Newstead Terraces News

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

Another year has flown past, bringing to the end my fourth Christmas in the complex and third year trading at Newstead Terraces. It has been a year of milestones, but as each year passes, I am prouder and prouder of how the complex is presented and operating. The body corporate committee is constantly striving to find ways to reduce our overheads and operate with greater efficiency. Our building is still presenting a fresh and loved face to the street and our residents are living happily and harmoniously. All is well with the world, and the festive spirit is evident.

Many of us are heading away over the Holiday Season. Thank you for giving me your dates. It makes good sense from a security perspective to let someone know that you are not at home. I can then go and close a window if it has been inadvertently left open in the rush to catch the flight to some exotic destination.

For those who have chosen to stay at home this holiday, may I please ask that whilst celebrating and enjoying our stunning common areas, you keep in mind a few things to make it enjoyable for everyone.

1. No Glass in the pool area. Should a glass be broken in the pool, the pool must be completely emptied and the broken glass found before it does enormous damage to the filtrations system. The owner of the broken glass picks up the bill for this little job. Best just to take plastic to the pool.
2. Please do not put essential oils in the sauna heater, or put a towel under the door to block the air flow. Please leave it running for the minimum time not the maximum on the timer clock and when you do leave, turn it down to the lowest heat setting.
3. If you have booked the BBQ, please be aware that there may be someone using the BBQ immediately after you, so give it a good tidy up before you leave.
4. Please feel free to water the gardens and pot plants if they are looking a little thirsty. I have left the hose and some attachments at the front door.

Thank you; You are all really respectful of our lovely home and treat it with great care during the year, I am sure you will continue to do so over the holiday period. I will be away, so you may need to take some additional personal responsibility for little things that need doing over the next few weeks.

Thank you for a fabulous year and for being such a lovely group of people to live and work with. May 2014 be even more rewarding for us all.

Have a great and joyous Christmas. See you in the New Year.

Georgina (and Doogle)