



Noosa Waters Residents Association Inc 50th Edition - What a Success Story!

Achieving issue number 50, is testimony to the on-going commitment of past and present members and management of Noosa Waters Residents Association. Each edition produced over the last twelve years, tells the story of the work undertaken by Presidents, Management Committees, Life Members, Volunteers and service providers - for the benefit of Noosa Waters.



'Let's cherish Noosa Waters, look after it and each other', says Glen

Glen Elmes, MP, Member for Noosa and Resident of Noosa Waters, Congratulates NWRA President, Gary Trevithick on this milestone edition.

Presidents Report

Dear Fellow Residents

Welcome to this special 50th edition newsletter of Noosa Waters Residents Association. Since being appointed on February 18th, your Management Committee has been very busy, working intensively on a number of issues and projects, including:

- Partnering Charter
- Landscaping
- Waterwatch
- Covenants
- Holiday rentals
- Web site
- TV distribution service
- Canal Revetment walls
- Q 100 Flood Planning Information
- Banana Plantation subdivision update.

Partnering Charter

The Partnering Charter is an agreement between the Council and the Association to assist in the management and control of various issues impacting upon the residents of the Noosa Waters Estate. It has the support of Mayor Bob Abbot, Cr Russell Green and staff of former Council. We have detailed a number of issues we would like to discuss with the new Council and are waiting for them to schedule a meeting.

Web site

The Management Committee decided to proceed with the website www.noosawaters.org. I encourage you to access this site for the latest Noosa Waters news.

Show your appreciation for this dynamic Noosa Waters community resource, by taking the time to check it out, section by section. You will be impressed by the range, quality and immediacy of information that is already posted on this website. Please be mindful of the unlimited, global reach that we now have, and the responsibilities that go with it. When posting information, use this e-resource wisely and constructively.

Holiday Rentals

At the meeting on 6 May, complaints were received from a number of members about the impact on them of the short term rental of neighbouring homes, for holiday purposes. We are investigating what can be done about the problems raised.



WaterWatch Report

See WaterWatch report alerting canal-front owners to their responsibilities re care of revetment wall.

Covenants

The Noosa Waters Covenants form the Agreement between the Developer with original purchasers and their successors.

They were designed to maintain high standards of presentation, lifestyle and values, throughout the development. NWRA and owners do not have any rights to enforce the Covenants.

In the case of any serious non-compliance with the Covenants, with no rectification of a breach, then the Developer, Noosa Waters Pty Ltd will, take legal action against the owner. They are currently pursuing some breaches.

TV distribution service

There was a very large turnout of residents at our meeting on 6 May, to hear Metrio representatives talk about their proposal to increase the cost of the TV service and provide an internet service. Residents clearly expressed their views about the proposals. Metrio are considering their position and will advise their subscribers of their decision. We must give recognition to Mark Miotto and his team, who are working day and night to overcome the maintenance challenges they are facing, so that they can provide the high level of TV service which we expect.



Banana Plantation Development update

This subdivision of 96 lots, with access via Shipwright Avenue, was approved by Council last year. The Seymour Group is developing the site. They wish to establish good relations with residents, and have appointed Market Place Communications, as their representative to liaise with residents and owners about issues relating to the Banana Plantation Development.

To streamline communications, we have established: bananafarm@noosawaters.org as the contact point for communication for matters relating to the development.

Our dialogue with the developer will include how to minimise disruption, danger and distress to residents, owners and wildlife during the construction phases.

Development news items will also be posted on our web site from time to time. Please keep in touch with neighbours who do not have computer access. Further details about the development, appear later.

Volunteers

I appreciate the dedication and hard work of my fellow Committee Members and teams of volunteers who contribute to administering and maintaining our parks and waterways, and all other NWRA activities. There is much work to be done. Don't sit back and criticise, be ready to play your part.

We still need a **Social Secretary** – life in Noosa Waters should not only be about serious matters! So often, many neighbourhood niggles could be resolved socially, before they escalate to become major problems.

Let me know if you are willing to assist in this role, or some other capacity.

Subscriptions and Renewals

To sustain the level of services currently provided by NWRA and Neighbourhood Watch, I urge you to join now, or renew your subscription promptly. Thanks go to those that who have already done so. For your convenience, a form is enclosed. Please return this form with payment, to Treasurer, Tony van der Linden.

Refund

With resident webpage designer, Howard Martin's generous offer to provide this new website service to the community, for no cost, we are pleased to be able to return donations that were made to establish a new site. Thanks to all those who made the donations.

Thank you to sponsors and advertisers

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to sponsors and advertisers, who make it possible to produce NWRA newsletters. Thanks to Seymours for being a major sponsor for this edition. See their article later.

Gary Trevithick, President



LANDSCAPING- KEEPING NOOSA WATERS BEAUTIFUL

Our beautiful parks and gardens that fringe our delightful waterways have attracted many residents to live on the Noosa Waters Estate.

Developing one park at a time, a group of residents negotiated an arrangement where Council would provide plants, shrubs, trees, mulch, even paint and paint brushes - residents provided the volunteers; Council also committed to removing the resulting green waste.

This successful pilot scheme, enabled the Partnering Charter between the previous Noosa Council and the Residents Association to be negotiated and implemented, to our mutual benefit. It is hoped that a similar arrangement can be achieved with the Sunshine Coast Council.



Fountain News Yes, finally it has been turned on again, after it was cleaned. We are currently in negotiation with Council about an upgrade of the existing fountain and landscaping that surrounds the fountain.

This is going to be a costly project for the Council, and therefore will need a 2-3 year vision for this. Thanks to Werner and crew for "sweeping into action", keeping the fountain looking good!

Volunteers Impressive levels of volunteering have continued over the years, but new volunteers are always needed, particularly in a Park near you. Cleaning-up and maintaining the parklands is a major task. If you are interested in keeping Noosa Waters beautiful and tidy, please consider volunteering. If you enjoy and appreciate what is being done, do pass on your encouragement, recognising your neighbour's contributions.

Promontory Sign Thank you to John & Janet Day and Gordon Thembash for the excellent paint job on the 2 signs.

Gibson Road Underpass Lighting After 3 years of persistence with Council, this is finally in place.

Saltwater Avenue Entry Statement The original wall has been demolished, and the new entry statement, designed to contemporary standards, will be constructed soon, - so keep an eye out for it.

Street Trees If you would like a street tree outside your property please let Sharon know. Some parts of the estate are bare and are in need of more street trees eg northern end of The Peninsular and parts of Shorehaven Drive. The street tree species selected by Council, should cause no root problems and enhance your front yard. 20 trees that were uprooting pathways and services, are being replaced by Council this financial year.

Noxious Weed Council Environment Services Department is working on a noxious weed that was located on Saltwater/Promontory and has spread as far as Seagull Court. The weed has been sprayed twice, but with the endless showers over the past months this has not been successful. Council will persist and solve this problem.

Green Garden Waste Disposal Green Bins are available from Council Environmental Services for \$52 per annum; Phone 5447 1062.

Please **do not** put your personal house-hold green waste onto the parks green waste piles.

Helpers needed for:

Saltwater/Shorehaven Park - general green waste cleanup/spraying;

Quays Entry Statement & Anchorage - signs need fresh coat of paint.

**To volunteer, or for more information, contact:
Sharon Woodford 5442 4309, or
John Langdon 5455 5125**



WATERWATCH REPORT

WaterWatch has undertaken a number of research and maintenance projects, addressing on-going concerns of residents. Special thanks to Council, residents and WW team, for their continued vigilance with all matters relating to the protection of the canals and drainage issues - these impact the whole of Noosa Waters.

Q100 Flood Risk Management

Michael Hagan, Manager of Land Development, Sunshine Coast Regional Council (North) delivered an address to Noosa Waters residents on May 6th, on Council perspective of flood risk management planning for the area.

He explained how development planning is based on worst case scenario projections for a Q100 event - a storm event that is deemed to have just 1% chance of occurring in any year. When combined with high tide, the canal water would not get away quickly, so flooding would be likely.

To offset the full impact of such an occurrence, developers and Council used flood modelling systems, to calculate where overflow points would be in Noosa Waters estate, and then set the road and house levels to give residents maximum protection in the case of such a Q100 storm event. Michael's Power Point presentation will be available on NW website shortly.

Canal Safety Precaution

Residents are advised that large fish, including sharks, are an everyday part of marine life and form a vital part of the eco-food chains of a balanced marine system. While the shark-catcher, appointed by Council, was able to report that, no sharks were detected, and despite no reports of recent sightings, residents are advised to be aware that any waterway carries an element of risk. Enjoy this wonderful lake canal, but put safety first.

Temporary Low Lake Levels - OK

During times of heavy lock usage, such as over long week-ends, exacerbated when combined low daytime tides, it is likely that lower than normal lake levels will occur. This is because there would be a higher than normal loss of water from the lake due to the high number of gate openings and the greater water level differential. When this occurs, lake water levels should be restored to normal within a few days.

Caps on Posts Lock to River

WW requested and achieved, the placement of white conical caps on posts leading from the river to lock; these also act as protection for the timber piles.

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Signs Displaying 4 knots No Wash

WW has purchased a number of 4 Knot No Wash signs and will be placing them soon.

Lights on Bridge to Chaplin Park

A WW committee member noticed that lights on the bridge to Chaplin Park had been damaged and were not operating. WW contacted Council and within days, the lights were fixed.

Swipe Card Perspex in Lock

The Perspex protective cover for the swipe card system was broken. WW swung into action and not only notified Council for the covers to be replaced, but also recommended that some protection be provided for the Perspex covers. These works have been carried out.

Steel Rails at Masthead Quay

WW committee member, John Day organised with Council for some bunting to identify two steel rails sticking approximately half a metre out of the water. John tied bunting tapes to the rails and arranged for their removal. The issue for vessels rounding Masthead was that with high lake water level submerging the rails they could be impacted, causing vessel damage.

Environmentally Safe Roof Cleaning

Now that original houses are reaching a certain age, many roofs are being cleaned ready for repainting. If this applies to your property, please make sure your contractor is properly licensed and links with Council - even before quoting, to ensure that providers are aware of current regulations and safe environmental practices. Roof residue is toxic for marine life and will affect the quality of water if allowed to drain into the canal.

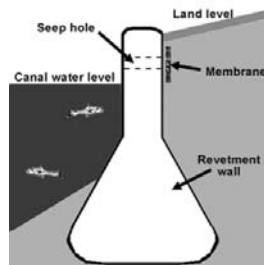
Litter and Lawn Clippings

Protect our waterways and pristine estate - please ensure that no plastic bags, other rubbish, or grass cuttings, find their way into the canal. Make sure that your contractors remove any grass clippings or construction and cleaning materials left in the gutter as they will be washed into the canal. Play your part in picking up litter, should you see any along the way!

Revetment Wall - Responsibilities and Liabilities

Did you know that you own your part of the revetment wall? Waterfront owners, your title deeds will show your property boundary extends into the canal by varying distances from the screws placed on the top of the revetment wall. Check your Registered Plan, to

ascertain how far into the canal your boundaries extend. The revetment wall is the major concrete structure which encases the canal and protects all waterfront properties from flooding. It has been engineered to last - provided it is not damaged. This can be caused by tree roots when planted too close to the wall, by drilling, or channelling into the wall, or by allowing seep holes to become blocked. "Seep" holes built every few metres, perform a vital drainage function, releasing ground water into the canal.



These holes must be kept clear by the filter membrane that prevents soil residue from being discharged into the canal. If the ground water cannot get away, the back of the wall will become waterlogged and water will flow over the top, causing damage

and possible collapse of the wall, eventually.

Owners are liable for costs of repairing any resulting damage to their own, or neighbouring properties. For more details please refer to Council or our own Noosa Waters website.

If you have any concerns about the condition of your wall, contact your WaterWatch committee members, local Council or seek professional advice.

How Sound is Your Sacrificial Anode?

Boaties will know that a sacrificial anode is their best indicator of any possible corrosion and risks to the hull of their vessel. Boat owners, particularly those with aluminium hulls, are reminded to check their sacrificial anodes on a regular routine basis, and to also check for electrolysis.

This occurs where there are dissimilar metals in a conductive fluid environment such as salt water. Electrolysis causes a current to flow causing aluminium to corrode. A sacrificial anode such as zinc is employed to protect the aluminium and in so doing is eaten away.

Boat-owners are warned not to be lulled into a false sense of security by claims about how long their anti-fouling product is supposed to keep boats free of problems. Photo overleaf, shows the damage experienced by a boat less than 8 months after being professionally anti-fouled, with product expected to work for 14 months!

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From Webmaster - www.noosawaters.org

We are providing a lot of information on the site that we believe will be of interest to members, residents and purchasers. Please take time to visit this website often.

New features are being added all the time; recent new pages include those for the Banana Farm development, past editions of NWRA newsletters, covenants and a page about waterfront revetment walls.

Those who register for the email update notices receive news of these new features as soon as they are added. There is a link at the top of each page underneath the photo of the fountain to guide you to the sign-up page. Sign up today!

Take advantage of the much visited, free classified advertising feature. The latest additional service enables advertisers to upload an image of their second hand fridge or lost cat, to add extra OOMPH to their text!

We welcome any ideas that you may have for new feature pages or other thoughts. Help to make this service work for you and the community. Submit your ideas and content to: webmaster@noosawaters.org

Banana Plantation Development

Preliminary discussions re planning and operational issues that concern Noosa Waters residents, have been positive. You will be pleased to see from following message from Seymours, some of our concerns about wildlife and loss of habitat, have been acknowledged with the encouraging offer re nesting boxes, and the recycling and wildlife initiatives.

Community concerns are also being taken seriously, about heavy vehicles travelling through Noosa Waters for house constructions, as are fears about the real risk of rat-running traffic, which could occur while Eenie Creek Road, is open for main development site construction.

We will keep you posted with progress on these and the many other issues raised. Check www.noosawaters.org for latest bulletins. You can forward your concerns or ideas to bananafarm@noosawaters.org.

Message from Seymour Group re New Estate

Hello Residents of Noosa Waters. We are the newly appointed Community Consultation Managers for the new residential estate being created by Seymour Group on the land adjoining Noosa Waters. This is the former banana plantation farm.

Our role is to keep the Noosa Waters community and other key stakeholders informed about the new estate and address any issues that arise.

A quick snapshot on current site activities: Initial site preparation is underway, for planned completion by July 2008. This has included a site cleanup and removal of tonnes of metal and discarded farm equipment. There have been a few surprises unearthed such as two old, compacted buses that looked as though they have been on the site for decades.

Several unused buildings have also been dismantled. With a commitment to environmentally sensitive construction, Seymour Group will recycle and re-use materials on-site such as the cement from the building foundations, which will be crushed and used for road base.

Some of the banana plants and bamboo have also been put to good use. Seymour Group has donated bamboo to the Australia Zoo to be re-planted and provide screening for the animals. The banana plants have also gone down a treat with the elephants at the Zoo.

Next steps will be to carry out further survey work to confirm the park areas and roads. This will include the retention of some 4.96ha of parkland that directly neighbours the Noosa Waters estate and is home to a variety of birdlife.

Seymour Group is keen to minimise impact on the local wildlife and has offered a \$500 donation to the Noosa Waters Residents Association to purchase and install a series of bird nesting boxes at tree vantage points within the new estate.

In the near future, an information session will be scheduled for Noosa Waters residents to view plans and ask any questions. We will be liaising through your Noosa Waters Residents Association's nominated Liaison Co-ordinator, who will facilitate your ideas, or concerns, and will pass on news updates to you. The most current information will be available on your website.

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Noosa Waters Neighbourhood Watch

Hello Fellow Neighbours,

Let's just quickly remind everyone what the Neighbourhood Watch is all about. NHW enjoys a close co-operative relationship with NWRA, although is a separate organisation. It is a program organised by the community and supported by the Queensland Police Service to reduce residential crime. Its mission: To promote security and quality of life for all residents.

NHW is a group of volunteer neighbours who help to protect the safety needs of each other, and of neighbouring property. Together they observe what's happening in their neighbourhood and if anything unusual happens they report incidents to the Police and Complex Security.

Noosa Waters is divided into Neighbourhood Watch zones, with volunteer co-ordinators, who keep you in touch through quarterly NHW newsletters and by word of mouth or other channels as needed. Please assist your co-ordinator, whenever possible.

Why not become a block co-ordinator too? It is a valuable way to help your community; can be fun and it helps you to meet your neighbours in such a positive way. To assist, call Gisa.

From time to time, NHW will organise information events, to inform residents about topical security issues, to improve personal safety and household/building security and to encourage neighbours to look after each other.

Secretary David Carter, and co-ordinators, Gisa and Henry Weatherill, will be attending the NHW Sunshine Coast District conference on your behalf, in June. The agenda is based on training and information sharing. We'll report back to you.

Your \$2 contributions, along with any additional donations, are vital to being able to provide the level of services currently provided. These include:

- Security patrols by Complex Security;
- Complex Security Support in case of incident;
- Quarterly newsletters;
- Information sessions as needed;
- General administrative expenses;
- Organisational Insurance.

Stay safe and protected.

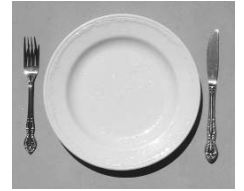
**Gisa & Henry Weatherill,
NHW Area Co-ordinators, 5474 4125**

If you see anything suspicious ...

Phone local Police (Noosa: 5447 5888; Maroochydore: 5479 9888). If it is an emergency, call 000, and later, please call Henry and Gisa (5474 4125) about incidents.

Fine Dining in June

By the time you read this, we may have already enjoyed our next night out on Thursday 5th June at Rock Salt Restaurant, Quamby Place. Don't miss out on **Christmas in July**. Book early!



This will be on Tuesday 22nd July at RiverHouse Restaurant 301, Weyba Road Noosaville; 5449 7441. I will update you with menu and other details on www.noosawaters.org closer to the date. Usual time, 6.30 for 7 pm start. Festive greetings! Fine Dining Co-ordinator, Louise Taylor: finedining@noosawaters.org

CLASSICAL MUSIC APPRECIATION GROUP

All are invited to attend this friendly group which meets each Thursday from 9.30am to 11.30am at home in Noosa Waters.

A variety of classical music CDs are played, and a brief background to the music is sometimes given. We have a short tea/coffee break. The group is run under the auspices of U3A (University of the Third Age) but this does not mean you need any prior knowledge of classical music in order to attend.



Ring Lyn 5449 0537

Noosa Croquet Club

Noosa Croquet Club has 5 international standard lawns, the largest venue in Qld, and as such, has been awarded the honour of hosting the most prestigious event in the State's calendar.

Noosa Croquet Club will host a 3 day event for the top 18 players from Qld, on behalf of the governing body, CAQ - Croquet Association of Queensland. The Club is proud to announce that it will have 2 representatives: John Philpott, Club President in the Division 1 medal and Vinko Mestrovic, who will play for the Presidents Trophy.

This event will be held from 30th May to June 1st. 10 selected players will compete in a Round Robin event for the division 1 medal. 8 selected players will follow that format for the Presidents Eight Trophy.

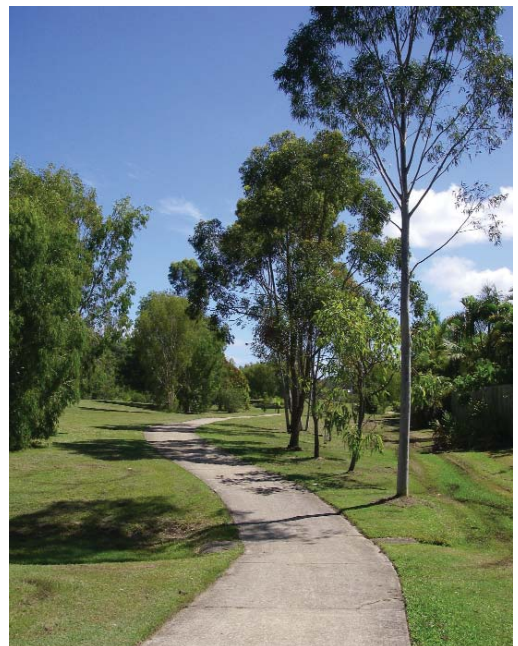
Noosa Croquet Club is open to all, and welcomes new members. Free coaching is available for interested people. Why not come along and try your skills? The Clubhouse has just been extended and the beautiful courts have never looked lovelier. Shelters have been erected in which to relax or have a chat, or just get out of the sun. Come along, meet new friends, have fun and enjoy this marvellous facility. Visit Noosa Waters' website for more information, or call President, John on 5455 6201.

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Magic Moments in Noosa Waters...

Sunrise, sunsets and moonlight over Noosa Waters, a surprise visitor pelican, and a walk in the park!

Photos provided courtesy of Howard Martin, Janet and John Day, Mike Pallot & Bob Upham.

Why not submit your own Magic Moment images to: webmaster@noosawaters.org. Send digital photos or scenic shots that show "Why you live where you live".



**Get Ready for Fine Dining Christmas in July!
Photos from Christmas 2007 Noosa Waters Flotilla.**



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