

SUBURBS WITHIN THE CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT INCLUDE:

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#### Points of Interest:

- Lights on the Lake 2012
- Midge report
- Nesting boxes
- Focus on water in 2013
- Clean up Australia Day

#### Coming up:

- World Water Day - **22 March**
- Earth Hour - **8.30pm 23 March**
- Fish Survey - **15 - 19 April**
- Coir Log Wall Project **22 - 24 April**
- International Mother Earth Day - **22 April**
- WaterBug Workshop - **8 May**
- International Day for Biological Diversity - **22 May**
- World Turtle Day - **23 May**

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or  
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# CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT NEWS

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## HELP NEEDED EXTENDING COIR LOG WALL



Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) invites you to join our work team on **22, 23 and 24 April** from **8.30am to 3.00pm** each day to add 60 metres to the coir log wall along **Currimundi Lake in Noel Burns Park**. We really need community help this year, so if you can come for a day or a few hours your contribution will be much appreciated and a barbeque lunch will be provided.

This wall is the continuation of an erosion control strategy to stabilise the bank, limit erosion and filter water flowing from the park into the Lake. The first 60 metres were constructed in 2009 and extensions in 2011 and 2012 have extended the wall to 150 metres.

To construct the wall we install the coir logs, lay jute matting and then plant bank stabilising plants. The success of this project is due to the productive partnerships CCCG has developed with Council and the local community over many years.

Please meet opposite Warloo Street in Noel Burns Park, Mulloka Esp, Wurtulla and wear covered footwear, suitable clothing and a hat. Sunscreen and gloves will be provided. For further information contact David on 5493 9695.



## FISH SURVEY

Currimundi Catchment Care Group is partnering with Pitman Consulting, Sunshine Coast Council and Unitywater to conduct a fish survey from **15 to 19 April** at 12 sites in the Currimundi Lake Catchment. A report on the findings will be in the next edition of this newsletter.

## WATER BUGS WORKSHOP

Currimundi Catchment Care Group is organising a water bugs workshop led by an environmental scientist from Maroochy Waterwatch at Conondale on Wednesday morning **8 May**. Water bugs are excellent indicators of water health because they vary in their sensitivity to changes in their environment.

As the Conondale site is fresh water, the workshop has two purposes: to survey the abundance and diversity of water bug species at Conondale and to compare the results with our 2012 survey conducted in salt water in Currimundi Creek South Arm. The abundance and diversity of bugs in this study will be used to calculate a waterways health score. For further information, please contact David on 5493 9695.



## DO YOU LIVE IN REGATTA BOULEVARD AREA?

If you can spare a couple of hours, 4 times a year you would be helping the environment and your efforts would be most appreciated. We need help distributing this newsletter in the **Regatta Boulevard area of Wurtulla**. Other areas also need extra deliverers, so if you can help please call Joan on 5493 2698.

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

## LIGHTS ON THE LAKE 2012



With perfect weather this time, over 2,000 people attended the Lights on the Lake festival with another 500 watching the water parade from the southern shore of Currimundi Lake. Families and friends spread out throughout the park to enjoy this fun family and community event which highlighted the environment.

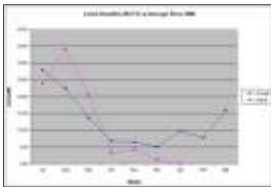
The festival was organised by Currimundi Catchment Care Group and Lake Currimundi/Kawana Lions with 120 volunteers giving their time on the day. The supervised children's activities were popular and the entertainment was provided free by the performers with sometimes 30 – 40 children dancing in front of the stage. The water procession of decorated watercraft provided a spectacle for the crowds along the shore. Many local businesses got

involved by donating prizes and local artists offered handmade arts and crafts for sale.

The festival was a wonderful success, perhaps best summed up in an email from a local resident who said "We were very impressed with the large number of local residents of all ages & it was lovely to see families out together & enjoying themselves & what a happy atmosphere it was too. Thank you for a lovely evening & here's hoping LIGHTS ON THE LAKE will continue & grow over the years. Proud to be a resident of the Currimundi Catchment area." Thanks to everyone who attended. See you next year!

An event like this can only succeed with the generous contribution of many organisations and members of the local community. Thank you to the following: The **Organising Committee** - David, Tony, David, Joan, Kaye, Joyce, Eloise, Glenys, Jenny, Marion, Peter, Peter and Russell (safety officer); **Sunshine Coast Council**; **Council's Waterways Team** and Gordon, Josh and Hannah; Rob and the volunteers from **Kawana SES**; Roger and Alan from **Caloundra Coast Guard Flotilla**; Mark Jones from **Accord Electrical**, Moffat Beach; **MC Keryn Jones**; **Cr Peter Cox**; **Attorney General Jarrod Bleijie**; **Paramedic students** from Sunshine Coast University (SCU); **Early childhood students** from SCU; The entertainers – **Sunshine Coast Ukulele Masters**, **Paul, Kylie and Amber Camilleri**, **Ken O'Shea**, **Catherine Matheson Zumba Dancers**, **Dave Stygall**, **Bev Gourlay** and **Christina Hanley**. Local businesses – **Bruno's Borgo Antico**, **The Chicken Spot**, **Club Kawana**, **Curves Currimundi**, **Escape Hair and Beauty**, **Kawana Waters Vet Surgery**, **Montezumas at Mooloolaba**, **Wendy's at Stockland Plaza**, **Wurtulla Fruit and Veg**, **Wurtulla Hair Design**, **Wurtulla Take-away** and **Wurtulla Village Pharmacy**.

## MIDGE REPORT



In a report released at the end of January, Vern from Sunshine Coast Council was pleased to report larval midge levels were down and were expected to stay that way for the next few months.

This graph clearly shows the impact of the long spring closures (that went almost to the end of November) echoing through the following months. Larval midge levels (pink line) have remained well below average (blue line) since October and they have continued a downward trend to January where there were extremely low levels. Larval trends usually

give an indication of what the adult populations will be like a month or so later. Some greatly affected residents have also confirmed that adult populations were very low during December and January.

It's hard to predict future midge activities, but Vern stated "seeing as we have extremely low levels of larval and adult midge in the system at present it is very unlikely that we will see any significant midge activity in the lead up to winter". The next report is due at the end of April.

*Ref. Sunshine Coast Council*

## EARTH HOUR – GO BEYOND THE HOUR

On **23 March at 8.30pm** switch off your lights for Earth Hour and show you care about our environment and the future of our planet. Can you go one step further and go 'beyond the hour' and take positive action for a better planet? Join Miranda Kerr (Earth Hour Global Ambassador) and support the 'I Will If You Will' challenge. She is going to reduce her footprint by offsetting all of her travel. What steps (either big or small) will you take to make a difference? Did you know the world is using the equivalent of one and a half planets to support life on Earth? To find out more and how 135 countries around the world participate in Earth Hour **visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)** You can also download the Pocoyo Activity Book filled with games/activities to teach children how they can help the environment.



*Ref. Earth Hour*

## DON'T TRASH OUR PARKS



Recently an area of riparian zone in Wurtulla's Noel Burns Park was trampled and littered with plastic drink bottles, chip packets and food wrappers which ended up in Currimundi Lake. There was a timber platform on the submerged tree, large sponge rubber pieces, wooden blocks and a sign. Environmentally this area is very vulnerable and is part of the coir log wall project. **Residents please phone Council on 5420 8200 or Kawana Police on 5413 8700 to report this type of vandalism.** Let's work together to keep our beautiful area beautiful.

## NESTING BOXES IN OUR PARKS



Over a two day period, several Currimundi Catchment Care Group members worked with two of Council's Community Nature Conservation Officers to monitor 23 nesting boxes in Sunjewel Environmental Park and Creekside, 20 in Noel Burns Park and 6 in Crummunda Park. Each box was photographed, plotted with GPS and details of the type of box, its condition and what was in the box were recorded. A heavy ladder had to be carried by four people from one box to the next.

The good news is that, although it was not nesting season for birds, most boxes showed signs of habitation. About 10 had gliders or possums inside, 2 were occupied by native bees and lorikeets or other birds were noted in 3. The bad news is that 2 boxes (off Lakeshore Place and in Crummunda Park) had been nested by the pest Indian Myna. These boxes have now been removed and new ones will be relocated in a different place. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard on the day.



## 2013 FOCUSING ON WATER

**Water is essential for life - no living being on Earth can survive without it!** In December 2010, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2013 as the United Nations **International Year of Water Co-operation**.

United Nations Water called upon UNESCO to lead the International Year on Water Co-operation and World Water Day because of its unique multidisciplinary approach which blends natural and social sciences, education, culture, communication and its contribution to the management of the world's freshwater resources. It is hoped to increase co-operation and raise awareness of the challenges facing water management. The year will highlight the history of successful water co-operation initiatives, as well as identify burning issues on water education, water diplomacy, transboundary water management, financing co-operation and national/international legal frameworks, leading to developing water resources that are truly sustainable.

**World Water Day (22 March)** will also be dedicated to water co-operation. Celebrated since 1993, World Water Day focuses its attention on the importance of freshwater and advocates for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

**International Day for Biological Diversity (22 May)** was proclaimed to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. This year's theme is **Water and Biodiversity** chosen to coincide with the International Year of Water Co-operation and to help raise awareness and increase positive action.

The fulfilment of basic human needs, our environment, socio-economic development and poverty reduction are all heavily dependent on water. Rapid urbanisation, pollution and climate change threaten the resource while demands for water are increasing in order to satisfy the needs of a growing world population for food production, energy, industrial and domestic uses. The United Nations recognises that co-operation is essential to strike a balance between different needs and priorities and to share this precious resource equitably, using water as an instrument of peace.

*Ref. UN Water, Convention on Biological Diversity*

## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY REPORT

**Friends of Currimundi Lake:** Due to heavy rain we postponed our Clean Up Australia Day to 10 March. 16 adults and 2 children helped pick up quite a lot of rubbish from around the southern foreshores of **Currimundi Lake, Currimundi Beach and the local streets**. There were bottles, cans, not so many plastic bags, a double bed inner spring mattress and base, the base of an outdoor table, a plastic chair, timber, bricks, clothing, thongs and numerous small pieces of litter. Thank you to Jo and Peter from Coco's Resort Beach Store at Currimundi who supported our group once again with lovely sausages, potato chips and water. Thank you to all the people that helped us.



**Parklands Community Group:** Our Clean Up Australia Day was washed out, however the debris along **Parklands Boulevard** from Caloundra Road to Village Way was picked up a couple days later.

**Currimundi Catchment Care Group:** Due to the bad weather our clean up at **Lake Kawana** was cancelled and most of the rubbish would have been washed out to sea. We were looking forward to cleaning up this area in the catchment. Please try to pick up any rubbish you see on the streets to help prevent this from occurring.

**NEW COMMITTEES FOR 2013:** Thank you to all the 2012 committee members for their efforts and welcome to the 2013 committee members. **Currimundi Catchment Care Group Committee** (Tony, David, Kaye, Kym, Tony, Eloise, Glenys, Peter, Kyle, Joan, Lorraine, Jenny, Marion and Phil) and **Friends of Currimundi Lake Committee** (Rhonda, Cliff, Gail, Graham and Don).

## Currimundi Catchment Care Group Inc (CCCG)

Cover the catchments of Currimundi Lake, Creeks and Canals and Lake Kawana.

**Meetings:** 7.00pm at the Talara Primary College Library, Talara Street, Currimundi on the 2nd Monday of every odd month.

**Next Meeting: 13 May**  
**Contact:** Secretary  
Kym 5493 4398

## Friends of Currimundi Lake (FOCL)

Cover 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: 2 April**  
**Contact:** President  
Rhondda 5437 6481

## Parklands Community Group: 5491 7905

**Kawana Forest Residents' Association (KaFRA): 0419 822 663**

## Other Contacts:

**Sunshine Coast Council: 5475 7272** for reporting issues about Currimundi Lake and its Catchment.

**Kawana Police: 5413 8700 or 131444**

**Queensland Boating & Fisheries Patrol:**

**5444 4599** to report speeding boats.

**TurtleCare:**

**0437 559 067** 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

## CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP REPORT



2012 ended in grand style with the wonderful Lights on the Lake festival. It was a great pleasure to be involved in organising the event. I was thrilled to see so many families from our local community come together to celebrate the festive season in such a friendly and fun atmosphere. My personal thanks to David, my co-chair of the organising committee, all of the committee members and the many volunteers drawn from local community groups and residents who helped make the evening such a success.

2013 promises to be another successful year for us. We saw some new faces at our AGM and welcome to Kyle and Peter our new committee members. We have several events and important projects planned and I invite you to come along and join us. The next big project will be our coir log wall project in Noel Burns Park in April. There's plenty for everyone to do and we can find a job for all ages and fitness levels. Any time you can give will make a difference. Visit our website [www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccgwordpress](http://www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccgwordpress) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/currimundicatchment](http://www.facebook.com/currimundicatchment) to keep up to date with our activities. You can now subscribe on the website to receive our email bulletins to keep you informed.

**President, Tony**

## FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE REPORT



Although we needed some rain, the amount has disrupted some of our environmental work. We cancelled one working bee and our Clean Up Australia Day was put back a week. Our first weeding day with Qld Parks and Wildlife Service was cancelled due mainly to fires in the hinterland.

Our working bee days will remain the same as last year and our program for the year has been mapped out. We are applying to Keep Australia Beautiful to take on Currimundi Road through the "Adopt a Road" Program, which should help reduce litter in this area.

As most of you will know our beaches have taken a pounding this year and some turtle nests were lost, however Currimundi held onto their 5 nests. We may also help with revegetation on the dunes in the coming months.

Great news for the Tidy Towns Crew – The Tidy Towns Awards national finals will be hosted by the Tidy Towns Crew and Keep Australia Beautiful (KAB) in Caloundra in May this year. Currimundi Lake beach side and southern side were requested by KAB as one of the areas to be shown to our guests.

**President, Rhondda**



## PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP REPORT

Council is moving ahead with extending the path from Wallum Gardens pond north to connect to Lakeshore Place. Unfortunately some trees will be disturbed but as few as possible. We have not seen a sketch or proposed location although we expect something soon. If you have any preliminary input, please do not hesitate to contact me on 5491 7905.



We still have some extra planting to do and will get to it as time permits. Council have been helpful, providing some new species to help attract birds. We are waiting for the ground to dry up sufficiently for Council to get a truck and mulcher in to remove the pile of brush cuttings near the pond.

A new family has moved in. A pair of Buff-banded Rails and their two chicks has been spotted living near the pond.

**President, Ron**

## KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 24th March in Woodlands Park starting at 4.00pm. In July we will be holding a combined Clean Up Australia Day and Weedbuster Day followed by the usual sausage sizzle for participants. This time of the year is cooler and generally allows better/safer/drier access to our 'Bushwalk' path. This combined exercise is intended to increase community involvement and an awareness of the environment.

The Kawana Forest Community Centre will be opening during 2013. Our executive has been involved in the design of the centre along with selecting the materials and finishes to be used. The environment was a major consideration in all issues. The Centre will give us a 'home' to hold its meetings and host other community events.

**President, Greg**