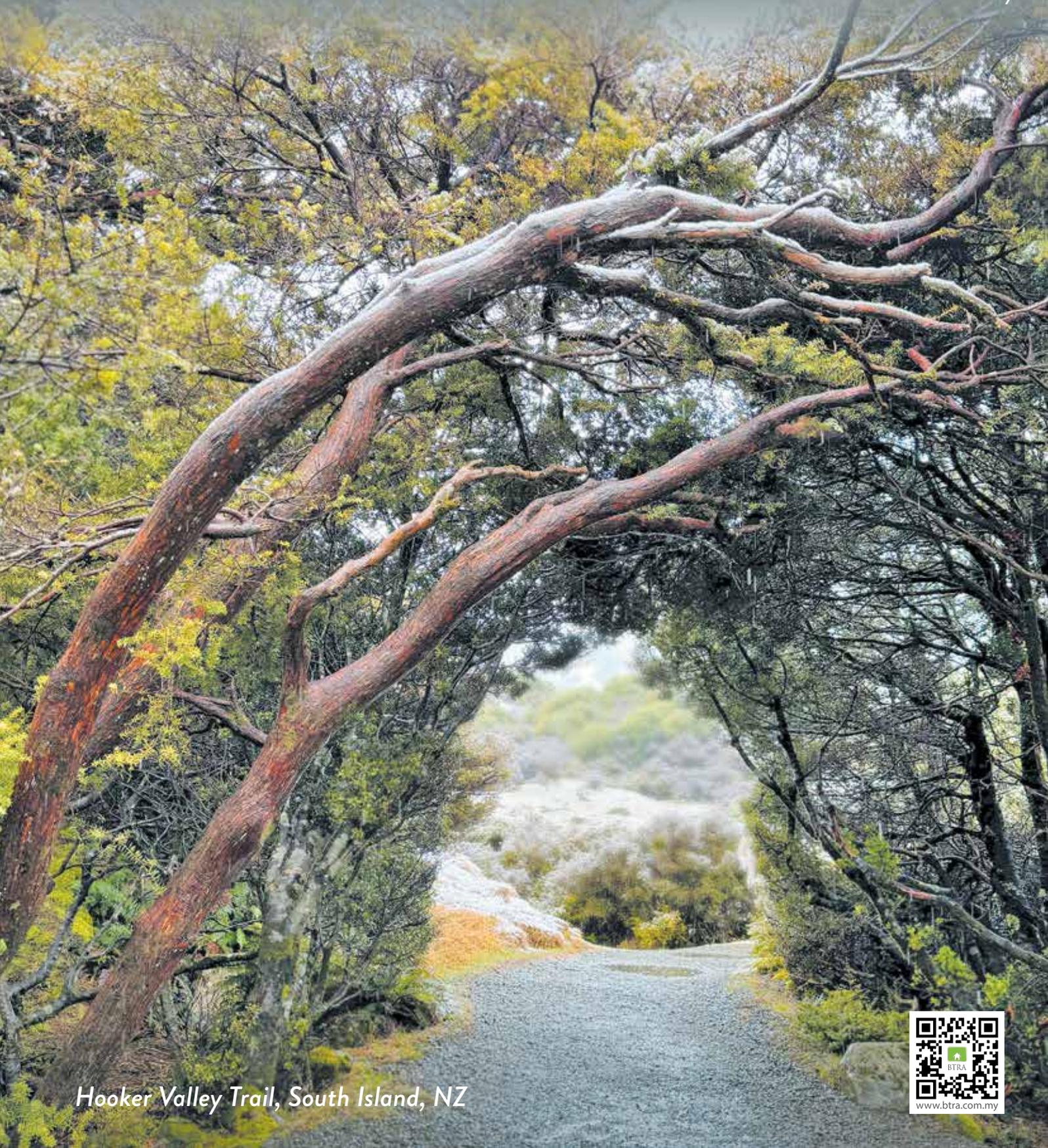


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The President Speaks

I wish to highlight a key project BTRA has undertaken that affects our neighbourhood. The BTRA Committee has focused on the landscape and tree maintenance project currently underway in Bukit Tunku.

This long-term project — to shape and control the landscape of our natural environment with native trees and plants — aims to ensure the sustainability of our neighbourhood for years to come.

Work in Phase 1 started in September after several meetings with DBKL, FRIM and our appointed arborist consultancy Raintree, who is currently completing the first street in Phase 1, Persiaran Bukit Tunku. DBKL approved our plan, not least because it relieves some of its workload with regard to tree maintenance and pruning here, but also that it can deploy its resources to other essential work.

That is not to say that DBKL will not be involved in maintaining our neighbourhood in the future. We continue to engage them and other public agencies for appropriate work — after all, we still pay our Assessment and Quit Rent.

Back to the major tree project, the other two designated streets in Phase 1 will be scheduled for work once Persiaran Bukit Tunku has been done, and after a review with Raintree on the overall situation. Updates will be shared on the BTRA Members chat group in due course.

Now, in terms of cost, BTRA has committed to cover 50% of Phase 1. As such, it is hoped that residents and property owners in the designated streets in Phase 1 will contribute to the 50% balance. This is a



worthwhile investment in our neighbourhood and our tree-lined streets, where we have chosen to make our home (even temporarily).

I wish to convey my deep thanks and appreciation to those living in Persiaran Bukit Tunku who contributed to the cost. It is still not too late for anyone living in Persiaran Bukit Tunku to contribute to the work.

I look forward to meeting residents on the next streets to share more about this consequential project.

There is a fuller update in this issue that includes a mobile phone number for more information or enquiries. One may send a text message by SMS or WhatsApp to **012.205.1976** and it will be read and answered.

That only leaves me to wish everyone Season's Greetings, Happy New Year, and all the best for a productive and healthy 2025.

Muthanna Abdullah



Feedback, Suggestions, and Comments

are most welcomed.

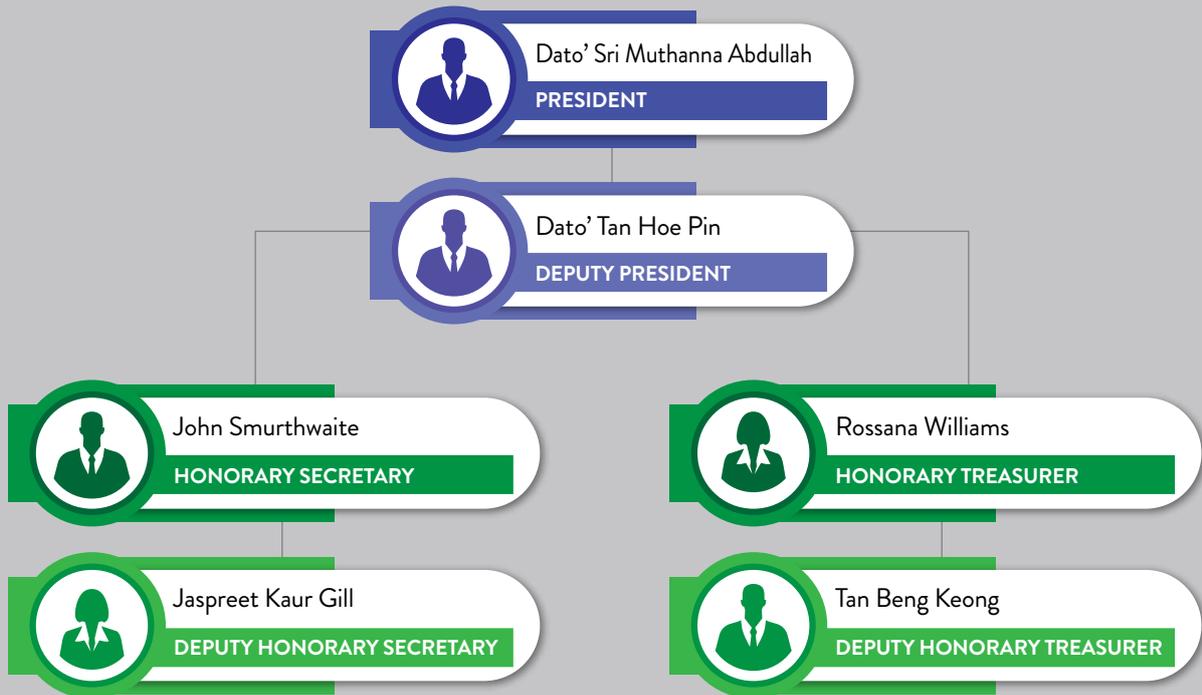
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BTRA Committee 2024 to 2025

The annual election of BTRA Committee members was held at the AGM on 15th June 2024.

Office Bearers



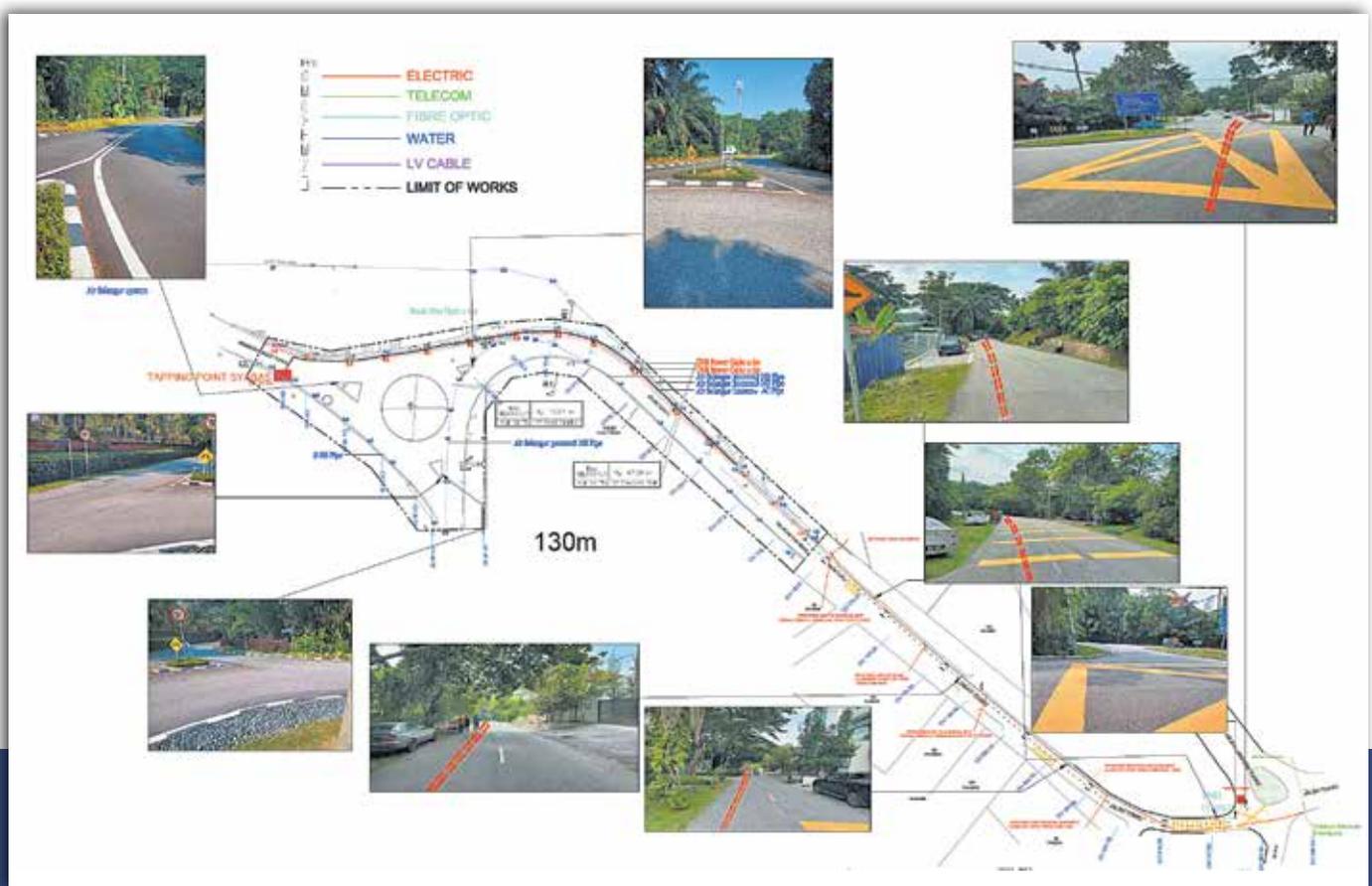
Committee Members



ICYMI, in the last six months:

Utility companies are laying pipes and cables at the site of the new property development project near the roundabout on Jalan Tunku.

DBKL approved plans submitted by Telekom Malaysia, TNB and Air Selangor for work along Jalan Tunku leading towards the Langgak Tunku junction. By the time of publication, the work is expected to be completed. Updates are provided on the BTRA Members chat group, especially with regard to temporary road obstructions or closures.



Re-surfacing took place along sections of the well-travelled Langgak Tunku. One may surmise that much of the damage to the road surface is due to heavy construction vehicles using Langgak Tunku as ingress and egress to their sites. Major construction projects on the stretch of Jalan Bukit Tunku from the junction with Langgak Tunku appear near completion, but other projects further on that street at the site formerly known as “Bukit Tunku Viewpoint” are still on-going.



| Meeting old friends; making new friends, at Mazi Greek Taverna

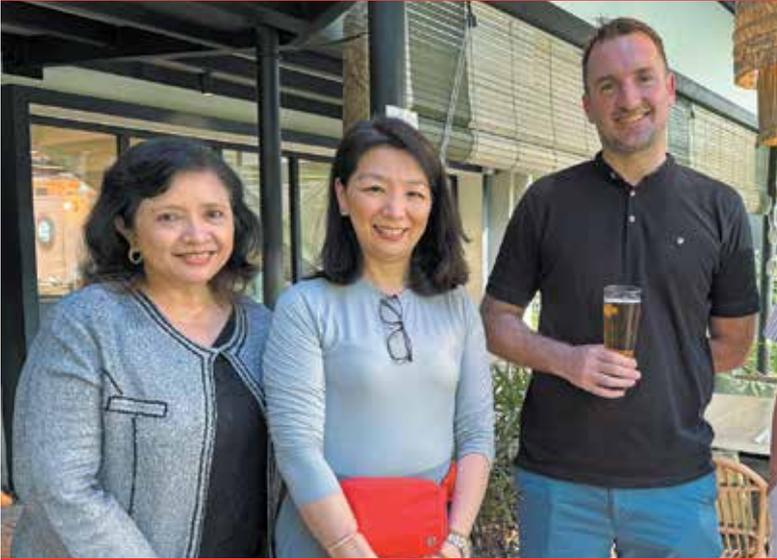
Community Social Brings Residents Together

On a balmy Saturday evening in August, more than 60 residents of Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta attended the first neighbourhood get-together since 2012, which was when the BTRA Fair took place.

Residents had been suggesting a get-together for some time to meet each other. And so, it came to pass. Familiar long-time residents (from the 1970s and 1980s) and those new to the neighbourhood (from the 2000s, let's say) were in fine fettle at Mazi Greek Taverna at The Stories, enjoying assorted canapés and drinks. The outcome: meeting old friends and making new ones; good conversations and hearty laughter.



| Top: Registration and Welcome Committee
Bottom: from left Idris Mokhtar; Nurul Idris; Johan Daniel



| Top: from left: Datin Dr Zeila Junid; Datin Teh Lip Pin; David Whitney
Right: Marathon Man Jeff Ross and Chief Supporter Sue Ross



Chief organiser Tunku Mohamed Alauddin, affectionately known to friends as Kumo, spearheaded the initiative.

“The BTRA Committee thought that it was timely to have a neighbourhood community social. Many of us don’t often engage with our neighbours, whether they’re next door or on the next street. We may correspond by email or text-message, nowadays. But it is very beneficial, and so much more friendly, to put a face to a name. It can break down barriers,” said Kumo.

Indeed. For example, BTRA Members on the Members’ chat group “know” each other via participation in group conversations but faces now can be put to some of those names.

| From left Gan Tee Jin; Dato’ Tan Hoe Pin; David Tan; Tadin; Yameen





| From left Dato' Leong Yoke Faie; Tan Chor Teck; Alex Lim; Tan Beng Keong; Jaspreet Kaur Gill; Dato' JJ Choong



Members of Bukit Tunku Youth group also attended in force, lowering the average age of the attendees. Thanks for that!

Before the evening ended, some residents were already calling for the next community social — once a quarter, was a suggestion. Sounds like a clear endorsement of holding such an event.

Thanks to the BTRA Committee, Kumo and team for organising a most enjoyable event.

— Top: from left Tunku Alia; Tunku Naquiyuddin; David Tan

Bottom: from left Dato' Sri Muthanna Abdullah; Stephen, Lara and Rossana Williams; Li Lian



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Sources: Respective Websites or Social Media pages (Updated April 2023)

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• Bees Rescue and Re-location, Klang Valley



REVITALISING A TIRED POOL

Effective Ways to Rejuvenate Your Pool



Thinking of how to give your pool a makeover without breaking the bank? After a few wonderful years of fun-filled use, a swimming pool can start to become a little tired – it may lose a little of the lustre that kept you and your family entertained for hours or they may have just gotten bored with its familiarity over the years. Fortunately, it's not time-consuming and surprisingly easy to give your pool a new lease on life by changing your pool's lights or sanitisation system.

Light Up Your (Pool) Life!

Gone are the days when your pool was dark and uninviting once the sun had set; with the right kind of lighting, your pool can be the most appealing place in your home to be after dark! In addition to setting the ambience and mood around the pool area, pool lights are also responsible for general safety and visibility. With more options now available and significant progress made in the development of pool light technology, it's never a bad time to consider upgrading your pool lights!

	LED	HALOGEN	INCANDESCENT
Effect and Customisation	Customisable (fading, timer & sequence). Available in a variety of colours.	White but can be masked with other colour lenses.	White but can be masked with other colour lenses.
Cost of Operating and Maintaining	★★★★★ Minimal use of electricity	★★★☆☆ Moderate energy efficiency	★☆☆☆☆ Least energy efficiency
Life Expectancy	★★★★★ >30,000 hours	★★★☆☆ 8,000 hours	★☆☆☆☆ 5,000 hours
Heat Generation	80% Light / 20% Heat	20% Light / 80% Heat	10% Light / 90% Heat

LED bulbs are the latest technology in pool lights, proving themselves to be more efficient, effective, and longer-lasting than their halogen and incandescent alternatives. With a wider range of colour effects available (with even multicoloured disco-light options), LEDs are fast becoming the most popular option on the market.

New Water, New Experience!

Whilst all pool sanitisation systems keep your water hygienic and safe to use, which system you choose for your pool will determine what kind of water you and your family will be swimming in. The three main options accessible to the general public are granular chlorine, salt, and ozone – each has its own unique characteristics which could completely change the swimming experience of your pool!

CHLORINE	SALT	OZONE
		
Comfort ★★★★☆ Standard for sterilisation	Comfort ★★★★☆ Softer on the skin	Comfort ★★★★★ Almost mineral water grade
Clarity ★★★★☆ Sparkling	Clarity ★★★★☆ Clear	Clarity ★★★★★ Crystal
Capital Cost ★★★★★ None to minimal	Capital Cost ★★★★☆ Standard	Capital Cost ★★☆☆☆ Very high
Operating Cost ★★★★☆ Standard	Operating Cost ★★★★☆ Standard	Operating Cost ★★☆☆☆ Very high
Active Chemical Calcium Hypochlorite (Granular Chlorine)	Active Chemical Food-grade Sodium Chloride	Active Chemical Hydrogen Peroxide

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Quick Tips!



SALTWATER POOLS ARE NOT CHLORINE-FREE!
 Saltwater pools use a salt chlorinator and the process of electrolysis to convert salt into chlorine ions for disinfection and sterilisation to keep your pool clean and healthy.



CHEMICALS MAY AFFECT EQUIPMENT DIFFERENTLY
 It is important to employ end-to-service providers that are experienced and familiar with the type of pool equipment and chemicals used.

Berlin, 20 Sept



Jeff Ross WMM: Almost MYR100K Raised To Date

By the time this magazine is published, Jeff would have completed all six World Major Marathons. Well done, Jeff! We applaud your tenacity and effort, and we feel your aches and pains, vicariously!



Help Jeff cross the line to RM100,000! Click the QR Code to donate. No amount is too small.

The screenshot shows the fundraising page for 'JEFF'S WORLD MARATHON MAJORS 2024 CHALLENGE'. It features a photo of Jeff Ross in a black t-shirt with a list of marathons: TOKYO, MARCO POLO, MADRID, BANGKOK, MALAGA, MOSCOW, NEW YORK, and UNDEFEATED. The page includes logos for charity: water, National Cancer Society Malaysia, and SUKA. A progress bar shows MYR 97,278 raised, with a target of MYR 100,000 and a note that MYR 180 was raised offline. Navigation links for 'Start Fundraising' and 'DONATE NOW' are visible.

Nothing like taking on the six World Major Marathons to raise funds for three worthy NGOs:



National Cancer Society Malaysia

to provide education, care and support for cancer patients (adults and children) from under-privileged communities.

<https://cancer.org.my>



charity: water
SUPPORTER

Charity: Water

To build a well for a village in Southeast Asia, providing a clean and sustainable water supply.

<https://www.charitywater.org>



SUKA Society

To help the rehabilitation process for Malaysian children who have been trafficked overseas.

<https://www.sukasociety.org>

The Charity Water project has started (constructing a well in Cambodia for a community that has no running water). All further donations will go to the two Malaysian NGOs: National Cancer Society Malaysia; and Suka Society.



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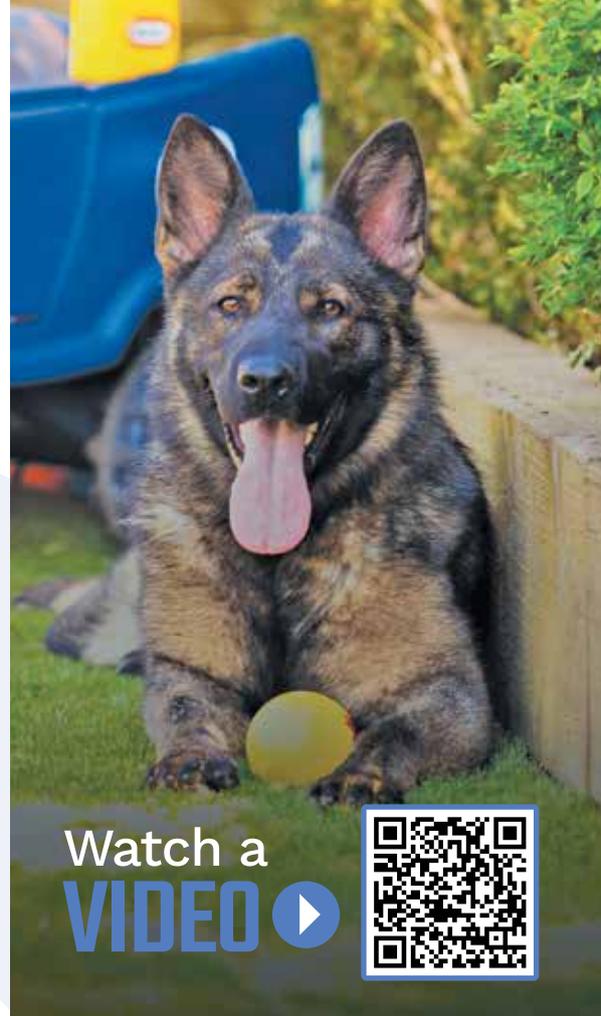
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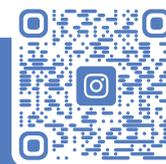
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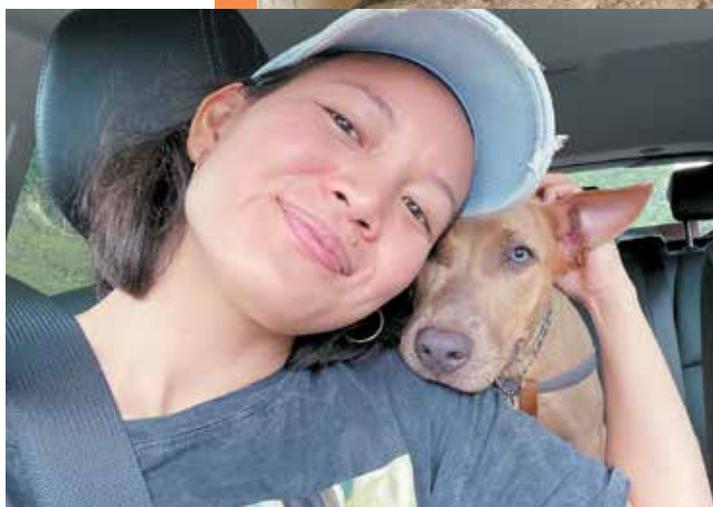
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A pack of dogs finds shelter at Impian Bukit Tunku among debris, dirt and broken glass (may have moved since this photo was taken)



Sera with Bruno before his stint at the training centre. Bruno has subsequently been adopted.

“Operation Street Dogs” Continues

Our street dog activist, Sera, has been busy with her mission, operating in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta for at least the past 18 months. Since June 2024, when Sera’s activities were highlighted to a wider group, she has identified other locations in the neighbourhood that street dogs occupy, and various feeding sites (where kind residents put out food for these canines).

Additionally, Sera herself stakes out places where she knows these dogs dwell, and feeds them regularly to build trust, with the intention of trapping them for the TNR process.

To date, Sera has managed to identify about a dozen dogs, two of which are adult females who have given birth to litters for at least two seasons. The average size of these litters is six puppies, who are lucky to survive more than three months in the wild — due to some jungle predators and human road traffic.

At latest count, Sera has rescued eight pups who, to date, have been de-wormed, vaccinated and treated for various standard ailments. Depending on the age

of the dogs, they may have been neutered. Out of these eight, one pup has been adopted, and the rest are staying in shelters awaiting adoption, or released back to their familiar territory.

Bruno, the dog who was found roaming on Langgak Tunku and subsequently taken into temporary care by the security guards at The Stories, was sent to “dog school” for training and socialisation. Happily, he has been adopted and is now enjoying his forever home with his new siblings.

George, adopted and living the life in his forever home



Sera is currently feeding seven dogs from two different packs, regularly. Once trust has been built, trapping them will be easier for neutering and medical checks.

Many thanks to residents who have and continue to support Sera's activities — by feeding street dogs when and where they can and contacting her when these dogs seem ready for trapping. A few have been feeding street dogs regularly, after which they call the Animal Welfare NGO, TNRM, when the dogs appear less aggressive and ready to be trapped for next steps.

The goal is to reduce the street dog population in Bukit Tunku and Taman Duta over time, which can be done effectively with the TNR method. It's crucial to our neighbourhood and residents to control and reduce the population of these street dogs to ensure the safety and welfare of all — humans and canines.

Cocoa — before and after rescue.



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Residents interested in supporting Sera may send her text messages on **WhatsApp at 016.816.1199**.

Donations to cover medical and transport bills are much appreciated:

- Bank account name:
Serahphina Jolly
- Account number:
CIMB Bank 860.589.6360

Neighbourhood Landscape and Tree Maintenance Update

The long-awaited neighbourhood tree and landscape maintenance project finally started on Persiaran Bukit Tunku on the first of three streets in Phase 1.

All landscaping and maintenance work is restricted to the locations outside of private properties. These areas are public property overseen and somewhat occasionally maintained by DBKL, often without consultation with residents. We, as residents, do not have rights as far as DBKL's work on our greenery is concerned. DBKL will do what it deems fit in terms of maintenance, including periodic removal of plants and trees, shrubs and over-hanging branches.

BTRA's purpose with this project, which has been approved by DBKL, is to have a planned and structured approach to shaping the natural landscape of our neighbourhoods for the long term. The project aims to replace non-native foliage with native foliage and trees, where applicable.

Residents who wish to discuss matters with regard to this project may send text messages to 012.205.1976.

All Systems Go...

The specialist arborist consultancy, Raintree Arborist, started work on the 3rd week of September, using the Bukit Tunku Roundabout as the entry point to Persiaran Bukit Tunku. As a major undertaking, there were some early teething issues. Once settled, the work proceeded as planned, weather permitting.

This first stage involves three steps, each taking about three weeks. These crucial steps will be implemented in the designated streets in this landscaping and maintenance project.

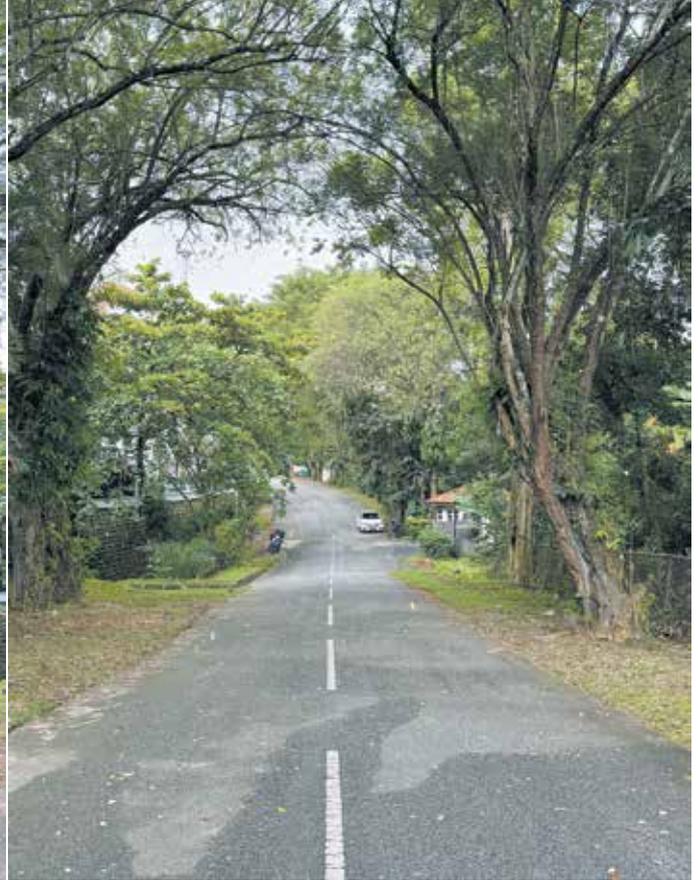
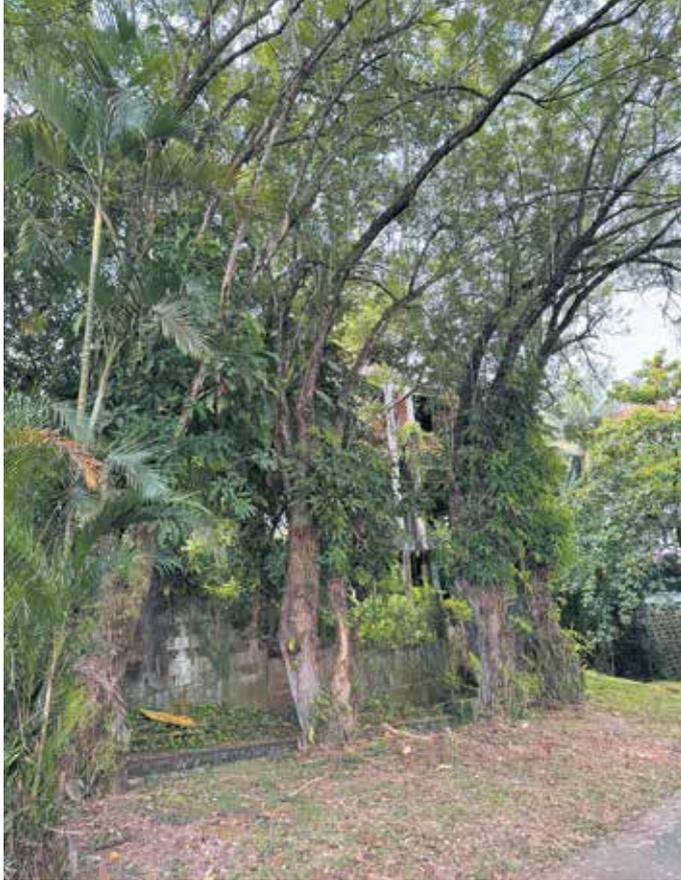
1 Bush clearing:

- Clearing and removal of overgrown bushes and vegetation encroaching on roadsides and near private properties that appear messy or unsightly.
- Trimming or pruning selected bushes to maintain appropriate distance from the road.
- Storing debris temporarily on site during the clearing process. Collection and disposal of debris will be arranged weekly (DBKL or an independent service provider).



The evergreen Tuberous Sword Fern is a native plant suitable for ground cover. It is non-toxic to humans.

This fern is one shortlisted for eventual re-planting in our neighbourhoods, in due course.



Persiaran Bukit Tunku is looking much tidier and is less hazardous to road users after clearance of much unruly ground growth.

2 Tree removal:

- Identifying trees that pose a risk to road safety or obstruct visibility.
- Removing non-native species and hazardous trees.
- Conducting tree-felling and extraction using appropriate equipment and techniques.
- Ensuring safe and responsible disposal of felled trees and debris.
- Storing debris temporarily on site, and in some cases, large bins, for later removal.

3 Tree pruning:

- Removing dead, diseased or damaged branches; eliminating weak or crossing branches.
- Removing selected branches to improve light penetration and circulation within the canopy.
- Reducing risk of storm damage.
- Clearing lower branches that put road users at risk.
- Reducing height and spread of tree crown, mitigate size and risk in confined spaces.



Wild undergrowth and shrubs that are less than three metres from the road (hazardous to road users) have been removed, but these return fairly quickly. However, the road shoulders are now much tidier, leaving space for eventual re-planting of suitable native shrubs to adorn the cleared areas.

Unruly tree branches, including weak or diseased branches, and branches leaning on cable lines, are earmarked for pruning to reduce the dangers to road users, especially during heavy rains.

Many thanks to those BTRA Members living on Persiaran Bukit Tunku who contributed to this major project.



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