



Settlers Green Autumn Newsletter

Autumn is a season of change that is reflected in our gardens and those of the neighbourhood. We welcome those who are new to Settlers Green and encourage you to make the most of the facilities available to residents.

Since the last Newsletter there has been much activity in the gardens by our gardeners and volunteers. The discovery of army worms in the grounds was quickly dealt with to ensure that the lawns were not destroyed. A number of residents also had to address the problem in their lawns. Quick action is required. To learn more about this destructive garden pest go to: <https://lawnsolutionsaustralia.com.au/lawn-care/lawn-grubs-pests/armyworm/>

Many thanks to Liz and Bert Hall who have worked in the gardens over the summer and to Amanda Maitland for her work in more recent weeks. We would welcome anyone interested to contact the Settlers Green Committee should you be interested in helping to keep garden beds weed free. We do not have a set time or day but either Don or Linda would suggest an area where you could assist.

What's been happening since the last Newsletter?

Pool and Clubhouse

The Committee has been busy in addressing a variety of maintenance and compliance issues that have arisen in recent months. Hornsby Council undertook its inspection of the Pool and determined that there were some aspects that needed to be addressed to make it compliant. The Maintenance Committee had already planned to deal with some fencing that had deteriorated and needed replacement. Given that we were informed to separate the BBQ from the actual pool area, the Committee has worked with a number of contractors to obtain quotes to install new fencing that would achieve this goal, along with the repair work required for compliance which was included in the recently distributed March Minutes. The work will be undertaken in the coming weeks.

The Pool Spa pump motor failed and as it was no longer under warranty and unable to be refurbished; a new one was ordered and has been installed.

The heavy rain on the 5-6th of April led to the shade sails over the pool being damaged and an insurance claim has been made which will take time to resolve. Given that there will be less use of the pool over the coming months we should have time to organise a replacement before the summer season begins.

There will be maintenance work undertaken to repair areas of the Clubhouse, the Cabanas in the pool and tennis court areas that have deteriorated to ensure their longevity. We hope to see this work commence in the next few months.

The Clubhouse and surrounding areas have been attended by the pest inspectors with appropriate signage to advise residents. Additionally, the timers for the tennis courts have also been updated to reflect the change from daylight savings and the lights will be available from 5pm till 10.30pm.

We are pleased to announce that a defibrillator is in the process of being purchased and it will be placed in a position around the Clubhouse for easy access. We are purchasing paediatric cardiac pads that will be in the cabinet.

Just a reminder that the use of the Clubhouse does require a booking to enable the Committee to monitor its use in the event of any unexpected damage. Those who book the Clubhouse are expected to undertake the cleaning regime as set out in the Guide located in the Clubhouse. It is important to ensure that all doors are locked, including that between the Men's and Ladies toilets, the doors leading from the Clubhouse to the pool and the front door. Often, they have been found left open or unlocked. Bookings for the Clubhouse and Tennis Courts are now made electronically using SKEDDA using the following: <https://app.skedda.com/account/login>

Skip Bin

A new fortnightly skip service has been arranged. As well, a new bin has also been organized. The bin is for general waste which goes into land fill. The **following items are not allowed**:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tyres• Batteries• Hazardous and flammable liquids• Paint• Fluorescent lights• Gas cylinders and Aerosol cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oily rags• Oil filters• Large pieces of furniture/mattresses• Paper and cardboard• Styrofoam and other recyclables• sharps
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Further:

1. Large items that could damage the compactor are not allowed. The weight limit for each collection is 300kg. There is a separate charge for excess weight.
2. Recyclables need to be disposed of in the Yellow Bins or taken to the Council Recycling Centre on Sefton Road.
3. Whenever possible the Green Bins should be used for green waste. Consider sharing green bins with neighbours. The contents of green bins are shredded and composted. Green waste unnecessarily takes up space in land fill when placed in the skip.

All residents are asked to observe these restrictions and to consider others when using the skip by spreading large quantities of waste over a couple of collections.

Settlers Green Website

We are continuing to work on having a functioning website for the community which will provide a communications platform for community updates and information along with minutes and any other relevant documents. The site will also have a direct link to the Clubhouse and tennis court booking system stay tuned and any assistance welcomed.

General Maintenance

The back gate on the Clubhouse side of the estate accessing Ruddock Park was broken and need to be replaced. The new lock requires key access to exit and enter the estate which is the same as the lock on the tennis court side of the Estate. The fencing around the gate was also repaired as well.

Social Committee News

The Social Committee held its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of residents on the 31st of March. It is also planning a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at the Clubhouse in May. Keep an eye out for a Facebook announcement and a Flyer in your letterbox.



A reminder that Settlers Green has a Facebook page which is not managed by the Committee. The Committee will use it to inform of work being undertaken that may affect residents or of upcoming social events.