

It is my pleasure to present this report for 2004.
This year we have adopted a Vision and Mission Statement.

Vision Statement:

Thuruna means 'Together by the Sea' so as the sea comes together with the land in all its spectacular moods and beauty, Thuruna Campsite gives all people the opportunity for their spirit to meet God in just as many and varied, spectacular and beautiful ways.

Mission Statement:

We of the Management Committee would like to encourage this by

Retaining the environment and ambience so that people can come, relax and appreciate this special place and be inspired by God's creation.

To encourage fellowship and interaction with each other.

To encourage evangelism, teaching and training in the Word of God.

The cottage was named Hamilton Cottage at its opening on March 28th, 2004. This day marked the culmination of many months' work which was outlined by our past Chairman Ric Mansell. Tom Hamilton unveiled the cottage sign in recognising him as the original donor of the land that Thuruna occupies; in this era of lucrative sea frontage this donation represents something even more substantial. George Tyler, one volunteer who has contributed much, cut the ribbon on the day and appropriately received recognition with a plaque displayed in the complex.

Thank you to Robert Lawrie for organising the working bees prior to the cottage opening and particularly George and Kevin Tyler and Graham and Jeanette Pugsley and other volunteers who helped finish the cottage. Thank you to Jeanette and your helpers for the extensive new curtains you've put up in the cottage and around the complex, it has made Thuruna look a lot more welcoming.

Following the seven months of fairly constant activity leading up to the cottage opening, it is understandable we have been less active since. We have been granted money to paint the exterior of the complex and so are required to undertake this in 2005. Robert has started clearing an access road to the cottage from behind the complex and we need to finish this as well as fitting a pump to supply rainwater to the cottage.

There is ongoing dialogue how we promote ourselves to others. We now appear in the phone directory in bold lettering under **Thuruna Uniting Church Camp** and work is underway to update a brochure. The question is how to cost effectively enter the website maze? Should Thuruna have its own website or attach itself with the Council, EP Tourism, or the Uniting Church Synod?

Thuruna continues to be supported by volunteer help and so we welcomed Adam Richardson and Ian Dow. We note the passing of Gordon Glover and acknowledge his many years of service and for many of us the opening of Hamilton Cottage was the last time we spent with him.

Our thoughts are with those on our committee who have been affected by the bushfires in January and we're thankful Thuruna was spared any damage.

My thanks to Jeanette for her work as booking agent and treasurer and Graham as her support. Thank you to Kath for her time spent as minute secretary and all Geoff and Kath do for Thuruna. Robert and Sue continue to caretake for the campsite, often above and beyond their role, and we wonder where Thuruna would be without you.

Thank you to all the committee who help run Thuruna so well and make my job worthwhile.