



President's Report

Greetings to you all and a special thank you to all those who left the third Test and turned out for the AGM.. a lively gathering and such a friendly atmosphere as we heard the year's reports from both Neighbourhood Watch then Residents' Association and listened to and shared with Senr Serg Steve McReight, head of Noosa Police.

We now enter the tenth year of the Association, surely a cause for a lively celebration when we reach the anniversary next September. And yes I'm still here, in fact last year's committee was re-elected en bloc with the welcome addition of Werner Dymaier. We started the year at the AGM with no president but a vice president, which under old rules was ok, but later in the year we were informed by the powers that be that the Association had to have a president as well as a secretary. As no-one put their hands up for President I did, not wanting to see the Association collapse, and we were fortunate in getting new members of committee, Harvey as general secretary, Howard as newsletter editor and Lin as fine dining co-ordinator. David Carter had agreed to stay on committee until the end of December to help out and, when he stepped down, John took over as minute secretary, Gisa took on membership and Peter took John O'Brien's role on sponsorship. We still lack a vice president but hope we may get someone from committee to take this on.. it's important.

This past year we have concentrated on the essentials of landscape and waterwatch , working as always in friendly partnership with Council which allows room

for differences of opinion to be debated in good spirit, as they should be.

We welcomed John and Ann Milland who took over Cable TV and Ian Wallbank took on the role of keeper of the archives and is getting together some fascinating material.

It was great to have for the first time the Christmas lights and decorations competition and there were some excellent displays.. thanks to everyone who took part.. let's have even more this year, homes and gardens on wet and dry blocks, houses and units..go for it!

Thanks once again to all who are involved in weeding and mulching and canal cleaning. Let us all help – while walking pick up rubbish otherwise it will end up in the canal. Please if you can, help when there is a park clean-up near you.

Carol Symington
5474 1961

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all residents of Noosa Waters for your constant support of the association. I would like to thank every one of you who so kindly support the NWRA and for the speedy renewal of your membership. There is still time for any latecomers to renew and we very much appreciate your contribution.

The accounts are in good shape and have kindly been audited free of charge by Holman's.

Looking forward to a happy neighbourhood spring season,

Gisa Weatherill - Treasurer/Membership.

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Noosa Smartcable

Hello again from Noosa Smartcable, your TV network. During the past 6 months we have been extremely busy checking and upgrading major components of the system. We have replaced 3 major amplifiers which have resulted in a higher signal strength for our customers.

This exercise is an ongoing one because the system is now 14 years old and, as with all technology, requires regular monitoring.

During August we have established the community channel hardware. This channel is currently transmitting a test pattern which will appear the next time you auto tune your system, (after the last Brisbane channel)

We have successfully implemented broadband Internet on the cable and are currently testing it at various points on the network. We do not intend releasing it for general use until we complete our trials.

Although the TV system has been performing well, problems have been experienced which are a direct result of the major TV channels having transmission problems and their TV signal repeaters going down. On a number of these occasions we have actually made the stations aware of these problems as they were not being monitored closely.

Finally a note on overdue accounts, we delivered invoices on the 16th June 2005 – to date we have received about 70% of the payments. There are now 263 customers who have not yet paid their annual maintenance fee.

Final notices are currently being delivered and if unpaid within 2 weeks we will be discontinuing the service to these customers.

The NOOSA WATERS FINE DINING CLUB is providing wonderful opportunities for Noosa Waters residents to meet socially, to form good friendships, networking for those in the business sector and for us all to have a good time out. We have had so much fun and excellent meals with positive feedback and encouragement from everyone - so thank you.

By offering a restaurant the opportunity to showcase their culinary delights to a group of approximately 50 - 60 people on a night that is not generally busy for them, allows me to negotiate a discounted price for the meal. I try to get a 3 course meal including a glass of wine on arrival for \$40 or thereabouts - feedback tells me that the negotiated price is part of the appeal and I should keep it in this range. We have had great evenings at Jackson's, River Edge and Bistro C with the next one at Riverhouse on Sunday, 11th September and the Boathouse thereafter. I am planning a big Christmas Bash for us as well – something a little different!!

Everything is done via computer so if you are not on my database, or, if you have not received info on the last 2 dinners then you could have been 'lost' somewhere down the line, please send me your email address - lin@noosaprestigerealestate.com.au - or phone 0419 789 330.

So, join the Noosa Waters Fine Dining Club for a great night out, excellent cuisine at discounted prices and support our local restaurants whilst making fabulous new friends.

Noosa Waters Television Cable System

Noosa Smartcable Frequencies.

Noosa Smartcable is the company which owns the cable system consisting of cable television equipment, underground coax cables & the necessary amplifiers and provides the television service to the residents of Noosa waters. The service is operated and maintained for Noosa Water's residents at a cost of \$35 per annum - less than 10 cents per day.

The Noosa Smartcable service provides the five local channels in Analog and Digital format, plus three Brisbane Channels in Analog format and a Noosa Waters community channel.

Brisbane Analogue - *These channels are offered with the understanding that the signals could be impaired at times*

due to the fringe area reception.

Channel 7 (182.25MHz)

Channel 9 (196.25 MHz)

Channel 10 (209.25MHz)

Community Channel Analogue
(266.25MHz)

Local Analogue Channels

SBS (112.25MHz)

ABC (119.25MHz)

Channel 7 (126.25MHz)

Channel 9 (133.25MHz)

Channel 10 (140.25MHz)

Local Channels in Digital

Standard and High definition are passed through on the cable. The allocated band centre frequency is used as a reference.

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BOAT SPEED LIMITS ON NOOSA WATERS CANAL

The speed limit for boats on the Noosa waters Canal is **4 Knots - no wash**

This is indicated by clear signage around the Canal. It is also incorporated in the Noosa Waters Covenant, clause 12L, to which all owners are party. The Canal is classified as Crown Land (similar to a park) and is under the sole control of Noosa Council as Trustee. They have responsibility for all decisions concerning Canal matters. The developer, Noosa Waters Pty Ltd, in consultation with the Noosa Council, set the 4 knot – no wash speed limit in consideration of,

- **Revetment Wall Design** – These were designed for a life of 100 years but this would depend on 'on going care', particularly of the sensitive filter system behind the wall. The 4 knot – no wash speed limit was considered necessary to maximize revetment wall life. It should be noted that responsibility for revetment wall maintenance rests with the waterfront owner not the Council.
- **Jetty Types and Design** – Low speed limits allowed the adoption of more visually attractive fixed jetties on the canal rather than large 'floating' pontoon jetties. Excessive speed causes boats to crash onto the fixed jetties (or revetment wall) resulting in damage.

People swim, snorkel and kayak in the Canal. Excessive speed can endanger lives and the wash damage the revetment walls, jetties and moored boats. Enjoy your boating but at the same time be sensitive to other residents who also want to enjoy the canal.

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

HAPPY BOATING TO ALL CANAL USERS

WATERWATCH REPORT

Canal Levy - Discussions with Council to determine the waterfront canal levy for the five year period 2005/2010 have been concluded. A good outcome was obtained which should see the levy held around current levels. Higher maintenance costs have been offset by interest credits, some reduction in reserve levels and Council absorbing certain cost items. A minimum levy had been agreed for the previous levy period but had been overlooked by Council. This has now been actioned and set at approximately 50% of the average levy.

Water Quality - The detailed six monthly water quality survey has concluded that there is no 'deterioration in the water quality between water entering the waterway from the Noosa River and the rest of the Canal system'. Furthermore, that 'the bacteriological quality of the water samples was excellent, indicating that the canal system is suitable for primary contact recreational activities such as swimming'. Nitrogen concentrations have risen and the likely cause is grass clippings - Please exercise care. Monthly bacteriological testing is continuing and confirms the excellent water quality results.

Speed Limits - Unfortunately, instances of excessive boat speed on the canal continues. The speed limit is **4 Knots, no wash**. Please note the separate article on this matter in the newsletter.

Canal Jetties - Waterfront residents should be aware that Council will be monitoring more closely jetty structures and lifting devices and taking action in cases of unauthorized structures or those that breach the Policy. Of particular concern are illegal structures attached to the revetment wall or that require boats to be dragged across the revetment wall. This wall is a very critical yet easily damaged structure. It should be noted that the cost of any revetment wall maintenance and damage repair is the responsibility of the waterfront block owner not the Council.

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Our Fountain, Your Fountain

It's running again and it looks great thanks to our motley cleaning group of 3.

As you have noticed, the fountain was out of action for a little while. The problem was that the pump had torn itself from the footings and, in the process, broke the fountain supply pipes. Council workers had the problem fixed fairly quickly. Let us hope that things run smoothly for a little while.

Thanks to Con and Tys for their great effort in keeping the fountain as clean as it is. They are a great pair of scrubbers. If anyone else wants to help, please call Werner on 5455 5727.

Finally - to all you volunteers be you Neighbourhood Watch, park beautifiers, fountain scrubbers, waterway cleaners, archivist, minute taker, even our President and others, we are trying to arrange a sausage sizzle in October or November - just for you.

Carol's Carols

Friday December 16th.. mark the date in your diaries for this Christmas celebration which has always been so very special and part of Noosa Waters folklore. Past cancellations of the official event due to heavy insurance burdens did not deter our community from turning out in their boats anyway, so this year it has been decided to pay the insurance and go for it! As usual, Gino wil be Admiral of the Fleet!

For the benefit of newcomers this involves our waterside boat owners cruising the waters together in the evening cheered on from waterside homes and parks, people singing carols and Christmas songs put on for us by local radio, Santa afloat and all the costumes, lights, spectacle and colour. Also the Homes and Gardens Christmas Competition will again take place with prizes for the best displays with separate categories of waterway and dry blocks, individual homes and units so get planning early!!

We do need people to help with the organisation to make it happen so if you would like to offer your services please tell us.. phone 5474 1961 or tell any committee member.

Carol and John

LANDSCAPE REPORT

Now is the time we prepare for summer with mulching the garden beds and planting. Please choose your plants wisely at this time. The plants that you grew in the southern states are not always suitable in our area. Examples of unsuitable plants are Balsam or Impatiens, Asparagus fern, fishbone fern, Murraya exotica, mothers in law's tongue, duranta, creeping lantana, to name a few. A booklet on gardening Noosa Style is available from Council with lists of suitable and non suitable plants. Plants growing away from their natural environment don't have natural predators to control them. These plants, seeds, and berries are spread by humans, birds and wind. It's a huge job to remove these plants from our native vegetation so think before planting - together we can reduce the weed problem.

REMINDER to residents who have vacant blocks of land. In consideration of your neighbours and the residents of the estate who take pride in the presentation of their properties, you are reminded to maintain your block with regular mowing. This reduces weeds, vermin and rubbish collecting on your block. Failure to do this usually results in Council intercepting to resolve the problem.

THANKS to all the volunteers who help in the clean ups in the area and to the residents who maintain the dog bag dispensers. Without your help the estate would not present so well. For those of you who are new to the estate we have residents who volunteer their time to maintain the parks and nature reserves. In return for this a grant is given by Council to the Noosa Waters Residents' Association to improve the estate. So if you are new or have not yet participated, I encourage you to get involved next time you see the sign go up in your area - every bit helps.

DOG OWNERS; please be responsible and pick up dog poo when walking your dog. It is not fair to expect others to clean up for you. BAG it and put in the bins provided in the estate. Some people are dropping bags in garden beds in the estate - please do the right thing.

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