

Note to Self

30th April 2011

Dear Owners and Investors,

I received part of an email from my body corporate manager, and I thought I would share it with you, as it gave me such a laugh. This isn't one of our complexes, and it is in regards to upgrading the pool fencing to comply with the new laws;-

What an enormous crock of CRAP (Compulsive Risk Assessment Psychosis) that is, in reality, common garden variety self serving bullying. Have you seen the sign 'WARNING - NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY'. It's almost bigger than the area itself. It's not as if one couldn't tell by simply LOOKING!!!!

If kids can stack those rocks up they must be REAL keen to get into the pool area - AND SWIM. If they can crawl under that fence then chances are they should not be of this planet and we'd be doing the community a service.

AND less then 25mtrs away is an unfenced tidal swamp - REALLY do we have to play this stupid game?

FINGERS I say! It's about time more people said ENOUGH!!!!

So NO is my vote.

I just love body corporate sometimes! I can understand the frustration, as some of the rules are just stupid but they are the rules and we have to follow them.

Since taking the leap into the cyber world and joining realestate.com.au I have to confess that I wouldn't be without it. Over the past week, I have lined up three inspections on a house in Kewarra with all really good prospects, a really great potential tenant for the property in Edge Hill, three good leads for the two bedroom units and just to make my day this afternoon I showed a couple through a property a Bayview Heights property and it looks like they will take it.

The way people are looking for properties is changing, and although there will always be a place for the classifieds in the paper, internet is the way to get good tenants. Two of these potential tenants don't currently live in Cairns, so if we were solely relying on the local paper we would never have made this contact. I know that Mano, our realestate.com.au rep will be smiling and nodding her head as she reads this. I won't say things are the way they were before, but I will say things certainly are much better than what they were six months ago.

Many times you will hear me whine about working too hard, or not having time to do the things like get my nails or hair done, but at the end of the day all the hard work, sacrifice and the millions we owe to the bank to buy the properties is paying off. We get to do things that I would never have dreamed about before. This weekend we are off to Brisbane, to be honest I didn't even realise that it was Easter until after I had booked the tickets.

Just after Ramon had his first stroke, we came up with our bucket list - before the movie came out! On my list was going to a dawn service. We are so lucky to be able to go with Bob and Gwen in Brisbane and this will be our fifth Anzac Day dawn service together. Bob wears his medals, I bring the hankies and it is a contest as to who will blub the most during the service. The best part is the gun fire breakfast afterwards!

Sometimes I do forget just how much our lives have changed over the past ten years. Back then we couldn't afford the bus fair to Cairns, let alone jet down to Brisbane just so we could go to the dawn service.

I hope that each of you have a lovely break over Easter.

Linda