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Note from the Editor

Due to time restraints of a very busy person and a computer hitch, this months news is I'm afraid a very simple format on letterhead. But nevertheless, the information is hopefully getting across the nation.

From the President.

Following our September meeting, we finally sat down with a Barrister to discuss the possibilities for legal action against the Council in relation to the rates question. The message is not good. It appears that the Council is free to discriminate against any of its constituency and the only available response is through the ballot box.

Thus, the publicity campaign option remains our best prospect of changing our treatment and that should be directed toward achieving a maximum impact at the next election. We are continuing to develop our strategy for that. Watch this space.

On a more positive note, it's been very pleasing to see the new signs limiting after hours access to the canals. It may not be all that we wanted, but I'm sure you'll agree it's a significant improvement on what we had before.

Finally, don't miss the family boat picnic on Sunday 10 November advertised elsewhere in this bulletin. It's our opportunity to get together as families with our neighbours. Be in it, even if you don't have a boat, we will try to get you a ride. Come and join us, relax and enjoy the tremendous waterways which we all moved here to enjoy.

Chris Dawe

NEWPORT WATCH

ZONE CAPTAINS MEETING

ALL Zone Captains are invited to attend a meeting at the Oyster Point Scouts Hall (Meeting is open to others interested in Newport Watch activities)

VENUE: Cnr Sunnyside Road & Fernlea Ave Scarborough

TIME: 7.30 pm WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2002

End of Canal Security

You may recall that last year we carried out a Security Survey of all residents living on the ends of the canals and presented the results to the Redcliffe City Council in October of that year.

The survey was carried out as a result of security concerns, particularly out of hours raised by members at the Annual General Meeting.

As a result of this action Council have now installed new signs at the ends of all canals which read:

Redcliffe City Council
Local Law Notice
The Digging For Worms And
Yabbies In The Canal
Prohibited
Residential Area
Access To The Canals
Including Netting /Sourcing Of Bait
During Daylight Hours Only

The effectiveness of the new signs will be tested with time, however some early feedback from a resident on the end of one canal has indicated that they are working in restraining non resident canal access out of daylight hours which was a primary security concern.

We have expressed on your behalf our thanks to council for the action taken.

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NWPOA Annual Picnic

A return to the original style. I wasn't around at the time, but I'm told the original NWPOA annual picnic started as a boat picnic on "Gilligan's island", a sand island which surfaced at low tide out in Moreton Bay. It doesn't do that anymore and hasn't for some time. Thus, the picnic became land based on the shores of the canals until even more recently, there were no more unoccupied shores of the canals.

However, many members regularly visit Bribie island, often enjoying lunch at the bowling club. There is a good anchorage, there is a very pretty park and there is the club if you don't want to pack lunch.

Therefore, NWPOA presents:

A BOAT picnic for BOATIES who live in Newport and their neighbours.

Date: Sunday 10 November 2002;

Time: 12 noon at the park Bribie Island;

Venue: Just north of the jetty in the passage;

(sail departures from say 0930, power from say 1100, as you see fit);

Book: Phone Chris Dawe, 3880 4101 (home); 3284 3211 (business)

If you want to join your neighbours and friends for an outdoor, families and all get together with a difference, book in today. If you can take an extra couple or two without a boat, book that in too and we'll spread the joy. Thus, if you don't have a boat but would like to participate, book in and we'll try to accommodate you.

Wind warning on the bay or heavy rain will cancel the event.