



A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here we are, summer and nearly Christmas, what a lovely season of the year, warm days, fun atmosphere.. it is the season of giving, and as we get older we realise it's the giving of self which is so fulfilling. Often people think of Christmas as expensive, which if you choose it can be, but also to give of yourself is much more rewarding; an extra pair of hands can mean such a lot to organisations who help all sorts of people. Hospitals, prisons, retirement homes and private homes where few visit.. this can be a lonely time for some people, we all seem so busy-busy but if we all made an extra effort we could help someone.

We had so much material in our last newsletter that some of my comments had to be cut. I think it's very important to thank people so here is one of the extracts left out in that newsletter. 'We are so very fortunate to have Dick Patterson running Waterwatch and Sharon Coell Landscaping together with their teams, and thank you Sharon Woodford for taking over while the other Sharon took some well earned holidays. Thank you to all the committee and support teams, it's great to work with you all.'

Please remember to encourage those who work for the benefit of the community, you might not be able to help in working bees but perhaps make a cuppa for the workers or pick up some rubbish before it goes into the canal. It's a wonderful place to live, let's all help one another to keep it that way. And please decorate your homes and gardens with Christmas lights etc - you could win a prize - and enjoy the flotilla!

John and I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. God bless.

Carol

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Members NWRA

Thank you all so much for your terrific response to my membership renewal reminder. Should you still think you have forgotten to forward your membership please call me or drop the fee into PO Box 197 at Noosaville.

I appreciate your comments with email/direct bank credit etc. maybe that is something to be worked out by the next treasurer. At the moment it is not possible.

At the same time membership is going really well thanks to your input. I can report an increased membership and will have updated figures in the next newsletter. We all know what combined forces can do!

Best wishes for the
Christmas season - stay safe
and protected and be happy.

Gisa Weatherill
Treasurer/
Membership



CONGRATULATIONS!!

To Ian Wallbank.. for the original vision 4 years ago which led to the launch of the Noosa Community Environment Trust with scope to acquire and manage land for the benefit of our community.. lots of hard work and patience to achieve!!

To Ann Rickard for recent literary award.. very well deserved we say!!

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NOOSA SMARTCABLE UPDATE

A brief update on activities with your TV cable delivery system:-

Installation and updating of major elements of the cable system has been ongoing and has resulted in a far more stable and strong TV signal. Currently, any calls that we are responding to have been caused by inferior cabling within households or incorrect connection of new equipment. Although to date we have assisted in these instances we remind customers that this is not part of our delivered service and should be referred to a TV technician.

Please note that currently we provide the Brisbane signals (analogue) the quality of which we cannot guarantee as they are received as a fringe signal from the Brisbane stations. These stations are licensed to transmit only into the Caloundra area. Although plans were in place for Channels 7, 9, 10 Brisbane to transmit a digital signal from Bald Knob by December 2005, these have now been re-scheduled by the channels to be operational by June 2006. Our plans are to incorporate these digital signals for you when they are available resulting in a far better signal level.

We have started test transmissions of our community channel which you are able to pick up any time you re-tune your TV receivers. This channel is currently being transmitted in analogue on frequency 266.25 MHz. Our intention is to provide local information for our Noosa Waters customers; this will include contact information for the various committees and representatives of Noosa Waters Residents Association.

Wishing you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

John and Ann Milland

ASSOCIATION PLAYS PART IN NEW ENVIRONMENT TRUST

The Noosa Waters Residents Association has played a major part in the recent launch of the Noosa Community Environment Trust which is a Trust formed by the Noosa Community for the Community on the basis of "most of us who live in Noosa are a shade of green. If we weren't we may as well live in Mooloolaba or on the Gold Coast".

Ian Wallbank (past President and Secretary) says "The volunteering pioneered in Noosa Waters by the "Keep Noosa Waters Clean and Tidy" group in late 1998/99, in its Partnering Charter with Noosa Council, established a pride that has provided one of the foundation principles and has been reflected in the Community Environment Trust.

The brainchild of the Noosa Community Environment Sector Board, the Trust is managed by the Community but has the sponsorship and support of Noosa Council. The Trust is registered with the Australian Government's Dept. of the Environment and Heritage and has tax deductible status.

"A great balance of community control and Council's compliance and governance," says Ian, "the fund is an opportunity to protect the Noosa Environment now and in the future and is suitable for leaving donations in wills and money or land donations can be tax deductible."



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ARCHIVIST'S CORNER

In 1974 the public gained their first knowledge of the future of the Noosa Waters Estate, when the Developer T.M. Burke held a film night in Noosa, at the Lakes Motor Inn, on the theme "man and nature can exist in mutual beneficial harmony". It was based on documentaries on tidal and freshwater lake developments in the United States. In attendance was a panel of experts and 40-50 local Council, business and community representatives. At this early stage it would appear that the majority in attendance seemed generally to approve of the development. This was a far different Noosa in 1974 than in 2005, with genuine concern about "..... (Noosa) becoming noted for the uninspiring monotony of its suburban housing." Signs of gratitude to previous conservationists were acknowledged but also early warnings of future conflicts between conservationists and developers.

Those in attendance did show some concern over pollution danger, flood potential, drainage problems and the possible future developments of the same kind (another 6 areas were being considered for canal developments in Noosa in 1974 and this excluded the Sound, which was in the development phase). Some amusement occurred when an American environmentalist "caused some moments of irony in the film: the environmentalist with a cigarette stuck in his mouth showing shots of squalid housing tracts and the beaches of Hawaii to a background of beautiful Hawaiian music."

The press of the day was also quite kind to the developer - "..... we saw a lot of the good, not much of the bad it should not be overlooked that what we were subjected to was a 'soft sell' by a company that wishes to improve its image in this area be that as it may, the overall impression was one of tranquil waterways,

lots of vegetation, well laid out parks and so on. Certainly a more attractive living concept than much of what we see around us (now)."

In reality future years would show that this positive feeling was a false dawn with many battles yet to be fought before the Estate was constructed. More about this later.

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.

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

CAROL'S CAROLS

You should by now have received flyers with details of this very popular event.. if not here's a reminder:-

- DATE Friday December 16th (or 23rd if bad weather causes postponement)
- TIME Boats assemble at 6pm ready for start at 6.30 prompt
- PLACE Starting to the east of the Shorehaven/Saltwater bridge
- ROUTE Around Noosa Waters to Mermaid Beach
- CAROLS By Noosa Community Radio from 6.30pm, 101.3FM. Song sheets available.

So be there - in boats or watching from gardens and parks - light up and decorate your homes and gardens and let's make it the best ever!!

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OUR FOUNTAIN, YOUR FOUNTAIN

Thanks to Thys and Con - our very busy 'fountain scrubbers' - the waterworks on the corner of Shorehaven Drive and Mermaid Quay are looking as clean and sparkling as ever. We would like to keep it that way. To achieve that, especially over the holidays, we could do with a couple more helpers. It only takes 1 or 2 of us to go away for it to be so much harder for the remaining people to keep it clean. If anyone out there can spare an hour it would make life a bit easier for us. Don't worry, we will have a broom handy!

We believe that the fountain is an important entry statement to our beautiful estate and long may it remain so.

I would like to mention again that grass clippings are harmful to our waterways and they also clog the water intake to our fountain pump. Please let your gardener know to be careful not to drop grass clippings into our waterways as a lack of water intake may harm the pump.

Merry Christmas to you all and may all your wishes be fulfilled.

Werner Dyrmaier

YOUR SAY

If you have anything you want to say about Noosa Waters - why you moved here, what you like, what you don't like - please write to Howard Martin, P.O. Box 1535, Noosa Heads Qld 4567 or to nwra@noosawaters.com. Everything will be considered for publication in this newsletter.

WATERWATCH REPORT

Since the last newsletter report no special issues have arisen.

With the growing season here again please take special care to avoid grass clippings and other vegetative matter going into the canal.

Over the festive season we will have many visitors with children staying in Noosa Waters. They will be enjoying, and many will be using, our canals. Safety for everyone on the water will be paramount.

Ensure all boats are operated with proper duty of care, speed limits are strictly observed and a good lookout is maintained at all times.

If you observe unsafe boating practices or excessive speed on the canal it is suggested that you talk to the people concerned. Alternatively you could note the registration boat number and report the matter to the local Harbour and Marine personnel – Phone 5449 7555.

Merry Xmas and safe canal boating.

Dick Patterson
Waterwatch Co-ordinator
– 5449 9288



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