

SUBURBS WITHIN THE CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT INCLUDE: Aroona, Battery Hill, Birtinya, Bokarina, Currimundi, Little Mountain, Meridan Plains, Wurtulla.

#### Points of Interest:

- Riversweep
- Community notice boards
- Saving the Bloodwood trees
- Clean Up Australia Day reports
- Stormwater project
- Newsletter survey
- Group presidents' reports

#### Coming Up:

- National Volunteers Week - 9-15 May 2011
- Riversweep - 15 May 2011
- International Day for Biological Diversity - 22 May 2011
- World Turtle Day - 23 May 2011



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# CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT NEWS

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## RIVERSWEEP - CLEAN UP THE CURRIMUNDI - 15 MAY

Currimundi Catchment Care Group once again invites readers to bring family and friends along to collect rubbish in Currimundi Lake and creeks and along the waters' edge on **Sunday 15 May from 9am to 11am** and for a barbecue afterwards. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who owns a canoe, kayak or tinnie to use it in helping to clean up the waterways that we enjoy in so many ways. Sign on at the western end of Noel Burns Park, Mulloka Esplanade, Wurtulla. Volunteers without water craft are most welcome to join in and collect rubbish from the banks of the Lake and creeks.

## COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

Sunshine Coast Council has provided Currimundi Catchment Care Group with Community Notice boards in Crummunda Park and Noel Burns Park. These boards are available for the local community to display any community notices. The board in Noel Burns Park is opposite Warloo St, contact Marion on 54931326 for further information. In Crummunda Park it is located adjacent to the Coastal Walk near the flying fox, contact Joan on 54932698 for further information. So next time you're in the park, check out what is happening in your neighbourhood.



## SAVING THE BLOODWOOD TREES

The state government's Department of Environment and Resource Management has approved council's application to install rock walls to support two large bloodwood trees in Sunjewel Environment Park, Currimundi, to prevent them from falling into the creek. Work will commence on this project shortly.



**Meridan Plains really is a flood plain!**

Looking from overbridge towards flooded playing fields, clubhouse, Kawana Forest and Pacific Lutheran School.

January 2011

## STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT

Year 6 students from Currimundi State School recently invited Currimundi Catchment Care Group to discuss local environmental issues. David, Jenny and Kaye spoke with the students about what is a catchment, how to care for our environment and waterways and practical things everyone can do such as Clean Up Australia Day. We all had a lot of fun and it was encouraging to see the enthusiasm and awareness displayed by the children.

Visit [www.currimundicatchment.org.au](http://www.currimundicatchment.org.au) for the Currimundi Lake Catchment Website

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY REPORT

**Currimundi Catchment Care Group:** 39 participants, including 11 children, Cr Keryn Jones and family and Nathan from Jarrod Bleijie MP's office collected 4 wheelie bins of general rubbish and 8 bags of recyclables. This included 300 tin cans, 200 plastic bottles, 300 glass bottles and plenty of free plastic covered magazines which had washed from footpaths and gutters into Currimundi Lake. The general rubbish was mostly plastic bags (including bait bags), McDonalds wrappers, cigarette butts, as well as a whipper-snipper, bumper bar, downpipe, solar light, a small Australian flag and a syringe. There was a lot of rubbish along Nicklin Way but Crummunda and Noel Burns Parks were pretty clean and seem to be improving every year. This is probably due to the dedicated locals who regularly clean up these areas. It was a great effort especially as the weather was not the best. Thanks to Kaye, Leslie, Pat, Geoff, Joan and John for their organisation.



**Friends of Currimundi Lake:** 34 volunteers, including our State MP Mark McArdle, registered to help from 8.30am. They covered the open ground as well as the bush, sand dunes, beach, creek banks, roadside, Coondibah Creek tributaries and the Coastal path. 11 children joined their parents and Cliff used his Buggy to collect full bags and larger items. Paper, bottles, plastic, cans, wood, a TV set, mattress and a chair were collected. The dunes were reasonably clean this year and the general feeling was that our whole area was in better shape. The rubbish was sorted for recyclables

and binned accordingly. It was encouraging to see young families involved and the area is all the better for this worthwhile exercise. Bottled water and a convivial lunch was provided by our friends Peter and Jo from Coco's Resort Currimundi. Thanks to our willing workers for their participation and a special thanks to Jan and Irene.

**Parklands Community Group:** 35 volunteers helped make our Clean Up Australia Day at Little Mountain successful. It was disappointing however, how many used doggy bags were collected, when this could have been avoided by dog owners doing the right thing and placing them into a bin! Used nappies, broken bottles, a DVD and a kids bike were also collected along with the usual rubbish. We also managed to plant some 300 shrubs and grasses. Thank you everyone who helped as well as Council, Little Mountain IGA and Parklands Bakery who supplied the sausage sizzle.

## STORM WATER PROJECT

Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) has initiated a project with Council aimed at improving the quality of the water flowing from storm water drains in the Currimundi waterways. It may not be glamorous work but CCCG recognises that good storm water quality is needed to support the health of our waterways and that poor storm water quality presents a threat to the conservation of our aquatic ecosystems and our recreational activities.

The project comprises a survey of the condition of storm water discharge pipes and their surrounds; a survey of litter in and around discharge pipes; tracing litter back to its source; gauging the amount of litter collected in litter trap devices in the storm water system; the collection and analysis of water quality data; recommendations for maintenance and remediation works and pollution control strategies. All storm water drains will be photographed to supplement the data gathered. Work began on the project in February and will extend through to May.



CCCG members Tony, David and David surveying storm water drains in Currimundi waterways.

**DID YOU KNOW?** 22 May is The International Day for Biological Diversity and this year's theme is Forest Biodiversity – Earth's Living Treasure. You can download a booklet on Forest Biodiversity by visiting [www.cbd.int/idb/2011/booklet](http://www.cbd.int/idb/2011/booklet)

*"Cigarette butts" in the environment are a litter issue – not a smoking issue, but clearly it is only smokers who cause this type of litter.*

Liverpool City Council, England.

## NEWSLETTER SURVEY

**Help us to help our community. Please give 5 minutes of your time to complete this reader survey.**

You can complete it online by visiting [www.surveymonkey.com/s/currimundinews](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/currimundinews) OR cut out this page and post the completed survey to **Newsletter Survey, PO Box 336, WURTULLA, 4575 by 18 April 2011.**

**Please circle your choice or fill in the answer.**

**1. Overall, how do you rate the Currimundi Lake Catchment News?**

Very good      Good      Average      Poor      Very poor

**2. In terms of your needs and interests, please rate the content and presentation of the newsletter:**

Relevance to your local area	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor
Information	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor
Readability	Very good	Good	Average	Poor	Very poor

**3. Do you read every edition of the newsletter that you receive?**    Yes                  No

**4. How much of the newsletter do you read?**                  All of it                  Most of it                  Only what interests me

**5. Have you, or a member of your household, participated in an activity or event, eg National Tree Day, after you read about it in the newsletter?**

Yes                          No

If yes, which one/s? .....

**6. Has reading the newsletter increased your awareness of local environmental issues and activities?**

A lot                          A little                          Not really

**7. Would you recommend this newsletter to a friend or family member?**    Yes                  No

**Please tell us a little about yourself.** Your answers are anonymous.

**8. I am**                          Male                          Female

**9. My age range**                  0 – 25                  26 – 45                  46 – 65                  Over 65

**10. My postcode**                  .....

**11. My street name**                  .....

**12. Do you have any comments or suggestions to improve the Currimundi Lake Catchment News?**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.**



**C**urrimundi Catchment Care Group Inc (CCCG) covers Currimundi Lake, Creeks and Canal Catchments.

**Meetings:** 7.00pm at Caloundra Community Centre, Buderim St, Currimundi on the 2nd Monday of every odd month.

**Next Meeting:**

**9 May 2011**

**Contact:** Secretary  
Jenny 5493 9695

**F**riends of Currimundi Lake (FOCL) covers the area south of the Lake from the beach to Nicklin Way bridge.

**Meetings:** 7.30pm at Currimundi Recreation Hall cnr Currimundi Rd & Ilya St, Currimundi on the 1st Tuesday of every even month.

**Next Meeting:**

**5 April 2011**

**Contact:** President  
Rhondda 5437 6481

**P**arklands Community Group: 5491 7905

**K**awana Forest Residents' Association (KaFRA): 0419 822663

**O**ther Contacts:

**Sunshine Coast Regional Council**  
Caloundra: 5420 8200

for reporting issues about Currimundi Lake and its Catchment.

**Kawana Police:**  
5413 8700

**Queensland Boating & Fisheries Patrol:**  
5444 4599 to report speeding boats.

**TurtleCare:**  
0437 559067 to report turtle tracks or nests.

**Department of Environment & Resource Management (DERM):** 1300 130 372 to report spills, dumping or anything suspicious in our waterways.

**Wilvos:** 5441 6200  
24 hour hotline for injured wildlife.

**Fishwatch Hotline:**  
1800 017 116 to report unlawful fishing activities.

**Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital:** 1800 334 350

Please pass on or recycle

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## CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP REPORT

Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) will be celebrating ten years of operation at an anniversary lunch in May. In December 2000, Cr Elaine Darling held a public meeting inviting residents who lived west of Nicklin Way and north of Currimundi Lake to form a group to support the environment. Twenty-eight people attended that meeting. On 1 March 2001, a group was formed with three specific aims - to improve water quality, limit erosion and improve the environment of the Currimundi catchment. Ten years later, CCCG still has members who attended the December and January meetings. Our focus is entirely on protecting and conserving the environment. We are 'envirocentric'. Over the last ten years the group has increased its range of activities in keeping with the interests and expertise of members and consolidated our role in community education. CCCG has always been an organisation of local residents for local residents. Everyone volunteers and there are no paid workers so it is really only the enthusiasm and energy of our members that has driven our group for these past ten years.



**David, President**



## FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE REPORT

In 2011 we will be continuing our weeding work with Parks and Wildlife in Kathleen McArthur Park as well as our two regular weeding and planting days each month. We will also be looking at how to maximise the money allotted to our group from the Litter Collective. Planting of the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly vines will continue with the help of Caloundra Primary School. The plants that have been planted have surged ahead with all the rain.

The application for a plaque in memory of Noelene Munns has been passed by Council, so this will be placed in Cliff Hargreaves Park at the first opportunity. Noelene was our secretary for a few years and a big part of our Currimundi Environment Day.

If there is anyone looking to do a few hours volunteer work with our group, we would welcome you as the weeds are higher than cornstalks and thicker than a thickshake! Call Rhondda 54376481 or Cliff 54934346 or email rhonbill@bigpond.net.au .

**Rhondda, President**

## PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP REPORT

Council has been active in clearing the weeds and extra plants from the Wallum Gardens pond and drain. New bollards and restrictive access piping has been installed along the edge of Bancrofts Red Gum Bush Reserve at the end of Lakeshore Place. We have had another review of our Wallum Gardens Management Plan by Council staff and are nearing a final product. We would like your input into the other park areas throughout Parklands to improve your use of the parks and open space areas.

Our National Tree Day site is coming along with Council preparing a contract to plant the wet area adjacent to the 2010 planting. Look forward to our next BIG plant in the area. Hope to see you there! Remember to contact either Dot or myself with your ideas.

**Ron, President**

## KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Kawana Forest Residents Association (KaFRA) has continued working on our environmental goals with the Sunshine Coast Council (SCC) through our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This includes addressing the ongoing maintenance of our landscaping, waterways and control of aggressive weeds in Kawana Forest surrounds. We are also exploring opportunities with SCC to establish a Community Garden within Kawana Forest.

Weather permitting, we are planning another Clean Up / Weedbuster Day for Kawana Forest to be undertaken before our Annual General Meeting in April 2011. In both instances, a letterbox drop will be conducted in the Kawana Forest area to invite residents to be involved.

Congratulations on another successful Clean Up Australia Day by local groups in the Currimundi Catchment – it is the continued commitment and dedication that ensures our beautiful part of the world is preserved for future generations.

**Narda, President**

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