

CAROL'S CHATTER

Chaplin Park was saved! No boat ramps and concrete car parks causing congestion and pollution, only parkland for the community to enjoy! I think our input had considerable influence, both the Residents Association's formal response to Council and the separate petition on which John & Janet Day worked so hard. Above all it's good that Council does listen to us.

We all enjoyed the fun and colour of Carols Carols, with all the boats and local radio carols (thanks Gisa for hosting the program again) and the spectacular Christmas lights.

This year we have our own version of The Noosa Long Weekend, only shorter! On Sunday and Monday 25/ 26 March, events for all Residents will include The Noosa Waters Challenge and a Neighbourhood Watch talk.

Early on Sunday morning hard working social beaver Greg is organising the second annual Noosa Waters Challenge which is a rowing/paddling event. Then on Monday evening we have two excellent speakers from the Fraud Squad and State Emergency Service covering important subjects which can affect us all. Everyone welcome! (See info on these events in this Newsletter)

The committee has been very active on your behalf as you will see reading through the reports. Waterwatch has been particularly concerned with the water run off from projected new developments and Council updating of jetty policies.

Enjoy the cooler days and as always play your part in keeping Noosa Waters the best it can be for our community.

God bless, Carol

CROQUET CLUB EXPANDING

Your local croquet club in Seashell Place Noosa Waters is looking for new members. Croquet is ideal for anyone liking mental stimulation, gentle exercise and social contact. Drop in Wednesday or Friday afternoons after 1.15 pm, or Saturday and Tuesday mornings after 8.30 am. For more information call Rafe on 5474 5739

Geoff Colwell



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Residents, a big thank you to all those who responded to my reminder regarding unpaid and forgotten membership fees in the last Newsletter.

If you still haven't paid - it's still not too late.

We have now arranged with our Bank to be able to receive your dues through Internet Banking - the process is as follows:-

Our bank: Bendigo Bank, Tewantin

BSB Number: 633000

Account Number: 123069833

Your Name: eg *John Smith (this appears on our bank statement)

Message/Reference eg *1 Anchor Place (this appears on our bank statement)

* Please make sure your name and address details are provided.

Trusting 2007 will be a great year for all.

Rob Carlile



THE COMMITTEE...

President	Carol Symington	5474 1961
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Committee	Werner Dyrmaier	5455 5727
	Rob Pile	5442 4125
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LANDSCAPE REPORT

Now that the school holidays are over and the first of the rain has arrived, we can turn our attention back to our gardens and the parks. The spell of hot dry weather caused many of the palms in the estate to drop branches, this is a natural occurrence to help the tree survive these conditions.

I would like to thank the residents who went out of their way to pick these up and put them in a pile for collection. Your efforts enable us to maintain the appearance of the estate. To the residents of Seahorse Place the new council collection area for dropped street tree fronds is under the fig tree inside the park boundary. All residents are reminded that the council collections are for estate debris not private. If you are having problems disposing of your green waste council have introduced a green bin service this is fortnightly and available on request from council. The recent holiday period saw the removal of one of the picnic tables from the Islands Park, not once but twice. The last dumping, in the canal, meant that the picnic table was written off. This has now been replaced with a metal one. Also the bin in Footbridge Park was pulled off its stand and dumped in the canal, rubbish and doggie doo bags included. This has also been replaced. Thanks to the residents who helped with the cleanup. Unfortunately the ongoing repairs and replacements come out of our budget. Parents please **SPEAK TO YOUR CHILDREN** and explain this money that we divert to replacements and repairs stops us from doing other things to improve the estate.

Grass Clippings

Please be mindful of grass clippings going into canal as this pollutes the canal and endangers marine life. I am sure no one would like to see our sea food disappear from our tables. It can easily be avoided, just ensure that the feeder on the mower is pointing into the block or use a catcher. Make sure your contractor knows as well, lots of people are not aware that it is harmful. **REMEMBER RESIDENTS SWIM IN THE CANAL SO DO THE RIGHT THING.**

Thank You

A big thank you to our residents who help maintain our parks, gardens and waterways plus our team of helpers who fill our bag dispensers for our beloved pets. You're a vital link in maintaining the estate.

Sharalyn Coell



NOOSA WATERS FINE DINING

Hello There Fine Diners,

Thank you for a great evening last week, it was enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to Angela from the Blue Angel who gave us a great deal & a delicious meal.

I received a few requests for the next function to be held at Ricky's River Bar & Restaurant at Noosa Wharf, Quamby Place, Noosa Heads. After negotiating with David Nakon, the manager of Ricky's, we've come up with another delicious menu for our group.

WHAT'S ON OFFER — \$55pp

Tuesday 27th March

6.30pm for glass of Fat Tree (white or red)
complimentary wine on arrival, tapas &
mingling, then seated at 7pm

TAPAS

Marinated Yellowfin Tuna cubes, Pickled
Ginger & a Wasabi and Sesame Seed
dressing

Roast Fig stuffed with Goats Cheese, Chilli,
Sage, wrapped in Parma Ham

Pecorino Short Bread with Chilli and
Oregano Lebnah, Roast Capsicum sauce

MAINS

Grilled fillet of Fish simply served with Baby
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Ricky's requests that all Fine Diners pay for their meals by credit card when the booking is made. Please ring Ricky's direct on 5447 2455 to reserve your seat & remember to tell them you are with the Noosa Waters Fine Dining Club.



WATERWATCH

There are two newly installed 1.5m drainage pipes with water flowing at the back of Good Shepherd Lutheran College (see above). It is believed that stormwater could be entering this area from nearby areas. This stormwater is discharged into the adjacent nature reserve after which it passes under Shorehaven Drive and then into our canal system.

Country Club Villages, the developer for Noosa Domain Retirement Village have been given Development Approval for 169 units nearby. Noosa Waters Residents Association was not given the opportunity to comment on the proposed development.

With this development and the proposed development of the old banana farm, the NWRA committee has arranged a briefing from Council to address our concerns about stormwater runoff, flooding and water

pollution, and the steps that should be taken to maintain the quality of the estate.

ARE YOU ILLEGAL NET FISHING

Concerns have been expressed about net fishing in the canals. Queensland Fisheries advise that only a 16m bait net with a 28mm hole size is permitted. This is a throw-in pull-out net. Offenders may be caught and fined. Please advise me, Warren Burrows 54730545 and report any suspected illegal fishing to Gregory Bowness from Queensland Fisheries on 0408455987 or email Gregory.bowness@dpi.qld.gov.au.

DO NOT RUN THE LOCK AMBER FLASHING LIGHT

Do not attempt to enter the lock on an amber flashing light. This could place your vessel at risk by causing the lock operating mechanism to stop operating with your vessel stuck between the jaws on the gates. Your committee has had discussions with Council about lock operation and recommendations are being formulated. If more than one vessel enters the lock, the skipper of the first vessel should ensure that his card is not swiped until the subsequent vessel is in place in the lock. The lock is 16 metres in length and skippers should take into account both vessels' lengths when deciding whether more than one vessel can enter at the same time.

GRASS CLIPPINGS HARM WATER QUALITY

With the recent rains and the consequent more frequent mowing of lawns some algae has been reported in the canals. Whipper snipping lawn edges near revetment walls can result in clippings ending up in the canals. Please take care to ensure best water quality.

JETTIES AND BOAT LIFTING DEVICES

Noosa Waters Residents Association is having discussions with Council regarding these devices and the possible updating of policy relating to them. We will keep members informed as matters progress.

Warren Burrows (Wazza) - 54730545

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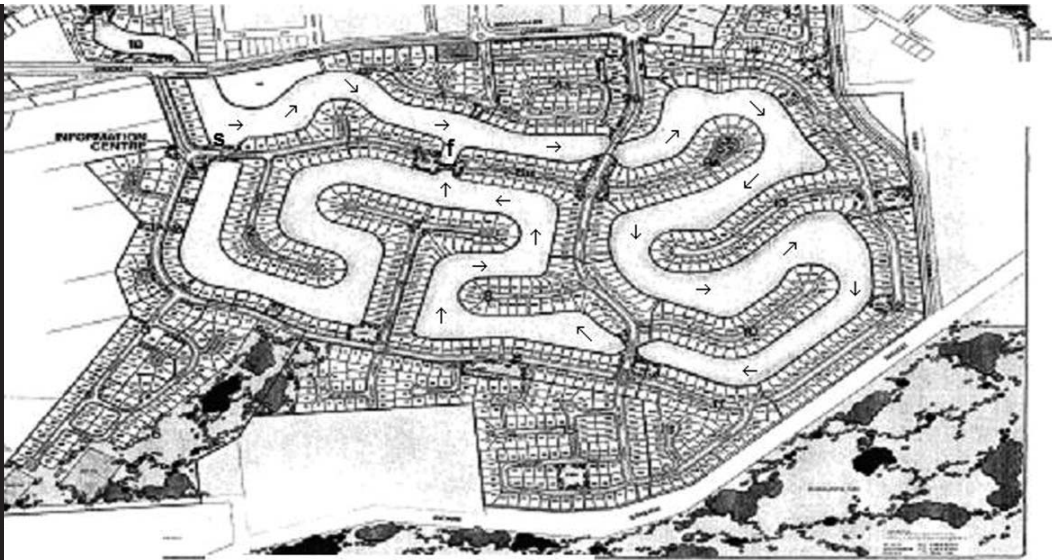
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Regatta Route Map



S = the start at Riverbreeze/ information centre
f = the end at Mermaid Quays Park
→ are the course to follow

Invitation To All Residents...

The Noosa Waters Challenge

It's back again, the event you have all been waiting for, "The Noosa Waters Challenge" (NW Challenge). The NW Challenge is a rowing/paddling event organised for Sunday 25 March 2007, exclusively for Noosa Waters Residents. The paddle itself will start and finish at the Mermaid Quays Park and will follow the course marked on the map below. The total distance is approximately 4 kilometers and should take about 30 minutes to complete. This is a social occasion for all ages and levels of fitness. All types of paddle craft are encouraged to participate i.e. wave skis, canoes, kayaks and the like.

A BBQ breakfast in the park will be enjoyed by all who participate. A lucky draw with a mystery prize will be conducted for all those who complete the challenge. So come on challenge your neighbour, husband or wife and dust off that canoe you have sitting down the side of your house. Have some fun and a few laughs, after all isn't that why we are living in Noosa Waters!

When: Sunday 25 March 2007, 7am for
 7.30am start (Rain, Hail or shine)

Where: Mermaid Quays park

Cost: It's Free

For more information and to register your intention to participate please call Greg Foster on 54742709 or email gnf@bigpond.net.au

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