



# The Grapevine

Community Newsletter for Landowners and Friends of Nangarin Vineyard Estate

Welcome to the 06' Edition of the Nangarin Community Newsletter. Since the last edition, we have had our Annual General Meeting in December and there has been some changes to the Executive Committee. I would like to thank all the previous committee members for their wonderful efforts throughout the past year with a special mention for Rod Loomes, Tania Patterson and Annette Cubis, who have stood down from the committee. All three individuals had committed an enormous amount of time and energy to the community, which was greatly appreciated by all.

The new Executive Committee is again made up of individuals with a diverse background and varying skills, that I can assure you, all have the best interest of the community at heart. Their commitment is to ensure our future needs are maintained. The voluntary committee will continue to formally meet bi-monthly, and are keen to deal with the current concerns as well as the long-term issues that affect us all.

There are some new houses being constructed within the estate, and some being completed recently. This is an exciting time – and frustrating – that we can all relate to. Also, we wish the residents with recent house sales all the best in their future endeavors and a warm welcome to the new owners.

Visitors continue to comment on the maturing gardens, the ever changing landscaping projects and the overall aesthetics of the estate. The most pleasing aspect for me is that our “slice of the world”, is a great place to live and is continually improving. The summer rainfall, whilst highlighting drainage issues for the majority of us, has given the lawns and gardens a new lease of life. This has had a major impact on the grass cutting throughout the estate, and the committee is working closely with the contractor to ensure that an acceptable standard is maintained.

I am looking forward to the year ahead as we move into the next stage of estate maintenance and improvements and seeing the continued level of community spirit that is evident amongst us all.

Brian Statham.  
Chairperson.  
06' - Nangarin Executive Committee.



## **CLEAN UP 'NANGARIN' 2006**

Clean up Australia Day is a community based environmental event. It was begun 16 years ago by Ian Kiernan, AO. (The 1994 Australian of the Year).

The polluted state of the world's oceans motivated Ian to act and in 1989 Sydneysiders donated their time and energy to clean up the harbour.

In the past 16 years, Australians have devoted more than 8 million hours towards the environment through Clean Up Australia Day and collected over 200,000 tonnes of rubbish.

Thank you to all Nangarin residents who participated in this year's clean up and thanks to Luke who transported all the bags of rubbish to the tip. These activities are always a good chance to assist the environment and to get to know other residents while enjoying some relaxing time around the community BBQ.

## **MACARTHUR BICENTENARY 1806 - 2006**

On January 15, 1806, pioneer farmer, John Macarthur officially received the 5000 acres of land granted to him by Lord Camden. He named the estate Camden Park. The Macarthur's established the merino wool empire, wheat growing, dairying and horticulture in our area and planted Australia's first commercial vineyard.

There are many events happening this year to mark the BiCentenary:

October: Wollondilly White Waratah Festival including the Picton Show (14 - 15 October)

November: Campbelltown Festival of Fishers Ghost 2-12  
November. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities.

For more information contact the Wollondilly Visitor Information Centre 4677 3962 or the Campbelltown Visitor Information Centre 4645 4921



## **Social Committee Seeking Volunteers**

It is planned to have a Christmas get-together on 17 December at the BBQ area. If you are interested in helping to plan this party, please email Rod by September 11.

[rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au](mailto:rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au)

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

## **NANGARIN ESTATE BEAUTIFICATION Volunteer**

The Management Committee is seeking expressions of interest from any Nangarin community member who would like to be involved in this sub-committee, which will be chaired by George Morrison. It is proposed that the sub-committee would look at the future landscaping needs of the community property and devise a 5 year plan for plantings, etc. The initial meeting would be at the BBQ area. If you would like to be involved, please complete the tear off strip and post to the address shown on the slip by the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

Or Email Rod at <mailto:rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au>

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PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO  
***NANGARIN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

Attention: The Secretary  
PO Box 955 PICTON NSW 2571

Name: (please print) .....

'phone contact: (h) .....(m).....

Email address: .....

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## **MAINTENANCE**

The pathways to the tennis court/BBQ have been upgraded and there will be some dead tree removal carried out soon. A contract for lantana removal is also being investigated.

## **ADSL Broadband now available.**

Following the many phone calls by Annette Cubis, tracking down of key Telstra personal by Luke Borg and more than a few letters from many others including myself. Telstra have finally completed the upgraded to our RIM to support ADSL connections. This means you can now order any ADSL package from any supplier you like, so please do shop around for the best deal. This web site is a good source of information: <http://www.whirlpool.net.au>

# 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 02 4677 2616**

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 **ORDERS ONLY**. There will be a very **limited** release and you will have to ring Nick to order and leave a deposit of \$75.00.

Purchase **NOW** and continue your collection!

**Contact Nick on 0419 649 845**

## **2006 Harvest.**

As you are probably aware, there is a glut of wine grapes at present and this affected the harvest. Grapes were picked from the small vineyard at the entrance to the estate this year and most of the rest were left on the vine.

## **Additional Contact Details**

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

Details for both are below:

Macarthur Strata

Att: Trevor

PO Box 205

Narellan 2567

Email:

[info@Macarthurstrata.com.au](mailto:info@Macarthurstrata.com.au)

Nangarin Executive Committee

Att: The Secretary

PO Box 955

PICTON NSW 2571

Email:

[rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au](mailto:rod.harrison@alphawest.com.au)

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.

Next edition:

Approx \$2500 was collected on behalf of Nick and Janet who en