



The Presidents Report

NEVER VOLUNTEER...

But I did. Again! Five years ago as area Co-ordinator of Neighbourhood Watch to save it from going under (John and I still have the job) now as President of the Residents Association because rules and regulations have changed and we now have to have a President as well as Secretary in order to exist. John served two years as President and now you've got me.. and we'll work together as we always do.

So I ask you all...please be ready to volunteer, to play your part in helping to keep Noosa Waters the best it can be, our portion of paradise. Without volunteers this nation of ours would be in poor shape, and that applies here. Help with the park clean-ups. Don't sit on your backside and criticise..be part of the answer not the problem.

We have a good committee and work well together, but there are positions to be filled. Lucy is doubling up by acting as secretary as well as organising and editing the newsletter. We need urgently a general secretary to take over from Lucy.. it's not too demanding a job but essential. Could you be the person.. or available to help in other ways.. please consider and maybe talk to me about it.

Carol Symington
5474 1961



Vice Presidents Report

Firstly, many thanks to Carol Symington for putting her hand up for the Presidents position. I would have loved to have volunteered but unfortunately with my position at the Bendigo Bank comes time constraints. Carol & John both are very dedicated to the Noosa Waters Estate and its residents and there is no doubt she will do a wonderful job and take on the position with great passion. May I just add Carol will be the first female Noosa Waters President. Thanks again Carol and I look forward to supporting you in your new role.

I would like to congratulate Ian Wallbank on his appointment as Life Member to the Noosa Waters Residents Association in recognition of his contribution and service over many years. Thankyou Ian for your continued support.

I would like thank all the members of the Noosa Waters Residents Association management committee for their continued good work and for all their achievements throughout 2004.

Wishing all Noosa Waters residents a very Merry Christmas & Safe New Year!

John O'Brien, Vice-President
07 54741905

Treasurers Report

Dear Neighbours & NWRA members,
At the end of this year all I can report is good, thanks to your fantastic support to your residents association. We have now changed our accounts to a Community Bank – Bendigo Bank in Tewantin. With many good wishes for the Festive Season,

Gisa Weatherill

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Waterwatch Report

New Canal Policy

The new 'stand alone' Canal Policy for private jetties, boat lifting devices and boat ramps for Noosa Waters has progressed through the public display and submission stage. We understand that the only submissions received were to do with the issue of jetties for multiple dwelling properties on single allotments.

Council is now considering the submissions. It is expected that the Policy will be finalized and approved by Council by the end of the year.

Residents should note that around the Canal there are a significant number of breaches of the existing Policy. Approval of the new Policy should overcome a number of these breaches. Council will be reviewing information concerning existing jetties and boat lifting devices and will be monitoring the Canal so as to take action to remedy any unauthorised structures.

Residents with any concern in regard to the legality of their jetty and/or boat lifting device are advised to contact Council.

Lock Maintenance Closure

Council completed lock maintenance work and had the lock open several days ahead of schedule. This was major planned maintenance in accordance with the long term maintenance program for the lock. The general condition of the lock was reported as being better than expected.

Lock Key Changeover

No problems have been reported with the operation of the new lock keys. Council purchase costs for the new keys are lower than for the old technology keys and as a result the cost to residents has been reduced as follows,

New key	\$55 (previously \$110)
Lost/damaged key	
Less than 3 years old	\$110 (previously \$220)
More than 3 years old	\$ 55 (previously \$110)

Water Quality

Water quality continues to be of a high standard. A regular analysis program is in place. Lawn clippings and dog faeces washed into the canal can adversely affect water quality.

Lawn clippings are not fish food. Please do not wash them into the drains or directly into the canal. Dog owners, please make sure dog faeces are picked up and disposed of correctly.

Fountain

Werner Dymaier has been doing excellent work looking after the Noosa Waters fountain at the corner of Riverbreeze and Shorehaven. He needs some help with the cleaning.

Anyone who can provide some help –
20 minutes per week at your leisure,
please contact Werner – Phone 5455 5727

Canal Levy

All waterfront owners pay a canal levy. This money is to cover the long term maintenance and replacement program for the lock.

The current levy was fixed for 5 years from June 2000. Levy negotiations with the Council for the next five year period, commencing July 2005, is expected in the coming months. Finances are generally in line with budget.

Thank You

Ian Wallbank our Waterwatch Coordinator for 2003/2004 stood down at our last AGM. Ian worked particularly hard on Waterwatch matters, especially the 'stand alone' Canal Policy. Thank you Ian.

Dick Patterson, Waterwatch Coordinator
Phone 5449 9288

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Homes & Gardens Christmas Competition

Lights and decorations at Christmas here at Noosa Waters.. they look so good, give so much pleasure in transforming waterways and streets into a blaze of light and colour and imagery.

So we thought.. wouldn't it be good to encourage everyone to make their homes and gardens look even better this Christmas.. to run a competition for the displays judged best.. separate prizes for waterways and dry block streetscapes.. for individual homes and units. Biggest doesn't have to be the best.. a small home has as much chance as a mansion.. imagination can win over spectacle.

No entry form or fees, just light and decorate your home as you wish, your way. Not later than December 12th.. the judges will be out and about from then until the 18th.. the hoped for day of Carol's Carols.

The funds for prizes will come from the surplus in the Carol's Carols account (which never cost the Association a cent but was funded by raffles, sponsors and donations). So be your creative best!

As for the future, well let's see how we go. Any queries.. call the Symo's on 5474 4961.

New Plans for Carol's Carols

Yes it looks like it's on again and this year on Saturday December 18th! This special Christmas celebration which has been so much enjoyed over the years here at Noosa Waters, until soaring Public Liability costs caused its cancellation as a Residents Association event.

Now the Rotary Club of Noosa Daybreak have plans to take over Carol's Carols, possibly under a different name (though we will always know it as such!) We gather broadly on similar lines as before.. a flotilla of boat traversing the canals.. watchers in waterside homes and parks.. Carols and Christmas songs broadcast by local radio.. Santa afloat and then ashore.. music at Mermaid Beach or wherever the final destination is to be.

At the time of going to press it is not definitely confirmed but we hear that it has reached the late planning stage and that Noosa Council have been approached to request grant sponsorship. No doubt Rotary will advertise and make contact as and when it is definite but we felt it important to give you advance notice so you can organise crew or guests and get ready. So.. Saturday December 18th.. assembly time probably 5.30 for 6pm start, we imagine starting east of the low Saltwater bridge as previously. Our own "Admiral" Gino to lead the flotilla as always!

And don't forget, DECORATE & LIGHT UP YOUR HOME & GARDEN.. maybe WIN A PRIZE in the Noosa Waters Christmas competition (see details in, left).

Carol and John

FINE DINING

The next Noosa Waters Fine Dining event will be in early February. The dining evenings are an opportunity for local chefs to show off their talent and at the same time allow Noosa Waters residents and guests to get to know each other better.

The menu for the evening will be distributed about three weeks prior to the event and the restaurant then takes reservations. To be on the mailing list for future events, simply email lucykelly70@hotmail.com or phone Lucy Kelly on 07 54741905

NOOSA WATERS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UP COMING MEETINGS

The next General Meeting will be on Monday 31st January 2005 at 7pm

The Annual General meeting will be on Monday 22nd August 2005 at 7pm

Meetings will be held at THE GOOD SHEPARD LUTHERAN COLLEGE HALL

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Landscape Report

Trees to replace those removed as part of this year's budget have been delayed due to the dry conditions. Once we get some rain planting will commence. Shade structures for Shipyard and Bluefin Parks have been installed. Lights to pathways in Peninsula Park and underpass from Saltwater Bridge to Neptune Circuit are programmed for installation in Feb/March 2005.

Garden beds on corner of Seahorse and Riverbreeze entrance (development site) to be turfed once we get some rain.

A coordinator is required for the Helm Court medium strip garden. A big thankyou to Lorraine & John Pegan for their help over the last season. If anyone is interested in taking over please call me.

Thanks to the coordinators who have been busy doing cleanups and mulching beds. This work

is vital in helping to maintain the standard of presentation in the estate.

Information for new residents: The residents of the estate all work towards "KEEPING NOOSA WATERS BEAUTIFUL AND TIDY" This means we put all rubbish and doggie do in bins provided around the estate. (Bins have doggie do dispensers on them) The coordinators role is to get the neighbours together to maintain their streets garden beds or parks. We supply mulch, roundup and plants. It is a good way to meet neighbours and enhance your area.

Water Preservation: Just a friendly note in times of dry weather, can you please check timing of irrigation. It's better to water at night when there is less evaporation. Also please check your sprinkler heads to ensure water is not going down the gutters.

Sharon Coell
5447 1678

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