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Dear Resident

Lake Hugh Muntz - Message from Cr Sarroff

At a recent meeting regarding the water quality of Lake Hugh Muntz, local residents asked about measures put in place to ensure Council is taking all reasonable steps to protect the water quality within the lake system.

This newsletter outlines the initiatives Council has been considering, as well as ways residents can help and get involved.

We can work together as a community to make sure our lakes continue to provide enjoyment and protect the many plant and animal species that rely on them.

I look forward to seeing improved conditions at the lake as we work towards a healthier waterway for everyone to enjoy.

What initiatives is Council considering to improve the health of Lake Hugh Muntz?

- Installing floating reed beds - these help trap sediment while removing nutrients and other impurities.
- Installing signage/stencilling at stormwater drainage gully pits within the road reserve.
- Installing stormwater gully baskets and/or increasing the frequency of street cleaning to reduce the volume of litter, leaves and woody material entering the lake.
- Installing signage to increase public awareness.
- Installing doggy waste bag receptacles in the park.
- Investigating the provision of toilet facilities in Bel Air Park to cater for all users. The location of these will be subject to community consultation and approval of residents.
- Consideration of vegetation buffers along the edge of the lake to prevent grass clippings and other debris from making its way into the lake.
- Establishing a local catchment management group in conjunction with Council's Catchment Liaison Officer.
- An improved health advisory notification process for residents should water quality results indicate a health risk to swimmers.
- Distribution of regular newsletters such as this to keep residents informed.



To help reduce stormwater pollution and protect our waterways, remember to:

- Pick up animal droppings and put them in a bin.
- Preserve aquatic plants near your property and consider planting trees and shrubs next to the shoreline.
- Dispose of rubbish, garden waste or fish tank contents in the bin, not in the lake.
- Dispose of cigarette butts responsibly.
- Wash your car and other equipment on the lawn.
- Avoid over-watering and use fertilisers in moderation (check water restrictions).
- Install silt fencing along shorelines and keep building materials covered when building or renovating.
- Minimise land erosion by planting native vegetation along the waters edge. For more information on species and how to plant them visit goldcoastcity.com.au
- Report pollution to Council's Health Services division on 5581 6220 or 1800 637 000 after hours.

Remember, every time it rains, oils, detergents, paints, fertilisers, grass cuttings, animal wastes and soil can be washed directly into the stormwater system and the lakes. This can result in poor water quality, algal blooms and fish kills.

Are you interested in joining the Lake Hugh Muntz community catchment group?

Community Catchment groups play an important role as stewards or trustees of our local waterways. Individuals in each group can make a difference by supporting initiatives that could help like restoring the riparian areas with vegetation, managing weeds, planting trees, participating in water quality testing and field days and helping to promote community education and awareness about how we can keep our waterways healthy.

To volunteer, please email Kris Boody at kboody@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or 5581 6772

Yours sincerely



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