

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT NEWS

Welcome to our community newsletter

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GET SET FOR LIGHTS ON THE LAKE



The annual Lights on the Lake festival at Currimundi is well established as an iconic free community event that celebrates our wonderful natural environment and the festive season. This year it's our 13th festival and it will be held on Sunday 7 December.

There will be a large program of children's activities, including creative craft stations and the ever-popular face painting. A real highlight from last year's entertainment program, the kids disco by DJ Candi, is back. Interested in learning djembe drumming? Join Levi in the drumming circle.

There will be a great selection of food stalls, as well as local environmental displays and information in the TurtleCare marquee and Council's Discovery Van. Santa will make an appearance, arriving by boat across the lake.

The festival highlight is the parade of decorated watercraft, paddling around Currimundi Lake at dusk.

Everyone is welcome to dress up their canoe, kayak or paddle board to join the contest for best decorated and best illuminated watercraft to win some great prizes.

Register your boat, kayak or paddle board for the water procession **using the QR code** or visit our website. You can also register on site on the day.



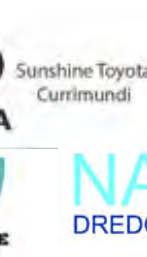
The evening ends with a stunning laser light show from the main stage.

Bring your family and friends and a picnic rug for a wonderful event to put you in the festive spirit. Don't forget that parking is limited, so plan to walk the last bit, or consider catching a bus along Nicklin Way.

Sunshine Coast Council continues to be our major sponsor, along with very generous local businesses (see logos on this page).

For more information, visit:
currimundicatchment.org.au/lights-on-lake or
facebook.com/lightsonthelakefestival

EVENT DETAILS
Sunday 7 December
4pm – 8pm
Crummunda Park, Coongarra
Esplanade, Wurtulla



NEW COMMITTEE SWORN IN AT ANNUAL MEETING

Our group held its Annual General Meeting in September, with President Tony Moorhead re-elected into the role and reflecting on some highlights from the year.

"I am pleased to report on another very successful year for our little group," Tony said.

"We are just a small group, but somehow, we seem to achieve a lot each year – and that's down to the people who make up the group.

"We are well recognised in the local community, have a very good relationship with our local Council and partner with them in many projects."

Tony's 2025 highlights included:

- World Environment Day walk through Bancroft's Red Gum Reserve
- Clean Up Australia day event at Little Mountain
- Nine monthly weeding/working bees
- National Tree Day plantings at Honey Farm Road Environmental Reserve
- Lights on the Lake

Highlights continued:

- Partnership with Sunshine Coast Council
- Membership of Queensland Water and Land Carers (QWaLC) and Sunshine Coast Environment Council (SCEC).

Did you know?

This is Tony's 13th consecutive year as President. Wow, that's an incredible effort!

"Thanks to our CCCG members and community volunteers. You make this all possible," Tony said.

"I am proud to be President of this great little band of volunteers with a passion for protecting our local environment."

CCCG Committee

President: Tony Moorhead

Vice-President: Fergus FitzGerald

Secretary: Fergus FitzGerald

Treasurer: Keith Hunt

Committee Members:

Angelina Betts, Joan Andrews, Janet Hohnen, Enid Traill, Anna Keppel.



Thanks Christine!

Our wonderful Secretary Christine Muir, pictured above left with committee member Enid Traill, stepped down from her role at this year's AGM.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Christine for her contribution over the past three years. From taking minutes at meetings and managing correspondence to helping out at our many community events, we appreciate your time and dedication to CCCG!

HONEY FARM ROAD COMMUNITY TREE-PLANTING



Currimundi Catchment Care Group (CCCG) recently teamed up with Sunshine Coast Council's BushCare team to coordinate two community planting events at Honey Farm Road Environmental Reserve.

Council staff had prepared the site with a generous layer of mulch to give the new plants the best chance to thrive and provided all the native plants and equipment for the day.

The first event involved around 200 participants from the International Geo-Caching Festival, held on the Sunshine Coast. Together, they planted 1000 native trees, shrubs and grasses in the southern section of the reserve.

A second session followed, with about 50 local community volunteers adding another 700 plants to the growing habitat.

It's inspiring to see how well previous plantings are already flourishing. We look forward to watching this new area mature in the years ahead.

A big thank you to all the volunteer planters, Council staff and CCCG members who made the morning such a fun and successful event.

MANY HANDS: The community turned out in force to plant native grasses including kangaroo grass, bladey grass, Lomandra and Carex. Thanks to Jennelle Dupuy for the photos.



2026 CALENDAR: WHAT A LITTLE BEAUTY

We have always known there is a huge diversity of people who love our catchment and often take photographs to remind themselves of its beauty. This year we can report that the youngest winner of the Currimundi Catchment Calendar photographic competition was only 11 years old and the oldest winner was 84!

Our 11-year-old provided a beautiful photograph of a peaceful walking track along the shores of the lake, and our oldest competitor was up early to snap a lovely picture of a pelican on the lake at sunrise.

All our photographers show us something interesting about the catchment. This year's cover page features Graham Gillies' excellent photo of a glossy black cockatoo. This stunning bird is a regular visitor to the Katheen McArthur Conservation Park to feast on the seeds of casuarina trees. These visits are very important because the glossy black cockatoo is listed as 'vulnerable' in Queensland, owing to loss of habitat through land clearing.

A big thank you once again to all the photographers who sent in their photographs of all the things they love and enjoy about the Currimundi Catchment. It's a wonderful place to live and, thanks to our talented photographers, we can enjoy these images all year.



GREAT SHOT: Graham Gillies' magnificent photo graces the cover of our 2026 calendar. Calendars are available to buy for \$10 and usually sell out quickly. **HOW TO BUY:** You can order or buy directly from Tony or Kaye at 1 Gam Avenue, Currimundi. Call 0435 375 450 or email ccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au



THANK YOU NEWSLETTER VOLLIES!



READER SURVEY

Thanks to everyone who has taken our reader survey. It's been great to hear your positive feedback and that many of you are willing to submit stories and photos for future editions. We will definitely be in touch!

We are closing the survey on 5 December.

So, make sure you jump into the quick and easy online form and tell us what you think before then.

And remember, one lucky person will win a \$30 gift card. The winner will be randomly chosen from completed entries. Simply leave your name and contact details at the end if you'd like to be in the draw.

Thanks for helping us protect, connect and celebrate the Currimundi Catchment. ☺

TAKE THE SURVEY
Scan the QR code or
visit bit.ly/CCCGSurvey



The people responsible for bringing you this newsletter – literally – were celebrated at a picnic in the park in late September.

The event was held as a thank you to the many volunteers who walk the streets and hand-deliver the newsletter to homes across the catchment, as well as the zone coordinators who look after the deliverers in their patch and make sure they are well stocked each quarter. As the catchment population has grown, so too has our readership base. The newsletter first came out in 2002 and had a print circulation of 4000.

By 2022, circulation had grown to 10,000 and today, our wonderful volunteers deliver 12,000 copies of the Currimundi Catchment News four times a year.

What a fantastic effort. Thank you everyone!

Group reports

CURRIMUNDI CATCHMENT CARE GROUP

It's almost Christmas again and that means it is almost time for our wonderful local festive season event, the Lights on the Lake Festival on Sunday 7 December. CCCG is proud to have led the team organising this much-loved community event for so many years. It is wonderful to see how the local community loves this event. If you would like to help on the day, please contact us at lightsonthelake@currimundicatchment.org.au

I'm also looking forward to another event we're planning for next year, a Currimundi Lake community information event on Sunday 29 March run jointly by CCCG, Council & FOCL. It will be family friendly, educational and fun to help people understand the lake and its surrounds.

Would you like to keep up to date with these and other future events and activities? You can sign up to receive our eBulletin emails whenever we have events planned from our website or **via this QR code >**

Have a wonderful festive season everyone. Take care, have fun and please remember to look after our local environment while you do.

Tony, President



FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

The warm weather has dried off the lawns but has given life to many baby animals and plants in flower. Some of you will know my garden, so I have had visitors for constant fresh water, nectar from flowers and tree shade.

I think there are two pythons, blue tongue lizards, skinks, magpies, butcher birds, mickies, blue-eyed honey eaters, rainbow lorikeets, turkeys, white ibis and baby plovers on the footpath plus the frogs are looking for water. The possums have started to investigate for fresh fruit. The weeds have exploded and are setting seed which means more weeds to keep our BushCare people busy.

It is also time for our marine turtles to start visiting our beaches. From 1 November, TurtleCare volunteers started their daily walks at 4.30am on our beaches. If you see a turtle or tracks, please ring 0488 719 579. Be aware of littering as this can end up in the ocean and affect our ocean life, including our turtles.

Our next FOCL meeting is on 2 December at 7.30pm at the Currimundi Community Hall. If you are interested in the environment and Currimundi, you are very welcome to attend. Have a great Christmas everyone, drive safely, swim between the flags and put your litter in the bins.

Rhondda, President

PARKLANDS COMMUNITY GROUP

The Parklands community is rolling along.

Two swans paid a visit to Dot's pond and a resident from Tall Trees in Ivadale Lakes had no sighting of our cygnets, so we don't know where they went. We are hoping for the best.

Our neighbourhood, although not expanding, is 'opening up'. A couple of our homeowners have removed front yard fencing, introducing us to their front door and yard. Welcome to the street!

We've got a couple of new deliverers for this newsletter and we could always find a spot for new people. Send me a message at rburnett@bigpond.net.au or 0448 517 905 if you can help deliver newsletters in a small patch of the local area just four times a year.

Ron, President

BEING WILD IS THIRSTY WORK

With the warmer months now here, you might consider putting out some water to give our native animals a hydrating helping hand, like the goanna pictured.

- Put containers of water around your yard, ideally in the shade and with some sticks or stones placed inside to act as a ramp for smaller animals.
- Keep the containers clean and try to change the water daily.
- Containers of different depths provide water for a range of different birds and animals.
- Try to place containers at different heights and locations, including under bushes or tree cover.



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, 12 January 2026. Contact: President Tony, 0435 375 450, cccginfo@currimundicatchment.org.au

FRIENDS OF CURRIMUNDI LAKE

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

Next meeting: 7.30pm, 2 December 2025

Contact: President Rhondda 5437 6481, focinfo@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, htimsg60@gmail.com
Website: www.kafr.org.au
Meeting Place hire: 1300 786 227

OTHER CONTACTS

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

Thanks for reading! Until next quarter, please do what you can to look after our beautiful surroundings.

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