



The Presidents Report

It's autumn, but I wrote this in January before John and I went away or we would have missed publication date.

The year didn't start well for the world, still fighting in many countries, many people starving, and then the biggest natural disaster for many years, but it has brought people together, brought back community as we unite to provide help and support.

We are so fortunate to live in Noosa Waters and yes, we do have a very good community spirit. We can see it working in Waterwatch with the people who scoop out rubbish, all those who pick up grass cuttings instead of letting them go into the water drains to find their way into the canals. And in landscaping, so many involved not only in working bees but all who spend time on their own looking after the parks and communal areas, and the walkers who pick up rubbish as they go and put it in bins. We see it in Carols Carols when we enjoy recreation time together.

It's all about looking after our estate...if you would like to do more please contact one of the committee, they will be only too willing to help you.

If there is a street light not working near your home, please report it to Energex 13 12 53. You will find the number on the pole, if you can quote that when telephoning that would be great.

So thanks to you all. Carry on enjoying living in this special community here in Noosa Waters.

Carol Symington
5474 1961

Secretary Report

Another year is upon us and a few small changes have taken place:

- Firstly, we have now appointed Ian Wallbank as Archive Officer. Please see the "Archive Corner" in this edition of the newsletter. Anyone that can help with information and stories of Noosa Waters over the years should contact Ian.
- David Carter has resigned after 2 years as NWRA Membership & Minutes Secretary. David has been the driving force behind the increase in membership numbers on the estate. Gisa Weatherill, also Treasurer has taken up the task of Membership Secretary and John Symington is the Minutes Secretary. Thankyou to them both.

Recycling

Council has asked me to remind you all of the importance of using the recycling bins correctly and to point out that newspapers can be put into these bins. On the back of the Noosa Council magnet calendars is a list of what can be disposed of. Council has stickers for the bins and calendars at their office if you need them.

Wishing you all a great 2005!

Lucy Kelly
5474 1905

Treasurers Report

The accounts are all in order and again I would like to thank all members for their support. The coming year membership will be due from the 1st of July 2005 to the 30th June 2006. Letters to the residents will go out around that time. Keep up the good work.

Gisa Weatherill

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WATERWATCH REPORT

CANAL JETTY POLICY

Council has now issued a revised Private Jetties, Wharves, pontoons, Boat Ramp and Boat Lifting Devices Policy (Planning Scheme Policy PSP5) which consolidates all Noosa Waters conditions in the one section. Existing conditions were retained except a change to allow floating boat lifting devices 1 metre from the boundary - the same as for other boat lifting devices. Also multiple unit developments were recognized and specific jetty conditions introduced.

WATER QUALITY

Regular analysis confirms that water quality continues to be maintained at a high standard. Residents should take action as necessary to avoid rubbish, particularly lawn clippings, getting into our canal system either directly or through roadside drains.

EXCESSIVE SPEED on the CANAL

Speed limit on the canal is 4 knots, no wash

Unfortunately this is not always being observed. People swim, snorkel, and kayak in the canal. Excessive speed can endanger lives and the wash cause damage to the canal walls, jetties and moored boats. While enjoying your boat please be sensitive to your neighbours who also want to enjoy the canal.

If you observe excessive speed it is suggested that you mention to the people concerned the speed limit and hope they then have the good sense to observe it. Alternatively you could note the boat number and report the incident to the local Harbour and Marine personnel, Phone 5449 7555 who will follow up - generally in the first instance a phone call to the registered boat owner.

CANAL LEVY

Discussions with Council to determine the waterfront canal levy for the next five year period commencing July 2005 are expected to commence shortly.

FOUNTAIN

The fountain is an important feature of Noosa Waters. However it does need periodic cleaning. Werner Dyrmaier does a great job in this regard but he needs some more helpers.

Surely we have some caring residents who can provide a little time to help Werner - Phone 5455 5727

Dick Patterson, Waterwatch Coordinator
Phone 5449 9288

HOMES & GARDENS CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

Our first ever competition for decorated homes and gardens was something of an experiment, and we were very pleased with the response, particularly waterside...we hope that the dry block homes will rise more to the challenge if this is repeated next year.

Choosing the winners was no easy task and with the waterside single homes it was so close that a second prize was given. Results are as follows:-

Waterside

Single home	13 Saltwater Ave	The Silcocks
runner-up	16 Mermaid Quay	The Grandmanges
Complex	Sails Royale	All residents
Duplex	1/1 Sunseeker Cls	Hilda Page

Dry Block

Single home	34 Shipyard Cct	The Eversheds
Duplex	10 Skipper Place	The Terrins Philomena Inch

CAROL'S CAROLS

As you will all know there was yet again no official Carol's Carols event undertaken by the Association or anyone else but again many residents got together and around 50 boats cruised the waterways unofficially, boats and crews suitable decked in reds and whites including one remarkable Santaboat, watched enthusiastically by many residents and friends from homes and gardens. 'Admiral' Gino thought it the best yet and as part of his crew we had to agree.

Now is the time we really feel.. either to organise next year as an official event or else let it be unofficial for all time. More about this later.

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ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

The Noosa Waters Estate is now some 14 years old; housing blocks were first sold in 1991, the Residents Association was formed in 1996.

Much has happened over the years from the swampy heavily treed flood plains to the Estate as we see it today. Along the way there has been an interesting history; to the extent that the Association now believes that we should commence keeping a record of the important information and stories that have occurred before the information gets lost for good.

It would be appreciated if Residents who have purchased or have been living on the Estate for 5 years or longer could contact the writer with any information. Any type of information would be welcome; it may be old advertisements, newspaper articles, letters, etc. Old photos would be particularly appreciated. If you wish to retain the originals we can take copies. It is intended to reproduce some of the information in each future edition of this newsletter for your enjoyment.

Some interesting - 'Did you know snippets'.

- The NW developer had to build Gibson Road and the two bridges (Gympie Terrace & Gibson Rd) across the canal as part of getting the development approved.
- Early residents, until 1993, took a 'risk' when they purchased; why! river access had not been granted for the canals.
- The canal official 'gala opening day' (estimated 10,000 attended) had its moments; Developer/residents had laid turf on each side of the canal (footbridge/Boathouse Rest. area) to beautify. When the river was breached and canals flooded, the high tide had turf floating everywhere.
- The Residents Association was formed out of adversity; to object to a plan to build 13 shops and car parks on the corner of Shorehaven Drive and Saltwater Avenue.
- In 1997 the Developer employed more landscaping staff on Noosa Waters (their marketing plan) than

Noosa Council employed in the whole of Noosa Shire.

- Mermaid Quay is a wide road; reason! it was originally designed as the main road through to Saltwater Avenue.
- In the original submitted plans for the Estate; the Bluefin Court/Waterside area was designated as a 'boat marina'.
- Part of the original 'bush' still exists on Noosa Waters; On Shorehaven Drive between Seacove Court and Shipwright Avenue. (Finding Koala's saved it).

Any Resident that can assist with our archives, history and record keeping should contact: - Ian Wallbank on 5474 3312.

NOOSA CROQUET CLUB

One of the finest croquet clubs in Australia is right here in Noosa Waters, the Noosa Croquet Club. The five manicured courts, surrounded by a leafy backdrop and gardens, are situated at the end of Seashell Place and has been going almost as long as Noosa Waters itself. Over the years, many residents have played games there and alot of friendships have been formed.

Being a very social club, the emphasis is on having a good time and enjoying many social events, such as breakfast by the river, Melbourne Cup Days, dinner evenings, Christmas in July and open days.

The club is also providing an opportunity for a work for the dole recipient, who does a marvellous job of helping maintain the lawns and gardens and also receives backing and support from Noosa Council.

Croquet is a very gentle sport, though lots of fun, perfect for those who are looking for an alternative to tennis, lawn bowls, golf, etc, especially in summer.

If you'd like to have a free trial game, or would like more information call in at 2pm on a Friday or contact Rayfe O'Byrne on 5474 5739

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NOOSA WATERS TV OWNERSHIP CHANGE - NOOSA SMARTCABLE

Thank you for the opportunity of introducing our organization to the residents of Noosa Waters. The team which will be responsible for the system comprises of:

John Milland, Ann Milland and Ken Saunders. The major impact of the change of ownership means that the system is now managed and operated by residents of Noosa Waters who have a personal interest in its successful operation.

Our initial investigations show that the system has been well engineered and constructed. To date the services offered have been limited to free to air TV.

Noosa Smartcable has developed plans which will make the services provided by the cable system far more valuable, these plans include:

- The introduction of low cost high speed broadband Internet
- Telephony
- Residents Community Channel which will provide cable system performance, general information etc
- Voice and Video over IP (Internet) phones
- Introduction of new technology which will allow the provision of many other services such as remote electricity meter readings (can reduce electricity charges by up to 30%),
- Remote alarm monitoring..medical..burglar, pay TV etc.

It is our objective to provide a high level of service with many options to Noosa Waters. Obviously these services will only be offered to those residents who support the system and are financial. We look forward to a strong relationship with our fellow residents. Our contact number is 5455 6279.

John and Ann Milland

LANDSCAPE REPORT

Since our last newsletter we have:

- Planted 18 new trees in the estate
- Re-turfed Riverbreeze garden bed and Saltwater/Seahorse corner
- New lights have gone up on the footbridge park
- Light for Saltwater/Neptune underpass plans have been approved and now passed onto Energex to install
- We have purchased new landscaping signs for working bees (Black & White portrait size). Look out for them and get involved with your neighbours in maintaining the area
- The fountain has been pressure cleaned

Notice to all residents of vacant blocks it is your responsibility to ensure your block is kept trimmed. Overgrown blocks attract rubbish and vermin and spreads into neighbours gardens. Please do the right thing!

Please also do-not leave piles of grass clippings on vacant blocks for the same reasons.

There are vacancies for park rangers for Helm Court and Bay Street. Thankyou to Gino Knezic for his help in keeping hedges trimmed during his time in the position.

Anybody who can help please contact either myself or Sharon Woodford - 07 54424309.

Sharon Coell
5447 1678

“YOUR SAY”

From now on we are dedicating a section for you, the residents, to have your say about Noosa Waters "topics of interest".

If you have anything to contribute, for example why you moved to & choose to live in Noosa Waters, gardening tips, decorating tips, pet stories - anything, then please send your letter to NWRA PO Box 197, Noosaville, 4566 or email lucykelly70@hotmail.com. Articles chosen will be at the editor's discretion and space permitting.

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