residents can organize their own pick up by contacting the Council on 1300 126278 or you can contact the Executive Committee.

Items for collection should be placed on the kerbside outside the gates no sooner than the night before the pickup.

Need to contact the Executive Committee?

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