

CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT NEWS

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Summer 2017

Lights on the Lake

It's on again folks! Fun for all the family in Crummunda Park on the shores of beautiful Currimundi Lake. There will be the fabulous water parade of decorated and lit up kayaks and canoes, music on the stage, supervised children's activities, a drumming circle, food stalls, hand-made arts and crafts for sale (great Christmas gifts), Glow Lights for sale, Santa arriving across the Lake and an exciting laser light show to conclude the event.



Start decorating your kayak or canoe now, and you could win a prize for the best decorated boat or best lighting. You can register in advance or on the day before 5.30pm.

Looks like Piggy, Bendigo Bank's mascot, is checking out his Christmas decorations ready to decorate the Dicky Beach rescue vehicle again. Bendigo Bank Caloundra Branch is a major sponsor of Lights on the Lake, along with the Sunshine Coast Council, who will also be there in a Waterways Team boat.

There is very limited parking in the area, so please plan your arrival, park nearby and walk the last bit. If you live nearby consider walking, cycling or paddling to the event. The park is right next to bus stops on Nicklin Way. Because of the large crowds make sure all children are supervised, and pets would be happier left at home.



There are no EFTPOS facilities so don't forget to bring some cash. We don't want anyone to miss out on tasty treats, that perfect Christmas gift or Glow Lights for the kids just because we all rely on plastic these days.

For further information or if you would like to register for the water procession, see the website:

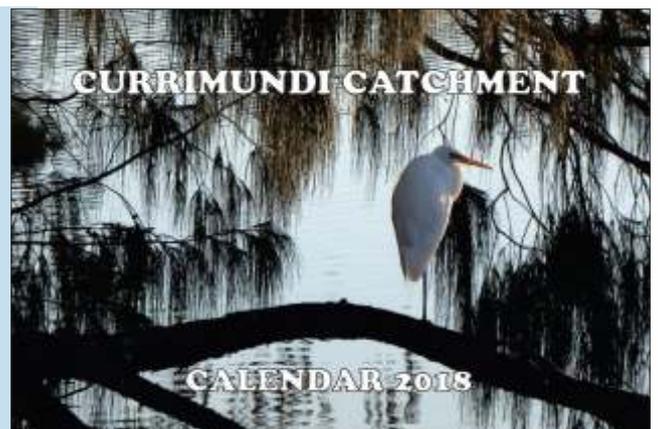
www.currimundicatchment.org.au/lights-on-lake
call Tony on 5438 8267 or email:
cccinfo@currimundicatchment.org.au

When: 4pm to 8pm, Sunday 10 December 2017
Where: Crummunda Park, Coongarra Esp, Wurtulla
Facebook: www.facebook.com/lightsonthelakefestival

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CALENDAR 2018

It's pretty as a picture! This saying sums up the Currimundi Catchment nicely. We received over 60 photographs for the competition, all representing the best of our beautiful catchment. Thanks to all who sent entries - your photographs will be enjoyed throughout the year.

The Calendar is available for \$10 and you can purchase a copy at Lights on the Lake at the Bendigo Bank stall or Currimundi Catchment Care Group Glow Lights stall, or you can order one by phone 5438 8267 or email: cccinfo@currimundicatchment.org.au





IT'S NOT A 4WD THEY'RE TURTLE TRACKS!

The Turtle season has started with turtles arriving at Mon Repos near Bundaberg, and we usually get our first turtle about two weeks later.

Sunshine Coast Turtlecare region representatives have commenced their early morning walks on all beaches within the region.

Turtle tracks are readily identified and there is always one track from the tideline and one back.

If you see turtle tracks please note the beach access number and whether tracks are left or right of it, and report to TurtleCare Sunshine Coast on 0437 559 067.



Female glossy black cockatoo

OUR BLACK COCKATOOS

The Glossy Black Cockatoo is listed as a threatened species in Queensland and there is still little knowledge of the estimated population size and distribution of the species in the region. To add to this knowledge, a Birding Day each year on 30 October is a "citizen science" initiative coordinated by the Glossy Black Conservancy. Observations and records from trained volunteers add to knowledge of the estimated population size, distribution and habitat use.

While Glossy Black Cockatoos are quite rarely seen in the Currimundi region, there are frequent sightings of the Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo, and it's sometimes difficult to tell the difference.

In spite of its name, the Glossy Black Cockatoo is in reality a dark brown to dull black colour with red or orange-red tail panels. Males have a brownish tinge on the head and breast, while females have irregular yellow blotches on head and neck and their tail panels have black bars. They grow to

approximately 48 cm and are seen in groups of two to three. They sit quietly and feed almost exclusively on the seeds of casuarina trees or she-oaks.



Yellow-tailed black cockatoo

The Yellow-Tailed Black Cockatoo has glossy dark plumage and yellow cheek patches, that make it look similar to a female Glossy Black. They have yellow tail feathers and are much bigger birds at around 60 cm. They're quite different in behaviour to Glossy Blacks as they feed in small to large, VERY noisy flocks. The favoured food is seeds of native trees and pinecones, but they also feed on the seeds of ground plants and occasionally on insects.

WELL DONE CALOUNDRA BOOMERANG BAGS!

After only around 18 months in existence, the local Boomerang Bags group was recognised in the 5th annual Caloundra Electorate Community Awards on 3 November. State Member for Caloundra Mark McArdle congratulated the local community for their outstanding work, stating "... these Awards are about recognising the best of the best in our community and I am continually inspired by the people who are nominated each year."

The award for Boomerang Bags was as the Environmental Contributor of the year, for their work creating more than 1500 reusable shopping bags from repurposed materials with the goal of eliminating the use of plastic bags.



Boomerang Bags representatives, Lynne and Emily, pictured at right with Mark McArdle, MP, at the Caloundra Electorate Community Awards

WEED ALERT

A reminder about one tricky weed that was very troublesome at a recent working bee at Lakeside Villas. It's called Coral Creeper (*Barleria repens*). It tends to form dense infestations and reproduces by seeds and via its rooting stems.

So if you see this plant in a nursery please don't take it home for a Christmas gift!



HOME AWAY FROM HOME



If you look up while walking through our local parks, you may spot small nesting boxes nestling in the tree-tops. These provide shelter for small wildlife like micro-bats, possums and small native birds. Normally these little creatures would find homes in hollow logs or hollows in trees. Sadly as our urban environment encroaches on the rapidly dwindling natural bush, these homes are becoming harder to find.

All is not lost though. Sunshine Coast Council with the help of local environmental groups has for several years been erecting and maintaining nesting boxes to help the homeless critters. In July this year, Currimundi Catchment Care Group contracted with a local specialist firm, Hollow Log Homes, to build and install six new nesting boxes in Noel Burns Park and Crummunda Park. We recorded their GPS positions so we can go back later and check out the new residents of these luxury new bush-homes. The project was made possible with funding from our Sunshine Coast Council Environment Levy Partnership.

TALARA PRIMARY IN THE PARK

For several years now, Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) has hosted year 3 students from Talara Primary College for an excursion event in Noel Burns Park on the shores of Lake Currimundi.

Volunteers from CCCG speak to each class in turn about the benefits to the local community of having such wonderful places to visit and enjoy and how we can all care for these important local landmarks and the environment. The kids then complete a drawing exercise, sketching elements in the park or Lake.

It is always a pleasure to host these wonderful youngsters and help them gain an understanding of where they fit within their local environment. We always enjoy hearing their excited chatter as the class groups walk from school and along the lake shore to join us. Sadly this year, mosquitoes had taken over the park and we were only able to meet with three of the seven classes before teachers decided it was not suitable for our visitors.

CCCG has a long association with Talara Primary College. We are grateful to them for allowing us to hold our regular meetings after-hours in their library, we have addressed the kids from TEAK (Talara Environmentally Aware Kids) and we have worked with teachers and volunteers from the school on a project to regenerate their Wallum themed 'Living Classroom' garden within the school grounds.



Good to see everyone staying sun safe!

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 4 MARCH 2018

There will be two clean-up sites in the catchment. Friends of Currimundi Lake will meet at the usual site in Cliff Hargreaves Park with sign on between 8.00 and 8.30 am. Enclosed shoes are required for everyone, gloves, sunscreen and insect repellent will be supplied on the day, also a sausage sizzle afterwards about 10.30 am.

Currimundi Catchment Care Group will advise its meeting place later via Facebook, website and eBulletin. This is a great morning out for the family, and will be the last event before the introduction of the drink container deposit scheme and the ban on single-use plastic bags in July 2018. It will be good to have a thorough clean-up so we compare results the following year.

If you would like to sign up to receive occasional email notifications from CCCG about upcoming events, you can subscribe to our eBulletin on our website home page: <http://www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccg/>.



BOATIES - SLOW DOWN!

It's holiday time and that means more people out on the water. All the more reason to think about the eroding effect of boat wash on the fragile banks of Currimundi Lake and creeks. We all need to preserve our waterways for generations to come.

To all the boaties out there.

- keep your speed under 6 knots
- in the narrower parts of the waterway, look behind to make sure there are no waves from your boat strong enough to wash up on the banks
- slow right down when performing U-turns
- ensure that all family members and others using your boat follow these practices.

And don't forget - there are fines for speeding that can and will be imposed by Water Police and other government authorities.



This project has been assisted through the Sunshine Coast Council Grants Program.

Group Reports

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP

Excitement is building as our annual community festival Lights on the Lake approaches. It's always a great event with dozens of volunteers from the community contributing to make it a success. It has a serious side too with sustainability and caring for the environment as major themes. We focus on limiting the amount of packaging used during the event, promoting a litter-free event and show-casing the natural beauty of our lake and parks. We should all be proud of the area we live in and our community's efforts to protect it.

I hope you were able to make it to the Currimundi Lake Community Clean Up on 19 November. Unfortunately, the timing of the event meant this newsletter was delivered just after the event so we could not promote it here. It will be nice to have a thorough Spring clean of the region before Lights on the Lake, Christmas and the arrival of Summer visitors. We all know some of these visitors may do the wrong thing climbing on sand dunes and vegetation, littering or speeding on the lake. Sometimes a quiet word will help. Sometimes we just have to pick it up for them and move on. We can't just leave litter lying around because we didn't drop it. Merry Christmas and a Happy New year to all.

Tony, President

FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

Friends of Currimundi Lake will have two more meetings in 2017. The last meeting for the year will be on 5 December, and the first meeting for 2018 will be on 6 February 2018. Working bees will start in February as well.

This year has seen us working with the Special Education children, and we look forward to them coming back in 2018. Our number of volunteers has fluctuated quite a bit this year. People seem to be so busy. On 19 November we join with other groups to clean up the foreshores and water ways of Currimundi Creek and Lake.

More and more sand is entering the Lake, and during low tides there is not a lot of water to be seen. FOCL would be interested to hear from the community on their thoughts.

The new viewing deck with wheel chair access at Currimundi Lake BA 254, will hopefully be started late November or early December. This deck will incorporate views of both the Lake and the ocean. A combined plaque from Friends of Currimundi Lake, Currimundi NHW, The Amputee Group, and Currimundi Catchment Care Group will be attached to this deck in memory of Cliff Hargreaves, a devoted community identity.

Rhondda, President

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP

Our Community is quiet except for the lawnmowers and State Election!! We have a full slate of candidates, so get out and register your vote.

If you are looking for a short walk in the Parklands neighbourhood, give me a bell on 5491 7905 and I'll bring you some Newsletters to deliver. Our neighbourhood has grown rapidly over the past few years and some extra walkers would help a lot.

The regular annual meeting with Cr Peter Cox will be at 9am, 6 December 2017 at 29 Lakeshore Place Little Mountain (my patio). Bring your questions and suggestions.

Ron, President

KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

The annual community Christmas party for Kawana Forest residents is our major focus at this time of year. It is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 26 November, 3-6pm at the Kawana Forest Meeting Place. The afternoon features free entry, lucky door prize, a sausage sizzle barbecue (for a gold coin donation), DJ, face painting (only for the kids!) and a special visit from a certain red-coated gentleman!

There will also be representatives from Neighbourhood Watch to answer any questions about how it might work in our estate. This is a fantastic opportunity for the residents of our wonderful estate to meet and get to know their neighbours!

Glenn, Treasurer



Contacts



Currimundi Catchment Care Group Inc. (CCCG)

covers 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 second Monday of every odd month.

Next Meeting: AGM 5 February 2018

Contact: President Tony 5438 8267

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Friends of Currimundi Lake (FOCL)

covers the area south of Currimundi Lake from the beach to Nicklin Way bridge.

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

Next Meeting: AGM 6 February 2018

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Parklands Community Group

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Kawana Forest Residents' Association (KaFRA)

Contact: President Glenn 0412 286 156

Meeting Place bookings: Josephine Marciniak 5443 7281

Website: www.kafra.org.au

Others:

Sunshine Coast Council: 5475 7272 for issues regarding 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 OR

1300 264 625 to report wildlife emergencies, including sick, injured or distressed marine life.

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