

CURRIMUNDI LAKE CATCHMENT NEWS

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Summer 2018

Lights on the Lake

Do you have your kayak or canoe decorated yet? It's only a few more weeks till Lights on the Lake for 2018. Every year we think it can't get any better and every year it does! Who could forget the fabulous Octopus's Garden boat that took out first prize last year?

There's so much fun to be had by all the family in Crummunda Park on the shores of beautiful Currimundi Lake. There is the fabulous water parade of decorated and lit up boats, there's music on the main stage, there's the supervised kids activities, a drumming circle, food stalls, hand-made arts and crafts for sale, and glow lights for sale.

Santa will be arriving by boat from across the Lake about 6pm to help with awarding prizes for the winning decorated boats, and there's an exciting laser light show to conclude the event.

There's a few important things to remember when planning your visit to Lights on the Lake. There is very limited parking in the area, so please plan your arrival, park nearby and walk the last bit. For people who live close to the park, please consider walking, cycling or paddling to the event. And it's very easy to access the event by bus because there are bus stops on Nicklin Way right near Crummunda Park.

Because of the large crowds it's important to make sure all children are supervised, particularly when night falls. Many pets do not cope well with large crowds that include excited children, so we recommend you leave your pets at home.

Please remember that there are no EFTPOS facilities at the event so you'll need to bring some cash.



You can register boats for the water procession in advance via the website, phone or email, or on the day before 5.30pm.

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

When: 4pm to 8pm, Sunday 9 December 2018

Where: Crummunda Park, Coongarra Esp, Wurtulla

Facebook: www.facebook.com/lightsonthelakefestival

Over two-hundred thousand reasons Caloundra Community Bank® has prospered for 12 years

Caloundra **Community Bank**® Branch of Bendigo Bank has been a major sponsor of Lights on the Lake for 5 years, and the Branch is about to celebrate 12 years in Caloundra.

Chair, Mr Colin Rose, said the locally-owned and operated branch had grown from strength to strength since it was established in 2007. "It's our commitment to the growing Caloundra region that has enabled us to be as successful as we are today. As our profitability grows, so too does our ability to provide an important source of sustainable revenue to help fund projects and initiatives that strengthen this area," said Mr Rose.

Since opening the doors, the Caloundra **Community Bank**® Branch have distributed over \$200,000 dollars to the local community. to groups such as Caloundra Rugby Union; Dicky Beach Surf Lifesaving Club; Pa & Ma Bendall Memorial Surfing

Contest; Golden Beach Primary School; Caloundra Veterans Golf Club; the QuoCKa Reading Program and the Caloundra Triathlon Club; to name just a few.

"The more clients who do their banking with us, the more money we will be able to give back to the Caloundra community," said Mr Rose.

"We're a bank that's great to deal with personally and does great things for the community. A bank that in its own humble and understated way has built not only an enviable reputation, but we're the fifth largest retail banking business in the country,"

Drop in to see Pip and the team at 99 Bulcock Street Caloundra or phone 5492 5267 to find out more.

PADDLE AGAINST PLASTIC A BIG SUCCESS

A massive clean up at Currimundi Lake on 28 October, organised by Ocean Crusaders, produced over 600 kgs of litter. Support was provided by Unitywater, EnviroCom through the Sunshine Coast Council's Beach Clean Up Program, and volunteers from Friends of Currimundi Lake, Currimundi Catchment Care Group and Night Eyes.

112 participants arrived to help clean up the Lake from their kayaks and canoes, and also on foot along the pathways, starting from the beach front and extending right along Currimundi Creek South Arm to Kawana Way Link Road. What a great effort!



Sorting small pieces into categories to assist further planning



Some of the 600kg of litter collected

It was disappointing to see several large items that had been illegally dumped including tyres, office furniture, plastic outdoor furniture, shopping trolleys and old broken crab pots.

And of course we saw the usual offenders - small pieces of hard plastic broken up from larger items (almost 2000 pieces) and small pieces of soft plastic from bags and packaging breaking up (1700 pieces).

Plastic straws, plastic takeaway cups and plastic cutlery (over 500 at this clean up) were also evident. These items can be easily avoided by simply refusing them when offered or using reusable alternatives.

Let's hope next year the debris figures drop substantially. Ian Thompson from Ocean Crusaders said this year the clean up did focus on some reaches they had never cleaned before. But on a positive note, he said places that were cleaned last year that hadn't been touched in a long time were still clean. We hope this will continue.

But wait, there are more opportunities to clean up next year!

There will be two clean-up sites in the catchment for Clean-up Australia Day on 3 March 2018. Friends of Currimundi Lake will meet at the usual site in Cliff Hargreaves Park with sign on between 8.00 and 8.30 am. Currimundi Catchment Care Group will advise its meeting place later via Facebook, website and eBulletin.

This is always a great morning out for the family and they always earn their cold drinks and sausage sizzle after the clean-up is finished.

This will be the first Clean up Australia event after introduction of the ban on single-use plastic bags and the Containers for Change scheme, so it will be interesting to compare results to the 2018 clean up.

If you would like to sign up to receive occasional email notifications from CCCG about this or other upcoming events, you can subscribe to our eBulletin on our website home page:

<http://www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccg/>.

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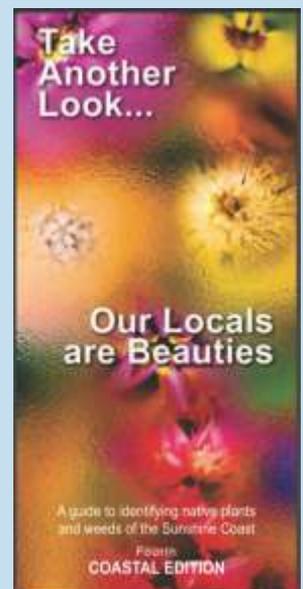
THANK YOU CCCG WORKING BEES

A massive "Thank You" to all those who have helped in CCCG working bees this year - your enthusiasm and knowledge and chatter are so very much appreciated. Who thought pulling weeds could involve so much laughter? Most importantly, every weed pulled makes a difference.

We have just completed our last working bee for 2018, and it was a tough afternoon. Mostly we pulled out things that have escaped from gardens, or been transferred via dumped grass clippings. Many plants, sold at nurseries, look beautiful in the back yard, but can escape and become smotherers and stranglers. As they overtake native plants, birds and animals lose their food sources and their homes - and they are already struggling.

If anyone would like some information on what plants to avoid, there is an excellent brochure called "Take Another Look". Free copies will be available at Lights on the Lake. Hope it helps.

Working Bees will re-commence in February. Details will be on the website, or can be emailed closer to the time.



6 KNOTS - NO WASH

Speeding along Currimundi Lake may be fun but please don't do it!

The wash from a speeding boat will contribute to erosion of the banks and eventually to trees toppling into the lake. We have all seen the devastating erosion in parts of the catchment. The speed limit in the Currimundi Lake and creeks is 6 knots or NO WASH, whichever is slower.

If you're out boating, follow these simple steps to prevent further erosion occurring:

- always 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 using your boat follow these practices.



NO WASH

And if you have visitors for the holidays, remind them of the need to slow down on the waterways. That way you'll keep boat wash to a minimum to ensure that the waterways will be here for many years to come. After all there are many other people using the waterways who don't want to have to contend with wave wash, including swimmers, kayakers and paddle-boards.

If you are concerned about speeding boats in the catchment, you can report this to

- Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol on 5444 4599
- Maritime Safety Queensland on 5373 2310
- Water Police on 5457 6711

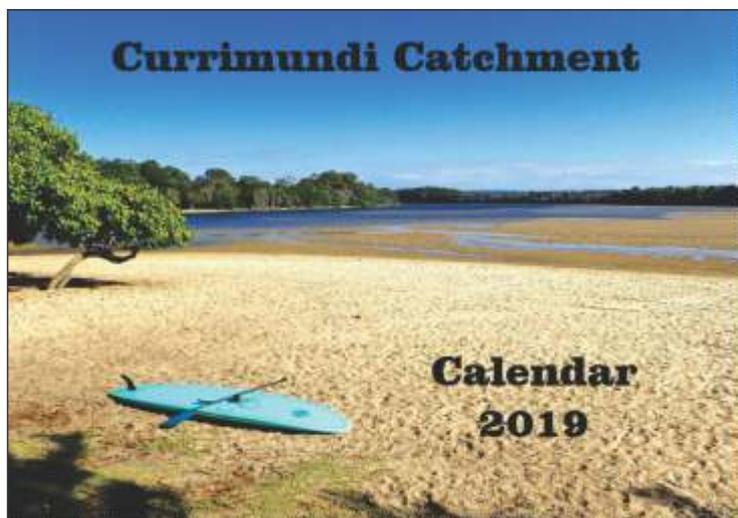
Any of these agencies can and will impose fines.

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CALENDAR 2019

Our photographers have done it again! The 2019 Calendar showcases our wonderful catchment for all to see. Thanks to all who sent entries - your photographs will be enjoyed throughout the year.

The Calendar is available for \$10. If you're going to *Lights on the Lake* on 9 December, you can purchase one at the Bendigo Bank stall.

Alternatively, you can order one by phone 5438 8267 or email: ccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au.



WEED ALERT

At this time of year Christmas gifts are always on our minds and often a pot plant seems like a nice idea. However many weeds that are causing major problems for our native plants have originated as house plants. A good example is *Syngonium podophyllum* or arrow leaf plant.

It's a native of Mexico and has been sold for many years as a pot plant. It grows rapidly, can quickly establish in garden beds and then escape into surrounding areas from the smallest cutting. So if you see this plant in a nursery, just say *Adios Amigo*. Don't take it home for a Christmas gift!



Group Reports

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP

The summer weather seems to have arrived early this year. It's important we all take care in this hot weather, keeping sun-safe and hydrated. It's also the time of year when visitors to our region and school holidays put extra pressure on our environment and recreation areas. We need to keep on top of litter and try to keep an eye on our kids so they don't damage the fragile dunes and riparian zones along the Lake and creeks.

I'm really looking forward to Lights on the Lake 9 December. This local event really has become an important date on our community's calendar. It's great to see volunteers pitching in to create a family-friendly event like this. We try to promote a sustainable event and it is pleasing to see there is very little litter left afterwards.

We will be interested to see what impact the single-use plastic ban and container refund scheme have on the levels of litter in the region. It's disappointing that the plastic bag ban has got off to a slow start with supermarkets just giving away thicker bags. I urge everyone to give it a go and reuse and recycle. **President, Tony**

FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

We've been busy weeding and planting and feeling a bit traumatised by the number of Gloriosa Lily coming up. Another weed growing very strongly is Desmodium.

We have seen the lawn, new showers and seating, bike racks, new steps and a couple of new trees finished and opened to the public on the Lakeside of Cocos and Thrillspresso. This will be a lovely spot with hot weather coming. It was disappointing that we could not have the monolith moved but this was beyond the budget. FOCL also helped out with the cleanup of the Lake organised by Ocean Crusaders. It was interesting to see what was collected. This week I will be helping with the Cleanup the Beach for the Turtles by the school children. We will also be supported by some of the Turtlecare people.

There has been some erosion on the beach between Buderim Street and some of Currimundi Beach, but hopefully this will be smoothed over before the turtles start to come in. I would like to ask that people using the beach do not use excessive lighting and no fires on the beach. It is illegal to light fires. Also please take all your litter with you when you leave the beach or anywhere else. It was highlighted at our turtle training day just how critically endangered our marine turtles are. Main problem is lighting, litter, fishing nets and boating.

FOCL will have three more working bees, then will start again February. Have a merry and safe Christmas, and a happy New Year everyone. Also thank you to all our very willing and hard working volunteers. **President, Rhondda**

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP

At last we have seen attention given by Council and State Governments to the widening of Parklands Boulevard. Several community meetings have been held and Council has released details of the preliminary proposal on its website. Work is expected to start in December. For more information go to Council's website and search for Parklands Boulevard upgrade. Or contact the project team on a dedicated email address: parklandsboulevard@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au.

Our regular six-monthly meeting with Cr Peter Cox will be 11 December 2018 at 29 Lakeshore Place Little Mountain at 9 am (my patio). Bring your questions and suggestions. **President, Ron**

KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Owing to some extreme wet weather in October, we have cancelled our Fun Day event planned for 13 October and have combined it with our Christmas Party now 24 November 3-6pm at Kurrajong Park. This event for Kawana Forest Residents will be sponsored by Stockland Community Grants and promises to be a wonderful day for all the family. Hopefully there'll be a visit from a certain red-coated gentleman! **President, Glenn**



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 2nd Monday of every odd month.

Next Meeting: 28 January 2019

Contact: President Tony, 5438 8267

Email: cccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au

Website: www.currimundicatchment.org.au/cccg

Facebook: www.facebook.com/currimundicatchment



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 1st Tuesday of every even month.

Next Meeting: 5 February 2019

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Parklands Community Group

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Kawana Forest Residents Association (KaFRA)

Contact: President Glenn 0412 286 156

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Website: www.kafra.org.au

Meeting Place bookings: 5443 7281

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