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newsletter

TIME FOR A CHANGE

This is and has been one of the busiest times on the Estate! In March we had our kayak challenge (see pictures) a wonderful time was had by all. Much liaison with Council over waterways and other matters; a lot goes on behind the scenes that does not always make it to print. There has also been much committee and resident work, resulting in submissions to Council (and more meetings) re the Brown's development and we hope for a positive result.

Hope you all took part and enjoyed yourselves in the great May fiesta. A lot of work goes into organizing social events so a big thank you to all involved.

Over the past few weeks residents have been out clearing up and mulching parks, gardens etc. an extra big thank you to them. We all enjoy the benefit as we drive around the estate and when selling property, people always notice how well parks and gardens are kept, so next time there's a working bee near you please help.

This will be my last newsletter as President, John and I have been involved on committee for the past seven years, John as president for 2 years. We feel it's time for younger and new residents to take over. The new committee and officers will be elected at the August AGM (be there!) we wish them every success; we will be on hand to give help and advice if and when required. It's all about keeping Noosa Waters beautiful and a friendly place to live and it's for all of us who live here to help together in this.

Thank you to everyone who has supported and encouraged us over the years, we do appreciate it. God bless you all.

Carol

A BIG THANK YOU

I am sure you will all join me in thanking Carol and John for their terrific efforts in running the NWRA over the last few years. Their unending hours spent on our behalf, has been truly remarkable and highly commendable. I am sure they will enjoy their new found freedom to the full! Thank you both.

The NWRA would also like to thank the recently formed Working Party, set up by the residents of Shipwright Avenue, with regard to the Brown's development. This is chaired by Ian Purnell and supported by Kay and Michael Pallot, Hilary Andrew, Gisa Weatherill and Jocelyn Gower. The group have done an enormous amount of work collecting signatures and putting forward a proposal to Council with regard to this issue. Many thanks to you all.

Alison Tucker, Editor

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2007/2008 Subscription notices should be delivered to your letterboxes early June. A year's subscription is still only \$8.00 for the Residents Association and \$2.00 for Neighbourhood Watch. Donations are appreciated. Internet banking is also possible: BSB #: 633000 Bendigo Bank, Tewantin, Account #: 123069833. Make sure you put your surname and street address in the message/reference field. We are also planning on launching a website – please tick yes/no on the Subscription form for interest.

The Association and Neighbourhood Watch work hard to make sure Noosa Waters is a safe and continually beautiful place to live in. Your active support is appreciated.

Michael Donovan

THE COMMITTEE...

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LANDSCAPE REPORT

Now that Noosa Council has introduced Level 2 water restrictions, it's time we think about a water efficient garden. Planting a water wise garden is one of the most practical ways to save water and cut down on your household water bill. It is a fact that around 40% of water used by Queensland households is used in outdoor areas and the garden. **SO HOW CAN WE HELP?** What does it take to have a water efficient garden? It is possible to have a healthy lawn and garden by following a few basic steps:

- By selecting a turf suitable for our subtropical region
- Improve the water storage capacity of your soil by using a garden fork or lawn aerator
- Top dress your lawn regularly
- Don't mow at too low a level, reduce frequency of mowing to the growth of the lawn
- Use only slow release fertilizers.
- Check for tap and hose leaks.
- If it looks like rain refrain from watering.
- Add organic matter to your garden and mulch to improve the soil and reduce evaporation and weeds.
- Add water retention crystals to the soil this helps retain moisture in soil.
- Select hardy plants that can survive our local rainfall i.e. natives to the area, succulents, arid zone plants
- Plants that need lots of water should be planted where there is some shade.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To all the residents who have been helping out in cleaning up the estate parks and nature strips your help is most appreciated. If you can spare an hour or two why not get together with your neighbours to enhance this beautiful estate.

DOG OWNERS

Although most residents do the right thing, there are some who still don't pick up their dog waste. There is

no reason for this as we have ample doggie bag dispensers and very good volunteers who maintain the doggie bag dispensers. So please consider others who also live in the estate.

Sbaralyn Coell
Landscape Co-ordinator

FINE DINING REPORT

A reminder re the Riverhouse Christmas in July. Bookings for this are nearly full but David tells me there are about 12 spaces left for this event. Please ring the Riverhouse direct to book on 5449 7441.



Riverhouse Christmas in July - Wednesday 25th @ 7.00p.m. sharp

\$68.00 per person and no BYO on this evening.

Set Menu to include:

Oak Smoked Salmon

Organic Turkey with Chestnut stuffing, duck fat roasted potatoes etc.

Individual Christmas Puddings with Brandy Butter Sounds terrific, so get your Santa hats out and come and join the fun.

Look forward to seeing you there.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

The BreastScreen Queensland Nambour Service is happy to announce it has opened a new, permanent BreastScreen site in Noosaville. The Service is located at 'The Professional Centre' 90 Goodchap Street, Noosaville. The Service will operate Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday each week, as well as one late night and Saturday morning a month. Phone: 13 20 50 for an appointment.

DR
JEREMY NORRIS
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Annual General Meeting



**Monday 20th
August 2007**

**7.00pm @ Noosa
Leisure Centre**

The Residents Association Annual General Meeting will be held in August at the Leisure Centre.

Various matters will be discussed at the meeting including reports by current committee members and the election of officers and committee members for 2007 - 2008.

This meeting is open to all residents and your participation is most welcomed. Be informed and have your say about Noosa Waters, come along and vote for your new committee.

See you there.



THE NOOSA WATERS CHALLENGE 2007

This year's Challenge has come and gone once again, Sunday 25th March was a perfect autumn morning. All those who participated enjoyed the morning immensely and were in disbelief why more residents didn't join in the fun! After the paddle a sumptuous BBQ breakfast was shared by all, with lucky draw prizes gratefully received by the fortunate few. I guess when you look at the 'Big Picture', we were all lucky to be a part of a fantastic community event. Can't wait for next year!

The event was generously sponsored by local businesses, and our thanks must go to Woolworths, Bunnings and Toyworld for their ongoing support.

Stay Social,

Greg



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IMPORTANT REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS

It is the responsibility of all dog owners to ensure that their animals are leashed at all times during their walks in public streets and places. Remember, there may be an occasion, for some inexplicable reason, your dog rushes at or attacks a person who is also enjoying their walk. Fines may also be incurred if you are reported for having your dog off leash and not under control at all times.

'Keep Noosa Waters Safe'. Remember to also pick up after your dog – 'Keep Noosa Waters Clean'.



WATERWATCH REPORT

SEWERAGE OVERFLOW INTO NOOSA WATERS LAKE SYSTEM

Signs were kept longer than expected because of further monitoring; with heavy rain thoroughly flushing the wetlands area.

BROWN'S DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION

Shipwright Avenue is the only access in the Brown's Development Application (DA) for Council approval. This is of concern to the residents in Shipwright Avenue and also to Noosa Waters because of road traffic and storm water entering the canal system. Submissions and petition have been sent to Noosa Council.

JETTIES AND BOAT LIFTING DEVICES (BLD)

NWRA is working with Council for an update of the document PSP25 'Domestic Marine Uses in Noosa Waters'. There are some structures that could be deemed illegal and a few large floating pontoons moored to jetties may be considered to be a vessel. The canal system is like a footpath in front of your home. There are some things that can be done and others that cannot.

LARGE FISH IN CANAL

It was reported by a builder that a large fish estimated to be 5' to 6' length was seen in the canal close to the revetment wall in Saltwater Avenue 23/3/07 approximately midday. Independent opinion is that it was a hairtail fish. There have been other sightings of large fish and concerns in case there might be a shark in the canals. This has to be a possibility in any Queensland waterways and you are advised always to take reasonable care when swimming or fishing in the canal. Leaflets are available at Noosa Council offices.

CANAL MOVEMENTS

As more and more residents apply to Council for approval to build a Jetty or boat lifting devices it is important to remember that we as residents do not own the canal. Like the roads we all should be carers for the canal, removing debris that comes our way and mindful of others including neighbours when exiting a berth and flushing motors.

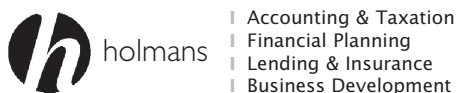
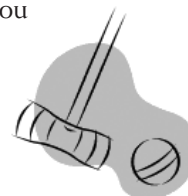
Traversing the canal system we should keep to the right of centre. This is the opposite for driving on our roads in Australia where we keep to the left of centre. It is a marine safety requirement to keep to the right of centre of a channel and this applies to Noosa Waters canals. If we do not adhere to this requirement we may find ourselves colliding with a vessel when coming around a bend.

There are vessels exceeding the speed limit of 4 Knots in the canal, some of them pulling a planing tube with children on board. Speeding involving any activity is illegal and can have serious consequences.

Warren Burrows

CROQUET POPULAR

The Come and Try days held over the past few months have proved so popular that the club has decided to extend an invitation to residents who missed out. Come along to Seashell Place, Noosa Waters on a Wednesday or Friday afternoon at 1.15p.m. and enjoy a free game. All you need to bring are flat sole shoes. Phone Rafe on 5474 5739.



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