

# FOCI Newsletter February 1997

## New Committee

First up, the new FOCI Committee would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, we are:

President - Margaret Walker 32078295

Vice - President June Outteridge 32077752

Minutes Secretary - Lesley Payne 32070148

Correspondence Secretary - Lynne Musgrove 329077752

Treasurer - Jenny Newport 32079780

Bushcare Contact - Mary Preston

Committee Members - Irene Martin 32077975, Nicolaine Jordan 32078816, Shirley

Foster 38206092 and Carey Hargreaves 38206520

## Recent activities

☛ **FOCI's catering department** successfully fed two island events -

The Redland Shire Council's Bushcare Group Christmas Party on December 14 and Theo and Lindy's Wedding December 30. The funds raised from these events were much needed to cover expenses for our forthcoming work. All helpers deserve a BIG THANK YOU for these efforts, particularly Denise Foley-Burns for her marathon wash up at the wedding.

☛ **The Childrens' Art Competition**, January 1997 was staged to produce work for display on the Melaleuca Wetlands Information Stand. 18 children took part, producing some fantastic results and cash prizes, donated by Mary Preston were won by -

1st prizes (\$10) - Alix Burgess, Victoria Foster and Joanne

Drennan, Bridget Foster, Hannah Titmarsh

Runners up (\$5) - Coral Gillett and Tegan Drennan, Nicky Grives

☛ **Wildlife Safaris** with Adrian Caneris January 1997. The Spotlight and the early morning trap opening walks were very well attended, with about 75 participants in all. Apologies to all the bats, frogs, owls, Bandicoots etc who had their quiet lives disturbed so that we could learn more about our wildlife. Adrian has promised to return later in the year and repeat the exercise in the Mangroves where he expects to find a different range of animals.

## What's Happening Soon

☛ **Clean up Australia Day Sunday 2 March 1997**

This year we are cooperating with the Lifesavers Club for the day. To join in just turn up at the jetty at 8 am with - hats, gloves, shoes and sunscreen.

☛ We are compiling a submission to government consultations on commercial trawl fishing activities around the island. **Fishers have your say! before March 1997**

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Renew your Membership

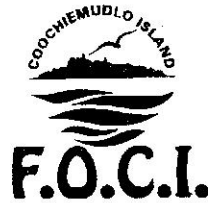
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Membership - \$5 (plus once only \$5 for non members to join)





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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR A.G.M. 23 AUGUST, 1997.

This is F.O.C.I.'s sixth A.G.M. and proceeding from the last A.G.M. it has not been an easy year. 1996 was spent giving a great deal of support to the Coochiemudlo Citizens' Action Group, and I feel that F.O.C.I. this year, can be compared with an animal going into hibernation - "a sleeping giant" if you like.

Your Committee members have been dedicated to the aims of F.O.C.I. whilst at the same time leading very busy lives -

June Outteridge - Vice President assists her family;

Lynne Musgrove - Correspondence Secretary - has had a heavy study load;

Lesley Payne - Minutes Secretary left the Island, and this vacancy has been filled by Mary Preston and then June Outteridge;

Treasurer - Jenny Newport - sadly lost her Mother and was away in New Zealand for some time;

Committee members; Irene Martin, Nicolaine Jordan, Carey Hardgreaves and Shirley Foster who studied and is now a qualified Fire Officer.

I do regret that there were no General Meetings this year - dates were discussed, and invariably did not fit in with most of the Committee's other commitments, but I have endeavoured to show that your Committee was working, nevertheless, in the best interests of F.O.C.I., and Committee meetings were held monthly.

F.O.C.I. has continued to take part in annual events such as **Clean-up Australia Day**, and the historical **Flinders' Day Celebration**; this year Ted Jones, our very own Matthew Flinders approached F.O.C.I. with the proposal that we sell his just released "The Coochiemudlo Island Heritage" at a handsome profit to us, and I thank Ted for that generous gesture.

I think, that due to the fact that three of our Committee members have young children, successful children's events have been introduced, e.g. Children's Art Competition, held in January, and the Scavenger Hunt held on Flinders' Day - with youngsters being asked to find "bush" items; very favourable comments were received from parents.

Our members have supported the Council initiated Bush Care with, among other things, plantings along the shoreline.

Mary Preston talked to Island fisherman before making a submission to assist Government consultations on commercial trawl fishing activities.


F.O.C.I. is represented at the Redland Transportation Study - which is continuing at the second meeting proposed for August 28th - this study is to discuss future transportation options within the Shire.

You may recall that in 1992 F.O.C.I. initiated a study on future development of our Island carried out by students in the Graduate Diploma in Landscape Architecture of the Queensland University of Technology. Continuing with our interest not only in the development of the Island, but in the retention of its natural environment, we very recently submitted an application for Coastcare Funding for a project entitled "Coochiemudlo Island Environmental Management Plan". This will be a very comprehensive project which involves a great deal of community involvement. The Redland Shire Council has given its support to our application in the way of technical and financial assistance. As yet we do not know the result of our application, but we are quietly confident that we will be successful. Lynne Musgrove has put together a very comprehensive application, on our behalf, and she will answer any questions you may have.

Very successful Progressive Dinners were again part of the annual happenings, and we also were asked to cater for the Redland Shire Council's Bushcare Group Christmas Party, and the feast at Lindy and Theo Gard's wedding. Our next Progressive Dinner is now in the planning stage, and will possibly be towards the end of September.

Our aims and objectives are as relevant to-day as they were when we came into being, and I hope that, with the emphasis on **FRIENDS**, we will continue.

23rd August, 1997.

  
(Margaret Walker)  
President

The aims and objectives of FRIENDS OF COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND Assoc. Inc.:

1. to be friends of Coochiemudlo Island in all respects;
2. to maintain and protect the Island environment;
3. to monitor present and future development;
4. to promote and protect the heritage of Coochiemudlo Island;
5. to raise funds for the pursuance of these aims.