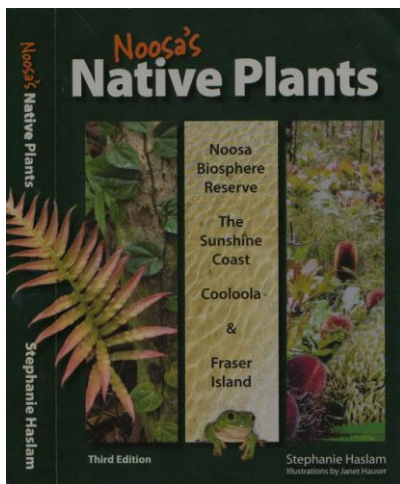


NICA NEWSLETTER - 28th July, 2011

INVITATION TO BOOK LAUNCH

Edition 3 of Noosa's Native Plants has arrived.

The team at Queensland Complete Printing has done a great job. Here at NICA we are very happy with the result and the new edition is being released to bookshops this week with a recommended retail price of \$45.



On Friday 12th August, at 1 pm, NICA invites you to join all the contributors for lunch on the deck outside our office at Noosa Marina.

Contributors will be presented with a copy of the book and NICA members will be able to purchase it at a special Book Launch price of \$35.

So far we have sold 3,000 copies of Editions 1 and 2. This fulfilled a Catchment Management Strategy requirement - raising awareness about our local native plants and the importance of understanding their environment. The book has led to the website www.noosasnativeplants.com.au and to our schools programme "What LOCAL Native Plant is that?" All proceeds from book sales have gone to NICA education projects and will continue to do so. So it has been a good result all round.

Please RSVP to Gill at the office if you would like to attend by Wednesday 10th August
Phone 5449 9650 or email admin@noosariver.com.au

What's on www.noosariver.com.au/index.php?article=events

Closing 10th August

Noosa's Native Plants Community Art Competition
Details at www.noosariver.com.au

Friday 12th August

Noosa's Native Plants edition 3 Book Launch

Sunday 18th September

Biosphere Day at Noosa Woods
10am to 3pm free entry, for further info www.noosabiosphere.org.au

Get Involved www.noosariver.com.au/index.php?category=20

- **River Watch onboard the NICA River Ranger boat**
River Rangers will meet bi-monthly during 2011. There are vacancies on the boat roster on Wednesday and Friday if any volunteer would like to assist.
There are also opportunities to learn how to do the water testing with Tony. Phone NICA on 5449 9650 or have a look at the webpage at:
www.noosariver.com.au/index.php?article=noosa_river_ranger_program
- NICA membership is free, so join up, come along, get active, meet like minded people and have fun!
Email admin@noosariver.com.au

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Project Status Report, July 2011

By Maree Prior

- June and July have seen the further implementation and completion of existing projects for the financial year. All projects are on track including KOBBS, which has been reviewed with a progress report for 2010-11 and revised action plan for 2011-12 by Catherine in consultation with Wendy & other relevant project officers and volunteers.
- NICA has acquitted the DERM Natural Resource Awareness Grant, which contributed to youth participation in Ecoflicks and implementation of WLNP at Sunshine Beach High School.
- Mahdi Green has completed Cooroy Stormwater Project deliverables, including the Final Report and almost completed Noosa Stormwater Education & Report, and adjusted the Noosa survey to include weed awareness. Stormwater testing has been carried out regularly and consistently each month. There is potential to progress weed removal projects and awareness raising at some of these sites.
- Seagrass Monitoring has been carried out regularly and consistently; Serena is on leave and will resume monitoring on her return in August. An application has been made by Serena to CfoC to carry out mapping of the Noosa River seagrass beds and CAG to research ghost crabs in re-established dune sites that have been weeded.
- Lidia has completed a Fishing Line Recovery Bin Report for this financial year. Recommend it be forwarded to the SCC Waterways team for the revision of the Noosa River Plan.
- Ecoflicks was successfully completed again in 2011, but at a financial cost to NICA of around \$6000, despite generous sponsorships.
- Wendy continues to assist Stephanie with schools programs involving native plants, weeds and waste and played the lead role in gaining the sponsorship major prizes for Ecoflicks. Lidia has also willingly assisted with schools programs dealing with the river issues.
- Mangrove Watch is on track but the second workshop being held with the next two weeks.
- **Project Officers Mahdi, Wendy, Lidia will attend a grant writing w'shop 27th July @ Nambour.**

By Tony Haslam

- Caring For Our Country - Community Action Grant Projects are on track. The project sites are at North Peregian, Heritage Park, and Sunshine Beach. The Sunshine Beach project has been selected by the Federal Department of Environment as one they will showcase.
- Caring for Our Country - Noosa North Shore. This project ended on 30 June 2011. All funds were not fully expended and an application will be made to seek permission to spend remaining funds on interpretive signage. During the project 14.3 Hectares was weeded, and one community working bee held, and advice given to the Noosa north Shore Working Group. Partners included Sunshine Coast Council, and Parks and Wildlife Service (DERM). The contractor was Noosa and District Landcare Group.
- RiverWatch Program. The River Rangers are still managing to get out on the river weekly and sometimes twice a week. Water testing at 8 sites in the Noosa River and estuary are being carried out monthly and special one offs including transport Griffith University people to collect mangrove data loggers , and transporting SCC officers to Noosa North Shore crop up from time to time. Modifications to the boat including the fitting of a new trim tab have improved its performance and reduced to tendency to 'porpoise'. The new major activity for River Rangers is 'Mangrove Watch' reported on in Maree's report.

Partner's Links

Coolum District Coast Care; <http://coolumcoastcare.org.au/>

Maroochy Waterwatch; www.maroochycatchmentcentre.org.au

Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee; www.mrccc.org.au/newsletters.html

Noosa & District Landcare; www.noosalandcare.org

Noosa Biosphere Ltd; www.noosabiosphere.org.au/

Noosa Parks Association; www.noosaparks.org.au/html/calendarlist.php

Noosa Ratepayers Association; www.noosaratepayers.org.au

SEQ Catchments; www.seqcatchments.com.au/

SEQ Healthy Waterways; www.healthywaterways.org

Sunshine Coast Environment Council; www.scec.org.au

Sunshine Coast Regional Council; www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/

For detailed information about all our projects see the full review at www.noosariver.com.au
NICA is now on YouTube www.youtube.com/noosastreams and
Facebook www.facebook.com/pages/Noosa-Integrated-Catchment-Assn-Inc/110995275604273