



The Friends of Stradbroke Island Association Inc., Newsletter No28 AUGUST 1998


FOSI was formed in 1988 to oppose the construction of inappropriate development @ Cylinder Beach. FOSI continues to monitor proposals for this site, & others on North Stradbroke Island, with the aim of preserving the island's unique features: coastal villages, remarkable landscape & beaches, and areas of significant vegetation & wildlife. Membership is open to those who support FOSI's aims.



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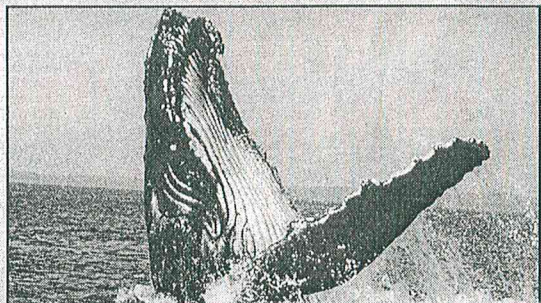
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WHALEWATCH PRICES RANGE FROM \$250,000 TO \$500,000
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Courier Mail advertisement 25/7/98

Whalewatch COURT ACTION

Many members of FOSI have expressed their concern regarding the above development. These concerns relate to density of the development, its inappropriateness to the site, and its architectural design. The FOSI Committee share these concerns.

To place the development into context it must be remembered that it is an old scheme which dates from 1994. It was approved under the previous Town Plan and does not comply with new Development Control Plan for Point Lookout which was gazetted in February 1996. Under the new DCP the density of any development on the site would be considerably less and its form of a character more sympathetic

of the character of Point Lookout.

Normally old approvals lapse if construction has not substantially commenced within a period of four years from the date the permit was issued. That date in this case was 7 April 1998.

FOSI and SIMO have commenced action in the Planning & Environment Court to seek a declaration that the original Consent Permit granted on 7th day of April 1994 has lapsed because construction has not commenced within a period of four years.

The matter is set down for hearing next Wednesday 19th August at 10am. Any members interested in attending Court should look in the Court Notices in Courier Mail on the morning of the 19th for further details.

YARRAMAN MINE

CRL propose to reopen the Yarraman Mine west of Point Lookout next year. This has enormous impacts on the Island's environment and the Dunwich/Point Lookout road. It is estimated that a truck will travel along the road every 15 minutes hauling mineral to Dunwich. Below is a copy of a letter Committee member Susan Martin recently wrote to the newspapers.

Dear Sir

The Queensland Government should consider rescinding all sand mining leases on North Stradbroke Island presently held by ACI and CRL. One scours the surface for white sand and makes no attempt to refill. The other digs deep holes with bulldozers, puts in a dredge and inflicts immense damage to the natural environment whilst it sucks out the black sand. Each company has a serious complaints case to answer. Both companies are causing irreparable damage to this beautiful heritage island.

The huge dunes traversing the island, some of which exceed anything else in the Southern Hemisphere, have been shaved down along with their precious ecology. The glorious open Eucalypt forests reduced to wood-chip. The animal corridors are crossed by ugly, hard surface access roads; perched lakes are cracked open, the lagoons invaded by sludge and the mangrove forests threatened by lowered water-levels and sandslips. And as if this was not enough the Redland Shire Council pumps thousands of litres of water off the island each day to ensure that the mainland lavatories continue to flush.

No one doubts that North Stradbroke Island was sacrificed to save Moreton Island from sand mining. At the time the Government promised National Parks for Stradbroke, still sadly missing.

At a public meeting in Dunwich recently both ACI and CRL representatives admitted that there are no satisfactory answers to resolve the distressing questions put to them by a concerned island community. The Government contingent at the meeting, rather arrogantly it was thought, stated its right to the drifting sands and the valuable minerals.

Government mining leases on North Stradbroke Island extend well into the next century. At present ACI sends eighty sand hauling trucks, per day, along the East Coast Road. Roaring past island communities, the two schools, an aged home, a

respite centre, these heavily laden cargoes, recently subject to maintenance inspections, travel through Dunwich at excessive speeds to the loading facility on Moreton Bay. CRL ploughs away in the south of the island on extensive mining sites. What should be a National Park is not and perhaps it is as well that people cannot see the dreadful havoc being wrought on what was an exceptional, and rare, pristine environment.

1999 will see CRL's re-opening of Yarraman Mine west of Point Lookout. This operation is scheduled to continue to 2014, allowing everyone a good opportunity to witness firsthand further wilderness desolation. The noise, disturbance, dust and a sand hauling truck every fifteen minutes on the only road crossing the island will not enrich the tourist experience, whilst certainly endangering it.

North Stradbroke Island should not accept the compromise between wilderness exploiters and its Australian nature. The island's aesthetic beauty is fast being lost forever. The cultural life of the island Noonuccal/Nughie tribe is long gone. Just as Kath Walker's people were frustrated and could not say their thoughts to save their Dreamtime, the island community of today is silenced by a greedy, disrespectful government.

Geological surveys exist which evidence that deposits of titanium and silica are procurable in far less environmentally sensitive areas than North Stradbroke Island.

S.Martin

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Strength in numbers

If FOSI is to be treated seriously by Government agencies and Local Authorities as an organisation that represent the interests of the community, holiday makers and land owners on the island particularly those at Point Lookout, it must have a healthy membership. At present our membership stands at about 150.

I am sure that we all know like minded people who want to see Point Lookout retain its unique character and natural features, who are not members of FOSI. Many have recently purchase property on the island.

Could you please make a effort to encourage them to join as FOSI needs a much larger membership. Some nomination form are enclosed.

Michael Kennedy

Bushcare Meeting at Point Lookout.

A number of FOSI members have started a Bushcare Group with others at Point Lookout. More people are welcome to take part in the project, too.

The first formal activity will commence at 9.00 am on Saturday, 19th September, at the Council's Works Depot in the old (closed) camping ground at the Point, for about 2 to 3 hours.

During this time there will be a walk with Rosalie Eustace, the Council's Bushcare officer, and Jonathan Moore, the Council's Island Nature Conservation Officer, to identify the areas it would be best for the Group to work on during the year, and to discuss the techniques.

Members visiting Main Beach should notice the first "informal" planting of locally bred natives on the site of the old toilet block.

For more information contact Bruce Johnman 3409 8687 or 0417 788852.

North Stradbroke Island - Minjerribah Planning & Management Study.

Many members will have received or seen Straddie News Edition 1 July 1998 and its Response Sheet which is due to be returned NOW.

It has been put out by the Study for the Redland Shire Council and the Quandamooka Land Council and is supposed to have gone to all residents, landowners and some others interested in the island, but apparently its distribution has been rather haphazard.

The Council sees it as the defining study to guide future action on the island by Council and Government. The Aboriginal Community also sees it as very important. The Study seeks to identify the island's issues and problems, and determine what people want to see happen in the future. It is important that people fill in the Response Sheet to give the decision makers our views. You can be further involved in the Study by joining community consultation groups. If you have not received Straddie News contact the Council on 3286 8763. Remember to return the Response Sheet NOW.



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