

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

Points of Interest:

- Flags for Stockland Park Stadium
- Myrtle Rust - A Serious Threat
- Newsletter Survey
- Riversweep - Clean Up the Currimundi
- Fish Survey
- Currimundi Catchment Care Group Celebrates
- On the Street Where You Live

Coming Up:

- Flags at Stockland Park Stadium - **3 June 2011**
- Flying High at Currimundi - **4 June 2011**
- World Environment Day - **5 June 2011**
- National Tree Day - **31 July 2011**
- Sunshine Coast Spring Wildflower Festival - **15 August - 3 September 2011**

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FLYING HIGH ON CURRIMUNDI LAKE – SATURDAY 4 JUNE

Forget balloons! Come for a **FREE** afternoon of kite-making and kite-flying at the **Currimundi Lake entrance** opposite Cocos Beach Café on Westaway Parade, Currimundi. It is World Environment Day the next day and our aim is to draw attention to the beauty of kites as an alternative to balloons to celebrate events especially near waterways.



Discarded balloons are frequently found in our waterways and along the banks causing damage to fish and fauna when ingested or when entangled in the strings. **Kites are colourful, kites fly high in the sky, but kites go home with their owners.**

Currimundi Catchment Care Group has 200 kites for children to make and decorate with an environmental theme. They make a wonderful spectacle flying high in the sky. If you have a kite, please bring it as well. **Painting begins at 1.30pm and finishes at 3.30pm or until all kite kits run out.**

WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL WALK CURRIMUNDI CREEK

We live in an area of waterways, bikeways and walkways with a native fringe of changing vegetation and wildflowers displayed throughout the many areas. Many of us walk these pathways frequently but never stop to really notice what the plants are, what birdlife they attract or what is indigenous to the area. We often don't see the hidden gems among the mass planting.

If you want to learn more about the wildflowers fringing Currimundi Creek, join Currimundi Catchment Care Group on an information walk starting at **Neighbourhood Park, Lomandra Drive, Currimundi on Saturday 27 August from 9am to 10.30am.** See the Sunshine Coast Wildflower Festival brochure available in June for details.



NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day will be held in the Currimundi Catchment on **Sunday 31 July 2011.** Once again there will be a single planting activity in the Catchment organised by Parklands Community Group and supported by Currimundi Catchment Care Group, Friends of Currimundi Lake and Sunshine Coast Council. Planting will take place in Bancroft's Red Gum Bush Reserve at Little Mountain and will build on plantings from previous years. Council will supply plants, tools and gloves.

This is a fun activity for all the family and you can make a real difference to our environment by joining us. In previous years we have planted over 1,300 native plants and trees on the day. They have thrived and expanded our natural bushland and provided habitat for wildlife.

Meet at 8.00 am at the end of Lakeshore Place, Little Mountain. Planting will be followed by a free BBQ at noon. Don't forget to wear shoes, hat and sunscreen and bring water.

Visit www.currimundicatchment.org.au for the Currimundi Lake Catchment Website

FLAGS FOR STOCKLAND PARK STADIUM OPENING



When Stockland Park Stadium opens on the Caloundra Show Holiday, Friday 3 June, the event will have a green and sustainable theme. As Stockland Park is beside Lake Kawana and is in the Currimundi Catchment, Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) has been asked to help celebrate the late afternoon opening. Our environmental message again is that there are better alternatives to balloons for celebrations especially near waterways.

Quad Park Corporation chair Cr Keryn Jones said "This grandstand will be the first building block - the heart of the future stadium – which can be expanded upon as needs grow and funds permit. What we will deliver by June 2011 is a facility that will meet the needs of our community in the short to medium term for both our regional and senior teams - as well as a venue that our junior competitors can utilise for major events and finals."

At this family friendly event, CCCG and the Council team will help juniors decorate flags in their club colours to use at future sporting events.

MYRTLE RUST – A SERIOUS THREAT

Myrtle Rust is a serious fungal infection that affects a number of Australian native plant species. It has recently been detected in several areas of Queensland including the Sunshine Coast. It has the potential to have a disastrous impact on our precious bushland. Sunshine Coast Council and Biosecurity Queensland are calling on residents to be vigilant for outbreaks and to report any suspected cases to Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23.



Myrtle Rust (*Uredo rangelii*) can be identified by raised spots or pustules on leaves that turn a distinctive egg-yolk yellow in colour. It is not harmful to humans or animals but it can have serious effects on infected trees with defoliation, dieback or even plant death.



The fungus attacks trees such as Lilly Pilly, Beach Cherry, Water Gum, Bottle Brush, Lemon Scented Myrtle, Tea Tree, Paperbark, Claret Top and Rose Apple.

You can help limit the spread of this infection and protect our native plants and the wildlife that depends on them. Tell your friends and neighbours about the problem and ask them to watch out for infections. Do not move any infected plant material as that has the potential to spread the infection.

Ref. Sunshine Coast Council Photos: Biosecurity Queensland

NEWSLETTER SURVEY

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to our survey in the Autumn edition of the newsletter. Your responses were encouraging and very positive.

All respondents rated the newsletter as Good or Very Good and agreed they would recommend it to a friend or family to read. It was also rated as Very Good or Good in terms of relevance to the local area, information and ease of reading. Almost all respondents stated that reading the newsletter has increased their awareness of local environmental issues and activities.

Although the editing and distribution of the newsletter is done entirely by volunteers, we do rely on funding from the Sunshine Coast Council to print the newsletter. We can now report back to Council that the newsletter serves a useful purpose keeping Currimundi Catchment residents informed on important issues affecting the catchment.

RIVERSWEEP – CLEAN UP THE CURRIMUNDI

People of all ages came in their kayaks and canoes to help clean up the waters of Currimundi Lake for Riversweep. President David said that there has been a reduction in the number of large items taken out of the waterways over the last three years. However, plastic bags, balloons, polystyrene balls, cigarette butts, fast food wrappers and fishing line and hooks are still a major litter problem. Everyone loves the Currimundi waterways and it is rewarding to see that more volunteers are coming from outside the catchment to help protect and preserve the natural assets that we have here.

FISH SURVEY

Currimundi Catchment Care Group is looking for people who fish in the Currimundi waterways to help with a fish survey. The survey will be compiled by recording the species and quantity of fish caught from 1 June to 31 August. The variety of species and quantity of fish living in a waterway can be used as an indicator of the health of a waterway.



Please ring David on 5493 9695 or email cccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au for further information.

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP CELEBRATES

Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) members both past and present along with representatives of other associated environmental groups, local State Government MPs, past and present Councillors and Council Officers all joined together on 5 May to celebrate the past 10 years of CCCG's progress and achievements.

Founding President Joan said "CCCG is a credible, recognised group that is willing to put in the time and energy needed to make a difference. It's that commitment that the volunteers bring to the group that has kept it going for 10 years. We were continually learning and working toward a better outcome and this is still happening in 2011."

Thank you to the local businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - Rydges Oasis Resort Caloundra, Maleny Accounting and Taxation Services, Bunnings Warehouse Caloundra, United Discounts Pharmacy Caloundra, Lucky Lawns and Club Kawana. Thanks also to all those individuals who donated items or bought tickets and especially to Lesley and the residents of the Halcyon Park Community. We are humbled by your support and recognition of our efforts to protect our precious resources. Congratulations raffle winners!



ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE.....

I live in Pinanga Place – a fairly steep street in Little Mountain tucked in behind Sunset Drive - and during heavy rain I've often watched the water rushing down the street in torrents and wondered where all that water goes.

I'd read that we lived in the Currimundi Catchment but there's no creek leading from here to Currimundi Lake, so how does it happen? Gone are the days when you can drop a little paper boat in one end and see where it turns up!

I asked Jenny, Secretary of the Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG), if she could help me out. With the help of aerial maps I learnt that water going down my street flows into a gully at the lower end of the street, heads north, then under Parklands Bvd and continues north past the Oasis Retirement Resort and along a wide causeway constructed when the Oasis was built.

Eventually it reaches the Currimundi Creek South Arm, and from there flows east to the Lake. So that's what happens to water falling on the street where I live. And now I'm an active member of CCCG too!

Glenys

Currimundi 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: 11 July, 12 September
Contact: Secretary Jenny 5493 9695

Friends 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: 7 June, 2 August
Contact: President Rhondda 5437 6481

Parklands Community Group: 5491 7905
Kawana Forest Residents' Association (KaFRA): 0419 822663

Other 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

At 10 years, Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) is one of the newer environmental kids on the block. The results we have delivered for the environment and the community can stack up next to any of our sister environmental groups. As we celebrate our anniversary we recognise that our birthday present to the community is a Currimundi Catchment that is healthier than when we started and is a work in progress.

While urbanisation continues to bring environmental challenges to the Catchment we have a challenge to foster greater environmental responsibility within our communities. Each of us can give the environment and its wildlife a fair go if we do simple things such as collecting rubbish so that it does not enter the waterways, stop balloons being released in the environment and recycle our waste. Is a litter-free Currimundi Catchment within our reach?

Building on our achievements and efforts over the past 10 years, it is my wish that in the next 10 years CCCG will continue to improve the environment of the Currimundi Catchment, engage more residents in hands on activities and foster greater pride in our wonderful natural assets.

David, President



FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

Friends of Currimundi Lake (FOCL) have been busy weeding on both sides of Currimundi Lake. This term Caloundra Primary School will assist with further plantings of the Richmond Birdwing Butterfly Vine. Council will spray/poison the Gloriosa Lily which will be monitored to evaluate the success of eradicating this fast growing vine.

We are also working with Parks and Wildlife in Kathleen McArthur Park to formulate a plan of attack on the weeds on the coastal dunes. Looking at the weeds we will beat them or grow old with them! Two FOCL members are working with the Tidy Towns Group to enter Caloundra 4551 in the Keep Australia Beautiful Competition and protecting the environment is one of the criteria.

The turtle season is finished for 2010/11 with no nests on Currimundi Beach this season. The final meeting with Professor Roger Tomlinson regarding the Currimundi Lake Dynamics Report has been held. Anyone wishing to read this report please ring Graham on 0414587171. If anyone has anything they would like to discuss about our beautiful Lake area please feel free to call me on 54376481.

Rhondda, President

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP REPORT

We are in the final stages of the Wallum Gardens Management Plan with Sunshine Coast Council. Cleaning and maintenance of the pond have been our priority and we have been assured this would be addressed. Our parks are considered Level 6 (middle of the road for grass cutting and maintenance) and will receive 9 to 11 grass cuts a year.

Remember when walking your pets, please pick up after them and enjoy the natural areas of your community. Try the new paths in the Ivdale areas between Parklands Blvd and Caloundra Road and say "Hello" to our new neighbours.

Council will be reviewing the retirement residential and community centre proposal for the vacant land at the end of Springs Drive during the first week of June. Contact Cr Anna Grosskreutz on 5420 8987 if you have any concerns.

See you at National Tree Day on Sunday 31 July 2011.

Ron, President

KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Due to the weather some recent events were postponed, however we held our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 17 April 2011. We had over thirty attendees and many nominations for the 2011/12 Committee. We would like to express our gratitude for Mr Jarrod Bleijie and Cr Anna Grosskreutz attendance and presentations involving key updates for our Community, David and Jenny (Currimundi Catchment Care Group) involvement and for all residents who attended. It was followed by a sausage sizzle.

Key focuses for 2011/12 include consultation with Energex for the SunSouth 132kV Proposed Power Project and the planning/establishment of the Kawana Forest Community Meeting Venue. We are also investigating better access to Meridan Plains via the existing Overpass (cross Kawana Way), improved bus links and postal boxes. It is the Committee's strong belief that it is essential to maintain a proactive interaction with all key stakeholders to ensure we enhance and improve our Community's facilities whilst protecting and preserving our beautiful Kawana Forest and surrounds.

Narda, President

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