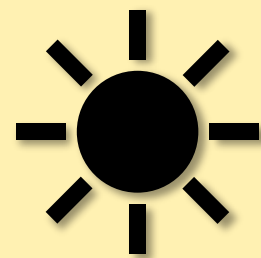


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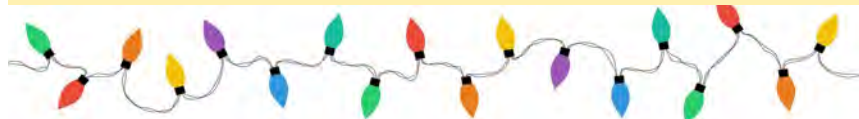
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Welcome to our community newsletter.

It is voluntarily produced by Currimundi Catchment Care Group Inc (ABN 77 276 084 092), printed on sustainable forest paper and distributed to 10,000 households and businesses within the Currimundi Catchment. Can you help deliver newsletters four times a year? Please phone Tony on 5438 8267.



The twilight Christmas boat parade (left) and laser light show (above) are just some of the crowd-pleasing highlights of Lights On The Lake.



LIGHTS ON THE LAKE – 4 DECEMBER

It's almost here! After a two-year break, Lights on the Lake is back and in the calendar for Sunday 4 December.

It's that special time of year when many people decorate canoes, kayaks and paddle boards to light up the night sky as part of the event's twilight water procession.

There will be prizes for the best decorated boats, but the water procession is not the only attraction.

There's also music on the main stage, supervised kids' activities including face painting, Jembe Johnno's drum circle, food markets, hand-made arts and crafts.

Santa arrives by boat from across the Lake about 6pm and later helps with awarding prizes to the winning decorated boats. After the boats have returned from their beautiful twinkling water procession, the night will conclude with a stunning laser light show from the main stage.

Bendigo Bank's Piggy is back again this year, joining the team from Community Bank Caloundra. They are our major sponsors, along with Sunshine Coast Council and Ray White Caloundra.

Don't forget our usual reminders:

- Parking is limited, so plan your arrival, park nearby and walk, or catch a bus and get off on Nicklin Way right near the event.
- If you live close by walk, cycle or paddle.
- Keep children supervised, particularly when night falls.
- Leave pets at home if they don't cope well with crowds and excited children.

Register decorated boats for the water procession in advance via the website or at the Registration Marquee before 6pm on the evening. A safety briefing for all participants is at 6.30pm. All children under the age of 13 must wear a flotation device.

For more information or to register for the water procession:

- Visit www.currimundicatchment.org.au/lights-on-lake
- Call Fergus 0458 880 572 or email lightsonthelake@currimundicatchment.org.au
- Head to Facebook www.facebook.com/lightsonthelakefestival

When: 4pm to 8pm, Sunday 4 December 2022

Where: Crummunda Park, Coongarra Esplanade, Wurtulla

Thank you,
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NEWS FROM THE AGM

The Currimundi Catchment Care Group held its Annual General Meeting in September.

A brand new committee was formed and certificates of appreciation were awarded to some of the group's retiring volunteer members.

"Thanks to the volunteers who stepped up to take on a role on the committee," CCCG President Tony Moorhead said.

"Volunteers like this are vital to make things happen. Thanks also to retiring committee members Kaye (Treasurer) and Ron (absent from photo) and also to Glenys who has been our newsletter editor for 10 years but is now handing over the role to newcomer Bec."



ABOVE: (from left) Division 3 Cr Peter Cox with the new CCCG committee Joan, Janet, Christine, Keith, Tony, Glenys and Fergus (Enid absent) and Jarrod Bleijie, Member for Kawana.
BELOW: President Tony (holding Ron's certificate), Kaye, Glenys and Jarrod Bleijie MP.



Welcome to the new Committee!

- ❖ Tony Moorhead (President)
- ❖ Fergus Fitzgerald (Vice-President)
- ❖ Christine Muir (Secretary)
- ❖ Keith Hunt (Treasurer) and
- ❖ Committee members Joan, Janet, Glenys and Enid.

Thank you, outgoing volunteers!

- ❖ Kaye Brown (Treasurer)
- ❖ Glenys Powell (Newsletter Editor)
- ❖ Ron Burnett (Committee member)

SLOW DOWN, BOATIES!

It's holiday time and that means there'll be more boaties out on the lakes and creeks. It's also a timely reminder that erosion caused by wave wash has been very damaging to the Currimundi Catchment.

It is a fragile environment and one that we want to protect for many generations to come.

Read the signs, please slow down and comply with on-water regulations. Keep a safe distance when approaching the shore, other vessels, swimmers and marine animals.

That way, you'll keep boat wash to a minimum and help preserve our waterways so they can be enjoyed long into the future.

And don't forget, 6 knots is a legal speed limit. Maritime Safety Queensland, Fisheries Queensland and Water Police can all impose on-the-spot fines for exceeding this limit or creating a wash capable of causing a marine incident.



OUR 2023 CALENDAR IS HERE

Selecting the photographs to be included in the annual Currimundi Catchment Wall Calendar is such a joy.

Every year we receive a very large number of photographs from members of the community. Many are taken when the photographer is overwhelmed or excited or intrigued by the beauty of the natural environment that we call home.

The photographs focus on many areas of our lives. They may be of an enjoyable beach activity or a stunning sunset or a cheeky bird in your backyard. There is so much to celebrate in our natural world and we thank all the photographers very sincerely for letting us also enjoy their special moments.

We couldn't resist the photograph of a mistletoe bird chick taken by photographer Toni Moran in Kathleen McArthur Conservation Park, for the front page of the calendar this year. This is a tiny bird of about 9 cm long and weighing only about 7 grams, so it was amazing to get such a fabulous shot.



Currimundi Catchment

Calendar 2023

CUTIE ON THE COVER: Toni Moran's fantastic photo of a tiny mistletoe bird chick is the cover star of the new Currimundi Catchment Wall Calendar, now on sale for \$10.

HOW TO BUY A CALENDAR

Calendars are available for \$10.

You can order one or purchase directly (using cash or card) from Tony or Kaye at 1 Gam Avenue, Currimundi.

Call Tony or Kaye on 5438 8267, mobile 0435 375 450 or email: cccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au



WINNING BATTLES IN THE WAR ON WEEDS

Weed-busting working bees in our local region are delivering some encouraging results.

"Some knowledgeable people have told us that we have fewer weeds in our area than most places on the Sunshine Coast," working bee volunteer and weed maestro Kym Maver said.

"This is great news, but it has not happened by luck. No, this is the result of years of working bees, where amazing people turn up to scratch around in the dirt or pull creepers off trees.

"Some are fit and can lug a full bag of weeds over each shoulder.

"Some have hip pain and arthritis and work slowly and steadily. Some attend once. Some turn up, rain or shine, every month. Everyone usually gets dirty and sweaty, but all have a smile and are up for a steady chat."

To everyone who has attended any of the CCGG working bees, thank you – your efforts are making a difference. Thanks also to the Council Officers who support us.

"It is an absolute joy to see the native flora reclaiming its rightful place in our catchment," Kym said. "And now we know we have got those dastardly weeds on the run, we will meet again next year, to make sure they don't return."



ABOVE: Yes sir, yes sir, 10 bags full of Singapore Daisy and Corky's Passion vine. Well done to the weeders who came to this working bee in September and everyone else who contributed in 2022.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

Weeding working bees return in February 2023. They are held on the second Saturday of the month, 2.30 – 4.30pm, location details shared on the website cg.currimundicatchment.org.au.

Group reports

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP

Isn't it great news that our local community festival 'Lights on the Lake' is back on again this year? This will be the 10th year the event has been organised by local volunteers, with the first year (2011) cancelled just hours in advance due to a sudden severe thunderstorm.

Each year up to 2019, the event was more successful and grew in popularity within our local community. Sadly, the pandemic put a halt to it for the last two years, but now it's back better than ever. Organising this event takes a lot of planning, time and effort from local community members. It is wonderful to see the local community embrace it so warmly. We hope you can join us again this year at Crummunda Park on 4 December from 4pm – 8pm.

Thank you to the members of our management team who were elected at our September AGM - Tony, Fergus, Glenys, Joan, Janet, Enid, Christine and Keith. A special thank you to Glenys who is stepping down as newsletter editor after many years at the helm and to Bec, who is taking on the role. As a small group of volunteers, we know we can't change the world alone. But with the community's help, we can make a big difference. This newsletter plays a major part in that, helping us educate, entertain and inform locals about important environmental issues and our activities.

Have a wonderful festive season everyone – take care and please remember to look after our local environment while you are doing that.

Tony, President

FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

Another year almost gone. It has been wetter and colder, but the weeds are loving it. We have two working bees left for the year. Our next big day will be Clean Up Australia Day next year, but before that arrives there will be a clean-up for the marine turtle hatchlings in February. The turtle season has commenced with volunteer walkers up each morning at 4.30am to walk their allocated beaches looking for tracks and nests. Due to serious erosion, our turtles will have problems finding a spot to lay. As the weather and school holidays are nearly here, I would like to remind people that fires on the beach (or anywhere) are illegal as they are dangerous to both people and animals. Remember that lights shining from homes built on the dunes are a hazard to our marine turtles coming in to lay and for our hatchlings going to sea. They become disorientated from the artificial light. I know that it can be magical sitting on the dunes watching the moon rise, the stars sparkling and the lights from boats twinkling on the horizon. You can do the same thing on your deck by turning your lights off, add a cold bottle of beer or wine, some good cheese and sit back in your deck chair and enjoy the beautiful night and you will be being kind to our beautiful endangered marine turtles.

Friends of Currimundi Lake will be supporting Lights on the Lake again this year. I met with the Year 2 children from Meridan State School this month to discuss how they can support Friends of Currimundi Lake in cleaning up litter, how weeds affect our native birds and animals and how to care for our Lake and the ocean. The children are such a delight to talk with and their knowledge is quite extensive. As it is almost the end of the year, I would like to say thank you to Ruth and all our volunteers, for the support from CCCG, to the Sunshine Coast Council, NHW, and the people of Currimundi. Wishing you all a very Merry and safe Christmas.

Rhonda, President

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP

Parkland Community Group is holding down the fort! Most things are quiet with a few more ducklings added to the recently cleaned out pond, which we are happy to see.

Fortunately, we have a small catchment area, from Caloundra Road to the South Arm of Currimundi Lake, hence little flood worries. Anyone interested in doing some planting should check the newsletter and join the monthly group!

The Meridan Church will be moving from their temporary home at Meridan State School to the Church on Springs Drive starting mid-November. We'll see what other activities become available.

Would you like to join the newsletter delivery crew? It's only four times a year and takes about an hour each time. Give me a call on 0448 517 905 for a walk in your neighbourhood.

Ron Burnett, President

NEWS BITES

Lake mouth opened: Council manually opened the mouth of Currimundi Lake on 23 October. This was to lower water levels following another bout of heavy rainfall.

Kathleen McArthur podcast: The legacy of Kathleen McArthur, an artist, author, environmentalist and activist has been captured

in a new 22-episode podcast. It is now available to download for free from Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Sunshine Coast Libraries website and other podcast platforms. The Currimundi Lake Conversation Park is named after Kathleen McArthur, a founding member of the Wildlife Preservation Society.

Handy contacts

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP

Meetings: Kawana Forest Meeting Place, 160 Woodland Blvd Meridan Plains, on the second Monday of every odd month.

Next meeting: 7pm, 14 Nov. 2022

Contact: President Tony, 5438 8267, cccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au

FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

Meetings: Currimundi Recreation Hall (cnr Currimundi Rd & Ilya St) first Tuesday of every even month.

Next meeting: 7.30pm, 6 Dec. 2022

Contact: President Rhonda 5437 6481, foclinfo@currimundicatchment.org.au
Working bees: Ruth 0408 989 263

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP

Contact: Ron 5491 7905, 0448 517 905, rburnett@bigpond.net.au

KAWANA FOREST RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Contact: President Glenn 0412 286 156, gmsith@gideons.org.au
Website: www.kafra.org.au
Meeting Place hire: 1300 786 227

OTHERS

Sunshine Coast Council: 5475 7272 for issues regarding Currimundi Lake and its Catchment.

Kawana Police: 5413 8700

Policelink: 131 444

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

TurtleCare: 0437 559 067 to report turtle tracks or nests.

Dept 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 unlawful fishing activities.

Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital: 1800 334 350