



# The Grapevine

Community Newsletter for Landowners and Friends of Nangarin Vineyard Estate

Welcome to the Nangarin Community Newsletter.

Obviously, the recent fires and the terrible loss of individual's property has been the major issue in our estate. Since this time, further contact has been made with the Rural Fire Service in regards to developing a Fire Control Risk Plan. This weekend was identified as extreme conditions as those that were present will agree. Tragedy aside, the most pleasing consequence from this horrible weekend was the amazing community spirit shown and the efforts people went to during that time. Also, many residents have done a great deal since, ensuring those affected have had every assistance possible in moving forward.

One of the visible changes in the Estate has been the asphaltting of the access road and pathway to the amenities area. This was carried out due to some serious OH&S issues and has now created all weather access for those residents utilising the facilities. Also, a great deal of work continues in general maintenance, plantings, weeding and lantana spraying, providing an aesthetically pleasing environment to live in.

With the recent interest and attendance at the Executive Committee meeting held in October, I am excited at the prospect of this continuing to the AGM in December and residents nominating and volunteering their time to stand on the Executive Committee. This will ensure that the outstanding work by past committees will continue and ensure the future of our estate as a premier location to live in the region.

Brian Statham.

Chairperson.

06' - Nangarin Executive Committee.



## **Generosity**

A very big THANK YOU goes out to all owners and their visitors for raising over \$3,500.00 for Nick and Janet. The owners of the house that was lost during the bushfires. This is a fantastic effort and everyone should be congratulated.

We also would like to thank all of the people involved in fighting the fires. Members of the community who grabbed a hose and fought to save the rest of our houses. The damage could have been far worse if it was not for the bravery of our fellow community members! It highlights the strong sense of community spirit we have there at Nangarin. It is becoming rare in this world and we should acknowledge it with a HUGE verbal, written thank you.

## **Wildlife Care**

In the last 12 months 6 x Ringtail and 5 x Brushtail possums have been cared for on the Nangarin Estate by a member of Sydney Wildlife. They required housing in an aviary and daily supplies of fresh gum tips and other native foliage. There are currently 2 baby Brushtails in care and they are growing fast on 3-4 milk feeds per day. Soon they will be ready to include native foliage in their diet and move to an outside enclosure. One of the current babies is a local from Wilton.

Most of these possums came into care as juveniles all orphaned for various reasons. They are released at approximately 6-8 months of age depending on their species and health.

Due to the proximity of grapevines and Cedar Creek Orchard, the possums are not released in Nangarin Estate. Grapes and apples are the possum equivalent of chocolate and they will overindulge at any opportunity. Instead they are found great release sites around the Wollondilly Shire where they can easily access huge corridors of bushland.

To care for native wildlife you need to be licensed with National Parks and Wildlife for the purposes of rescue and rehabilitation. Courses are held by

Sydney Wildlife (24 hour rescue service 9413 4300) and WIRES (1800 641 888) On behalf of these possums I extend a big thank you to Nangarin Estate for its support and will keep The Grapevine up to date on future releases.



## **Christmas Party**

It is planned to have a Christmas get-together on 17 December at the BBQ area. Set this day aside in your calendars now.

**We are planning a sausage sizzle and a visit from Santa.**

## **NANGARIN ESTATE BEAUTIFICATION**

The first meeting of the Beautification Committee was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> October lead by George Morrison. The subcommittee has discussed and agreed on setting up areas of attention to focus on during the coming months. We should all see some great new shade trees being planted around the amenities areas and primarily natives being planted in and around other community areas.

This subcommittee will work together with local residents to ensure that any future plantings compliment the fire/risk plan and in no way compromise the safety of residence. It is proposed to use native trees to rejuvenate areas of bush land away from homes that is along the creek line. Deciduous trees, which are largely fire retardant, will then be planted in the open areas and will provide excellent colors throughout autumn and summer.

To ensure appropriate community consultation, the estate has been divided into two zones. This is represented by the area to the south of the vintage (incorporating The Vines and The Briars) and the area to the north of the Vintage (incorporating the Ironbarks). If you have a suggestion for

community land near your home, please contact your local representative to discuss your proposal. It should be remembered that there is an expectation that residents will assist in the maintenance of improvements, even if this only amounts to a drink of water and the occasional fertilize.

For more information on your local sub committee representative or to become part of this sub-committee contact the secretary to express your interest:

**Contact Rod** <mailto:rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au>



## **MAINTENANCE**

The pathways to the tennis court/BBQ have been upgraded and a maintenance plan and update has begun to keep it looking as new. The contractor for lantana removal has begun but please be aware this is going to be a long process of, “spraying, waiting for it to die back, slashing and spraying the new growth again,” over many months.

## **COMMUNITY FACILITIES BOOKING PROCEDURE TRIAL**

To allow fair use of the BBQ facilities and the tennis courts, a trial booking system is being put into place.

If you would like to use the facilities, you will need to

**Contact Adam on 0408 228 915**

Adam will record your bookings and the booking sheet will be displayed in the locked display board in the BBQ area. Adam will update this on a weekly basis. Please let Adam know if you require BBQ only, tennis court

only or both. You will also need to let Adam know if you need to cancel the booking.

**And a reminder to all:** please care for our community facilities and leave the area clean and tidy.

This system will be in place for a number of months and we would like to hear feedback on the trial.

## **Nangarin Wine**

There is a limited amount of cases of previous vintages still available:

2003 vintage: \$141.90 per case

2004 vintage \$132.00 per case

Please contact Nick for these purchases.

**Next Vintage:** At this stage there are no further vintages planned, and what remains of the 03' and 04' release is all there is. Unfortunately interest in the next release was not as good as expected; with only 3 requests for the next vintage it certainly is not economical at this stage. As it stands there are approx 20 cases of 2003 and 70 cases of 2004 left. Those who wish to have a case of any of the remaining wine, please contact me (Nick) ASAP as it may be the **last** of the Nangarin Label.

**Contact Nick on 0419 649 845**

## **NANGARIN BABY SITTING SERVICE**

Nangarin now has two new babysitters!

Laura with 5 years experience in babysitting, has a senior first aid certificate and has worked with babies as young as 6 months.

Maree with 2 years experience in babysitting and also loves children.

Our Rates are low, starting at \$5 an hour for a single child or \$8 for two, \$2 for each subsequent child or \$60 overnight.

**Contact us on 02 46772616 or mobile 0415232085.**

We live locally!!!

## **Additional Contact Details**

A reminder that if you have any comments or suggestions for the Executive Committee, please feel free to document your thoughts and send them to Macarthur Strata or the Nangarin Secretary.

Details for both are below:

### **Macarthur Strata**

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### **Nangarin Executive Committee**

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As part of the ongoing process of improving communication, Macarthur Strata will acknowledge all landowner / residents written enquiries in writing. They will also advise you of the next scheduled Executive Committee meeting at which your correspondence will be tabled.