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REVIEW OF THE 2014 SUNSHINE COAST PLANNING SCHEME

Since we last reported on this process, DW has met with the heads of the Planning Department and was advised Council has no plans for any major changes to the Coolum Local Plan Area except for some infill development by way of duplexes and secondary dwellings. This is good news.

However, we do have some matters that need to be addressed in the new Planning Scheme. We have submitted our preliminary list to Council. This list can be viewed on our website [here](#)

DW would also like some feedback from the community on matters of infrastructure and facilities in the Coolum Local Plan area. Over the coming months we will engage with the community, including all Residents and Environmental Groups, as well as Coolum small businesses and the local Chamber to find out what they consider Coolum's needs are.

To this end DW has launched its IMAGINE COOLUM campaign. Please take the time to watch our 2 minute video –



[Click here](#) to see the Coolum Local Plan area which includes Coolum Beach, Yaroomba, Point Arkwright, Mount Coolum and the industrial area.

Please help us to ensure Coolum remains a great place to live and visit.

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YAROOMBA SUPREME COURT APPEAL



DW appealed the decision of the Planning and Environment Court to allow Sekisui's development at Yaroomba. The Hearing was on 10 March and we are awaiting a decision from the Supreme Court. There is no set time frame for this to occur. We will advise of the date when it is announced.

If DW loses the court case, we will need to respect the decision of the Court and that will be the end of the matter.

However, if we win, we will need to go back to the Planning and Environment Court for a review of the Judgment. At this time, we will be asking all community groups and all levels of Government to also respect the decision of the Court.

BARNS LANE PROPOSAL

This is a DA for an agri-business type development on the former Bunnings site. You can view the DA [here](#). If it is approved, DW believes it will be an asset to Coolum provided adequate infrastructure and conditions relating to traffic are put in place. Check out our [submission](#).

It is awaiting a decision.

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MAROOCHY RIVER FLOOD PLAINS – COOLUM WEST



Six community groups ('the community 6") have been lobbying the State Government against allowing a Priority Development Area on these flood plains. Council is also opposed.

The proposal for an intense residential and commercial development (with a wave pool/surf ranch as the carrot) on the Maroochy River flood plain at Coolum West has taken a step back for the developer with a wave pool at Glenview being approved and another near Moby Vic's awaiting a decision. How many wave pools do we need on the coast?

Council's Coastal Hazard Adaptation Strategy (CHAS) with the new mapping of the flood areas can be viewed [here](#) .

We are still awaiting a decision from the State Government, however, with everything we know of climate change and the frequency of catastrophic events, developing flood plains, particularly when they border a tidal river, hopefully will be a thing of the past.

If you have not already signed our petition, you can do so here [Petition](#)

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TWIN WATERS WEST COURT APPEAL

In 2013 DW supported Council in a Court case when it refused a DA for this site primarily due to it being flood prone. Council (with DW by its side) won the court case.

In 2018 Council approved a Planning Scheme Amendment to have the land included in the urban footprint and rezoned it from Rural to Emerging Community Zone. Stockland then lodged a DA with Council but common sense prevailed and the DA was refused. We have been by Council's side for the better part of this year defending Council's decision after Stockland lodged an Appeal in the Planning and Environment Court.

No Hearing date has yet been set.

FORMER HYATT REGENCY COOLUM

The owner of this resort is currently refurbishing. This is exciting news.

Click on any of these links to see the current Applications which have been approved and are in progress at the resort–

[PC21/01074 - REFURBISHMENT OF 116 UNITS - WARRAN RD YAROOMBA - John Dunn Building Approvals - John Dunn Building Approvals \(JDBA\) - 11/2/2021](#)

[PC21/05981 - VILLAGE SQUARE ROOF REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADING WORKS - BUILDINGS 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 - Warran Rd YAROOMBA - John Dunn Building Approvals \(JDBA\) - 20/7/2021](#)

[PLQ21/2469 - Warran Rd YAROOMBA - Lot 10 - Spa Plant Room - 2 Fixtures - Aqualogical Pty Ltd - 30/6/2021](#)

[PC21/04855 - VILLAGE SQUARE - SPA, SPLASH PAD, CHILDREN'S POOL & BARRIER - Warran Rd YAROOMBA - John Dunn Building Approvals \(JDBA\) - 10/6/2021](#)

[PLQ21/1903 - Warran Rd YAROOMBA - Lot 10 - Alterations to Existing Units - 116 Fixtures - John Dunn Building Approvals - 12/5/2021](#)

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BIN”DHA FARM – 576 YANDINA-COOLUM ROAD

This is another agri-business proposal on high land on Coolum Yandina Road. DW supports this DA, subject to assessment by Council and the State Government.

You can view the DA [here](#) and check out our [submission](#)

It is awaiting a decision.

MEETINGS FOR 2022

Coolum Civic Centre which had been leased to the IFYS (based in Maroochydore), is coming back to Council. We hope to use the Centre for our meetings in 2022 which will mean we can go back to weeknights (hopefully Thursdays). We will keep you posted on this. Dates of our meetings will go onto our website closer to the end of this year

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