

# NEWS FROM PEACEHAVEN

January/February 2025

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope you have had a wonderful time over the Christmas break catching up with family and friends. Preparations are now under way in the nursery for the first trading day of 2025, **Thursday 30 January**. Please pass the word around to your friends and family.

If you would like to become a nursery volunteer, please send an email via [peacehaven3@gmail.com](mailto:peacehaven3@gmail.com) to the Nursery Coordinator.

Note that to volunteer you must be a member of the Friends of Peacehaven. Our Member Wizard system makes it easy to join: go to [friendsofpeacehaven.org/members/](http://friendsofpeacehaven.org/members/) and follow the simple instructions.

We are planning the usual events such as Tavern Talks and Music in the Park during 2025. More information will appear in *News from Peacehaven*, and don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates.

I send you my good wishes for 2025 and look forward to your continued support in the year ahead.

Wendy Geue, President

## SUNNY CELEBRATIONS

On Sunday 15 December, the weather smiled on our 20-year celebrations. Rain poured down before and after, but all was well on the day.

Nature-focused kids' activities were a big hit, as was face-painting. The junior gardeners potted up seedlings and loved having a free plant to take home. The scavenger hunt became a whole-family activity, with parents as eager as their children to check the answers afterwards.

Stallholders included environmental organisations and gardening clubs, the Crows Nest Community Nursery, the Toowoomba Historical Society and the QCWA. We offered guided tours of the park and illustrated talks about the park's history, while the nursery did brisk trade, offering 10% off all plants.

Special guests included Deputy Mayor Rebecca Vonhoff and Councillors Tim McMahon and Trevor Manteufel, members of the Kuhl family, people who had been instrumental in the initial establishment of the park, and a representative of Heritage Bank, which has always been generous with grants for Peacehaven.

Five talented students from Highfields State School read out poems they had written about the park and its benefactor. Cr Vonhoff spoke, afterwards presenting George Smith with a well-deserved award for his dedicated service to the Friends of Peacehaven over many years.

It was a happy and successful afternoon, and a fitting tribute to the generosity and foresight of the late Stan Kuhl.

You'll find a picture gallery of the event on p. 2 of this extended newsletter.

## DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLED

We have purchased and installed an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), with the aid of a grant from the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund.

This lifesaving device can be used in case of cardiac arrest. It is fully automatic, so even an untrained bystander can be guided by the voice prompts to help save a person's life.

The defibrillator is prominently placed on the shed wall beside the entrance to the nursery.



## EVENT TO WELCOME 2025

A low-key social event is planned for early February – an opportunity to welcome new members and socialise with your friends. Please bring a small plate of food to share.

**Date:** Saturday 8 February

**Time:** 1 pm – please bring a plate!

**Place:** Nursery Shed

## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

A general meeting of the Friends of Peacehaven will be held in the third week of February.

**Date:** Wednesday 19 February

**Time:** 10 am

**Place:** Nursery Shed

All welcome

## HERITAGE-LISTING THE PARK?

Stephanie Keays, Principal Architect, Toowoomba Regional Council, will meet with the committee to discuss the pros and cons of listing Peacehaven Botanic Park on the Queensland Heritage Register. Any interested members are welcome to attend the meeting.

**Date:** Wednesday 5 February

**Time:** 10 am

**Place:** Nursery Shed

# Celebrating 20 years: a picture gallery

