

2003 Chairman's Annual Report

I present my first report as your Chairman.

Thuruna has progressed greatly this year, achieving much and promising more ahead.

Our major project this year has been to extend and renovate the cottage. Moved in March 2002 from behind the main complex to a superb location alongside and overlooking the bay, the cottage is now nearing completion.

It adds tremendously to Thuruna's appeal and attraction. Positioned perfectly to retain privacy for both complex and cottage hirers, I believe we will see a steady increase of bookings in the months ahead as more people become aware of our facilities.

Our thanks to Ric Mansell and Bryan Dunning and Ric's other employees for their excellent work in transforming the cottage, a building not recognisable as the former Tumby Bay Area School's staffroom. It was moved originally to Thuruna in 1975. We are also indebted to the many voluntary hours given in labour by many people from September to December. Projects such as these are only achieved with such generosity. I would like to especially mention George Tyler who contributed many days to the project, at times being the only volunteer to help Bryan. Thank you George. Also thanks to Robert Lawrie who regularly helped either with labour, materials or equipment and sometimes advice; always well received.

Our immediate challenge is to complete the cottage as quickly as possible and allow people to enjoy some peaceful time beside the sea in a facility that is comfortable, affordable and welcoming.

Our other achievements this year past include:

- . A concrete slab put down for the storage shed in February
- . Storage shed erected during April
- . Rainwater tank (20,000 gallon) installed in May just before the big rains
- . A standing committee elected; a small sub-committee to meet if required between meetings to recommend to quarterly meetings.
- . Receiving 2 grants and 1 gift funding totalling \$11,500 to assist with the cottage work. (From Morialta Trust \$4,000, from Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal – Rural Education Fund \$5,500 & EPW Memorial Fund an amount of \$2,000)
- . Successfully taking on a loan from the Uniting Church Investment Fund to also help finance the cottage development
- . The appointment of Jeanette Pugsley in May to be our treasurer and booking officer.

My thanks go to Jeanette who has started her role with enthusiasm and expertise, and Graham as he supports. Thank you to Di for her ongoing work as secretary and to Kath who filled in for her during the year. Robert and Sue continue to caretake Thuruna in a professional and no-fuss way and it is appreciated. My special thanks to Janet for assisting me in my first year with such things as typing and phone calls and so on, and also for her many hours compiling grant applications for Thuruna.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome any new members joining tonight and thank them for their new commitment.

To the committee who have willingly offered labour, suggestions and support through this past year, may we continue to see Thuruna run smoothly and be an asset to the community. May God continue to bless this campsite and each other in 2004.

Kym Shepherd, Chairman