



## A MIX OF OLD AND NEW

Yes I'm still President.. no-one else was willing to stand so you've got me again! The request for new committee members was answered and those who have been nominated represent a good balance between old and new which promises well for the future as NWRA moves into its second decade.

This place we call home is very special and this Association of ours is so important.. it's easy to think the major issues have passed but in recent months several matters have arisen which could have had a detrimental effect on our life style here in Noosa Waters and there is always need to be watchful and maintain close relations with Noosa Council in the hope that we get advance notice of any proposals likely to affect us.

Ten years on is time for a bit of nostalgia "do you remember when.." some of us were here then and many have moved in since but we are all part of a wonderful community, and the place is looking pretty good.. let's all do our bit in keeping it that way and helping strangers become friends.

Many thanks to our retiring committee members for all their work and a specially big thank you to Gisa our hard working always cheerful treasurer and Dick who has run waterwatch so efficiently.. they will be much missed. Thanks to Lin for great work with Fine Dining and Harvey for standing in the breach eighteen months ago and capably tackling the vital role of secretary.

Sharon Coell thankfully remains (who could imagine our landscaping without her and Sharon Woodward!!) as does Werner the fountain king. We welcome newcomers Carol Donovan (Secretary) Rob Carlile (Treasurer) Warren Burrows (Waterwatch) Alison Tucker (Newsletter) and Greg Foster (Social). Non-committee posts include Ian Wallbank (Council liaison and archivist) and Alan Day (Insurance).

Don't miss the ten year celebrations on Sunday 17th September (see insert for details ) and it won't be long before we talk about Carol's Carols and Christmas decoration competitions. The post of social secretary is new and Greg could be a busy man.

Keep on keeping Noosa Waters beautiful. God bless.

Carol

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Dear Neighbours,

It is the beginning of a new financial year for the association and with it comes our annual fee – well you have just been so generous and so prompt in sending me your contribution. Thank you so much everyone for your effort it is a great pleasure looking after the accounts.

Keep up the good work care for your neighbour and look after each other – we all need some help sometimes. Regards your treasurer,

Gisa Weatherill  
Treasurer/Membership

## THE NEW COMMITTEE...

At the AGM the following committee was elected.

President	Carol Symington	5474 1961
Secretary	Carol Donovan	5474 2925
Treasurer	Rob Carlile	5474 4791
Landscaping	Sharon Coell	5447 1678
Waterwatch	Warren Burrows	5473 0545
Newsletter	Alison Tucker	5474 4997
Social	Greg Foster	5474 2709

Committee	Werner Dyrmaier	5455 5727
N'hood Watch	John Symington	5474 1961
(ex-officio)		

### Non-committee posts include

Council Liaison /		
Archivist	Ian Wallbank	5474 3312
Fine Dining	Lynda Harrold	5440 5330
Insurance	Alan Day	

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## THE EMOTIONAL VALUE OF A GARDEN

Think for a minute! What is your earliest pleasant garden memory?

We often have freesias or jonquils on the shop counter and the fragrance regularly takes our clients to another time and place, of memories of grandparent's gardens or wild places.

I've just been for a quick trip to Melbourne for the funeral of a lady who I knew for over 30 years. I have very fond memories of the gardens she and her husband owned during that time.

The colours and fragrances of the plants, the layout, or that interesting ornament all can leave lasting impressions that are capable of being revived in a moment many years later.

Many of my clients amaze me with the things they manage to grow in their gardens, plants that are often no longer grown commercially but have been passed on as cuttings, divisions or seed and are affectionately known as Grandpa's fig or Auntie's rose.

Sometimes gardens can become a chore or a necessary burden to be tolerated but don't underestimate their potential to instill fond memories in friends, children and grandchildren.

While in Melbourne I went to two of my favourite places, both in Brunswick St, The Artist's Garden (Fitzroy Nursery) and a flower shop called Flowers Vasette. Both were full of the fragrances of daphne, violets, daffodils and many other flowers. The nursery always has amazing visual pieces: works from local sculptors, interesting water features, sculptural plants, stone bowls and lanterns.

While we can access much of the same visual material in Qld many of the fragrances have to change to warm climate plants. The wonderful tropical fragrance of frangipani, the overpowering sweetness of star jasmine, gardenia, stephanotis, jasmine sambac and the list goes on. Our colours are the strong tropical shades often on glossy foliage such as cordylines and crotons, we can underplant so flippantly with the colourful bromeliads and anthuriums. Our sculptural plants are lead by the iconic pandanus which so many southern visitors so desperately want to take back with them. Palms and frangipanis also spring to mind as plants that are remembered as distinctly sub tropical.

Won't it be interesting to hear in times to come if people have memories of your garden?

Philip Bailey

## WATERWATCH REPORT

The water watch area has again been quiet.

A lock shutdown on Wednesday 21st June was required to fit new variable speed drives to the lock gate actuators. This was part of the planned long term maintenance program for the lock equipment.

Bacterial water sampling results this year have indicated faecal coliform counts below ten with the last two months at zero. This compares with the Australia and New Zealand bathing water standard of a maximum median count of 150.

Canal water quality is of a high standard.

Dick Patterson  
Waterwatch - 5449 9288

DR  
**JEREMY NORRIS**  
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## **NOOSA WATERS FINE DINING CLUB NEWS**

Those of you who were at the last function at Riverhouse will know that Lin Nielsen (Fine Dining Co-Ordinator) fell in love while holidaying in Spain recently & has decided to sell up & move to Spain - Good Luck Lin.

I have taken over the coordination of the Noosa Waters Fine Dining Club.

My name is Lynda Harrold, I live in Regatta Circuit in the Headland Estate & I'm looking forward to organising the fun nights for the Noosa Waters Fine Dining Club.

The next function will be held at the Ivory Bar, In the French Quarter Resort, 62 Hastings Street, Noosa Heads on Tuesday 5th September. 6.45pm for a 7pm start.

**Lynda Harrold**

## **CAROL'S CAROLS**

It is never too early to think about Christmas only 100 shopping days left at time of going to press! The date for Carol's Carols this year is Friday 15th December. The house decoration competition will coincide with this so get your thinking hats on (or is that Santa hats!) and come up with some more spectacular ideas for dressing your house, jetty, boats, (pets?) etc.

As new editor of your newsletter please feel free to send me any notices, new babies, special anniversaries etc. or anything else you feel should be included.

Alison  
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## **AGM**

The AGM was well attended on 28th August by residents. New committee members were elected and outgoing members thanked for their time and efforts over the last year. Reports from each committee member were read and agreed.

The 10th Anniversary celebrations are well under way and a sampling of the wines for this event was thought necessary at the close of the meeting! For your chance to buy these excellent wines come along to the BBQ on 17th September!

## **OUR FOUNTAIN, YOUR FOUNTAIN**

Nothing much to report, except that we had 3 new volunteers join us to help keep the fountain clean. This is especially good news when someone is not available. It does make it a lot easier for the others. I find it very encouraging that more and more people take pride in our fountain and estate and show that by giving some of their time to enhance or keep it as good looking as it is.

The fountain is to be cleaned in the second part of August and left to "dry out" for a week.

Thanks to all you "Scrubbers" Thys, Con, Rob, David and John. Keep seeing you doing it.

On behalf of the "Water Watch Committee" I wish to thank Ian Wallbank for his effort on a couple of very important items, which needed immediate liaison with the Noosa Shire Council and our two Councillors on behalf of the "Noosa Waters Resident Association". Well done Ian.

**Werner Dyrmaier**

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## LANDSCAPE REPORT

Now that warmer days are coming its time to start thinking about preparing your garden for spring and outdoor entertaining .A good place to start is by mulching and weeding those garden beds. Mulching saves maintenance time as it reduces weed growth and watering needs. Mulching promotes plant health by reducing stress on plants from changes in temperature and moisture. However do choose carefully as its been reported that some residents have purchased mulch in poly bags only to discover that there were termite eggs in mix.

## ABSENT LAND OWNERS

Have you checked on your block recently its very easy for things to be overlooked when you don't live locally. Every thing grows faster in warmer climates. Birds and the wind sow seeds that if left unchecked can become a problem for owners and their neighbours. Some owners need to attend to these problems by spraying or digging out. Owners have responsibility to ensure grass is mowed regularly as well as ensuring vegetation does not protrude over revetment wall into waterways.

## THANKS TO RESIDENTS OF BLUE FIN.

Residents have worked over the last couple of weeks mulching planting pruning and painting the entrance to Blue Fin it looks very smart now.

## TREE REMOVAL

This years trees have been highlighted and will be removed over the coming weeks. To maintain the green landscape we will be planting a tree for every one removed. Sites for planting will take in existing tree cover and services. Council will hand out information on plant care.

## LOST AND FOUND WATERWATCH

Sometimes after strong winds you might discover that you have lost something of value from your property or jetty. Or you might find something of value floating in the canal. If you lose or find anything in the canal please contact

JANET OR JOHN DAY - PHONE 54555835.

**Sharon Coell**

## Reminders for Cable TV and Association subs

Cable TV fees must be paid by 8th September or your cable TV will be cut off. Also those residents that have not paid their subs please do so as soon as possible. This will allow the committee to budget for the year and to see what we can accomplish. This is your home and the more people who pay the more we can do.

## LOCAL ROTARIANS HOST CHARITY BREAKFAST

Local Rotarians Pat and Warren Burrows hosted a Pancake breakfast on Sunday morning to raise funds to combat polio in India and Africa. The event was well attended and the monies collected will help to vaccinate children against polio. With the cost of vaccination A\$1.00 per child the money raised by Pat and Warren and other Rotarians throughout Brisbane and Queensland will go a long way to stamp out polio forever.

**Alison Tucker**



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