

2006 Chairman's Annual Report

It is my pleasure to present this report for 2006.

Our complex received a boost with a new verandah floor thanks to UCA Gift Funding and volunteer work. The concrete area was widened allowing more undercover space to enjoy the coastline. The guttering was replaced and much needed lighting added to the car park area. A large fridge, folding tables and forty mattresses were all purchased during the year. An excellent welcome sign was put up at the sweeping bend to Thuruna.

Hamilton Cottage now has a reverse cycle timed air-conditioner system, which was kindly donated. The power board was replaced and a rainwater pump installed along with a privacy fence erected between the two buildings. Our cottage has earned a reputation as a great place to relax and enjoy some free time.

Facilities at Thuruna have been appreciated by many this past year. The annual Easter Camp was attended by over 100 young people and it is exciting to reflect that our youth are perhaps meeting God for the first time at Thuruna.

This report highlights there is no room for complacency as we need to increase our effort to present our complex as clean and welcoming. It may help if we are to picture ourselves walking into the hallway, the kitchen and the dorms for the first time. How might it rate? Can we do better? As a committee member we all need to put our ideas forward and effort for the improvement of Thuruna.

We have to keep in focus the kitchen upgrade to uphold OHWS standards and to ensure meal times at the complex are healthy, practical and enjoyable.

Do we continue to accept enquiry from high risk hirers such as end-of-school-year celebrations and so on? Should we begin a "spring-clean" effort maybe once or twice a year?

Thank you to all committee members for your ongoing commitment to Thuruna and particularly Graham & Jeanette, Robert & Sue and Janet.

This report is also aware of Geoff and Kath Prime's wish to retire from the Campsite committee. We will miss them but respect their decision. We cannot let this go without acknowledging their contribution to Thuruna which began with Geoff attending the inaugural planning meeting of a youth campsite on April 24th 1961.

Not widely known is that in 1964 Geoff and Kath donated the cost of building one of the dormitories. Geoff has been a constant participant at virtually every meeting and working bee since, totalling nearly 46 years and always done so cheerfully and positively. Both of them have been tireless, thoughtful and encouraging. Geoff was the first lay chairman, a position he took on in 1975 and Kath has taken on various roles over the years including secretary, treasurer and booking agent.

By their enthusiasm they have encouraged others to become involved, including myself.

We will miss their input at meetings but can be encouraged that their interest will be ongoing. They are to be commended for their loyalty to Thuruna and we thank them for their outstanding example.

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." 2 Thess 2:16-17