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## **Fish Cage draft EIS released**

### *Invitation for public submissions*

### **close 21st August**

It is important that all those concerned about the placement of a fish cages in eastern Moreton Bay prepare a submission outlining their concern and personal reasons for their concern. Submissions detailing **issues of the heart are given an equal status to scientific argument** when reviewed by the Coordinator General. Unlike scientific argument, your personal loss of the amenity of the Marine Park by the presence of fish cages cannot be diminished by scientific argument.

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## *Annual General Meeting*

### **Exhibition Wednesday - 13th August**

### 12.30 pm at **Tangalooma Point.**

**Departs 6 am**, from Howard Smith Drive on the Moreton Venture.

**Transfer from The Wrecks to Tangalooma Point and return by launch,**  
*courtesy of Get Wet Sports*

**Cost \$20 Children \$12 - Tickets to be purchased from MIPC on arrival - Parking \$5**  
bookings and deposits are **not required:** (NB barge fare is normally \$25)

**Includes;** Tea and coffee, gas BBQ, sandboards - BYO: meat, food, cup for tea & coffee and chair (if required)  
On arrival at The Wrecks, Get Wet Sports will transfer members to Tangalooma Point. The Get Wet Sports boat has a landing ramp for beach landings and so carrying eskies etc. on board from the beach is easy. Be prepared for a little wading in shallow water - depends on beach conditions. The beaches south of Tangalooma are much quieter than at The Wrecks. The 1.2 km walk to The Desert starts from the beach at Tangalooma Point.

**Enjoy fish cage free views of the Bay for the last time! - if Sun Aqua is allowed to proceed?**

**Agenda:** Constitutional amendment to enable donations to MIPC to be tax deductible.  
Update from Moreton Island Ranger about their plans for the next year.  
Presentation of Fish Cage EIS submissions for signing/endorsement by members.

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#### Statement of Aims

1. To promote the preservation of Moreton Island as a natural area to be managed for public recreation and enjoyment, provided always that the recreational uses are consistent with conservation aims.

2. To foster the conservation of the vegetation, fauna and natural features of Moreton.

3. To facilitate public awareness and appreciation of Moreton Island as a natural area and encourage support for its preservation and management in accordance with these objects.

4. To co-operate with, or promote co-operation by any means with and among persons, trusts, corporations, firms, associations, institutions, governments, instrumentalities or government, municipal authorities and other bodies in the Commonwealth or its Territories or elsewhere for the purpose of carrying out any object of the organisation.

5. To oppose any development or usage of Moreton Island which is contrary to the preservation and good management of the island in accordance with these objects.

6. Generally, to take such lawful action as it considers necessary or appropriate in the interests of promoting the preservation and good management of Moreton Island in accordance with these objects.

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## MIPC seeks tax deductible status

The executive members have been contemplating for a while that it would be beneficial to both the organisation and its members if donations made to MIPC (either financial or property) were tax deductible. In order for this to be achieved, we have to be listed on the Register of Environmental Organisations. The objective of the Register is *to assist environment organisations to obtain financial support from the community for use in the conservation and protection of the natural environment, by providing a tax incentive mechanism for the community to donate to these organisations.*

To be eligible for entry to the Register, MIPC must set up and maintain a public fund into which all donations are deposited. It is the public fund that is endorsed as a deductible gift recipient by the Australian Tax Office. The first step is to make amendments to our constitution to include an establishment clause for the public fund in order to meet the requirements for entry on to the register.

Therefore at the **AGM, on Exhibition Wednesday, August 13 at The Wrecks**, we will be putting forward the following Special Resolution to make the necessary additions to our constitution.

*The proposed addition is;*  
**“The MIPC Public Fund**

To establish and maintain a public fund to be called the MIPC Public Fund for the specific purpose of supporting the environmental objectives/ purposes of the Moreton Island Protection Committee. The Fund is established to receive all gifts of money or property for this purpose and any money received because of such gifts must be credited to its bank account. The fund must not receive any other money or property into its account and it must comply with subdivision 30-E of the Income Assessment Act 1997.

1. The objective of the fund is to support the organisation's environmental purposes.
2. Members of the public are to be invited to make gifts of money or property to the fund for the environmental purposes of the organisation.
3. Money from interest on donations, income derived from donated property, and money from the realisation of such property is to be deposited in the fund.
4. A separate bank account is to be opened to deposit money donated to the fund including interest accruing thereon, and gifts to it are to be kept separate from other funds of the organisation.
5. Receipts are to be issued in the name of the fund and proper accounting records and procedures are to be kept and used for the fund.
6. The fund will operate in a not for profit basis.
7. A committee of management of no fewer than three persons will administer the fund. The committee of management of no fewer than three persons will administer the fund. The committee will be appointed by the organisation. A majority of the members of the committee are required to be 'responsible persons' as defined by the Guidelines to the Register of Environmental Organisations.”

*Linda*

## Fast CAT to replace Moreton Venture

A new twin-hulled vessel will replace the present Moreton Venture on the 1st March 2004. Travel time to Moreton Island will be halved. The capacity of the new vessel will be 413 passengers and 50 cars. (Capacity of the current Moreton Venture is 270 passengers and 38 cars.) **This vessel has the capacity to significantly increase visitation to Moreton.**

Planning for the introduction of this service has already resulted in timetables being altered.

Friday night services will return with the new service.

After the introduction of the new boat there will no longer be 6am departures. The MIPC AGM on Exhibition Day August 13 will be one of the last opportunities to cross the Bay at sunrise on a MIPC trip.

*Alan*

# How to write a submission on the Sun Aqua EIS.

The sea cage project has been declared “a significant project” by the Coordinator-General of the Queensland Department of State Development. This declaration removes the right of the State Environmental Protection Agency to refuse development under the Environmental Protection Act 1994. The Co-ordinator General is not required by law to seek advice from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Environment Australia has declared the fish cage will have or is likely to have a significant impact of national environmental significance. Thus Environment Australia requires an EIS be prepared before its approval for the project. Environment Australia has accredited the Queensland Department of State Development to administer (set terms of reference etc) the EIS process.

Sun Aqua has contracted and has funded WBM Oceanics to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The draft EIS has been released. The only opportunity for public input into this approval process is through submissions responding to the draft EIS. Sun Aqua is then entitled to respond to these public submissions in preparing its final EIS. There is no mechanism for the public to comment on the final EIS. The Co-ordinator General effectively directs the decision whether to approve or refuse the development based on the final EIS submitted by Sun Aqua and submissions responding to the draft EIS made by the public. Other approvals required by Sun Aqua (permit to do work in the Marine Park) are likely if the recommendation by the Co-ordinator General is to proceed.

## Accessing the EIS.

To comment on the EIS it is probably beneficial to actually read some of it. Reviews of the EI are being prepared to assist in the writing of your submission.

### **The EIS is available for viewing at:**

Council libraries, Redcliffe, Cleveland and Wynnum  
Naturally Queensland 160 Ann St Brisbane  
State Library of Queensland  
Dept of State Development - Level 24 111 George St Brisbane

**The EIS is available on the web** on the Sun Aqua website: <http://www.sunaqua.com>

**The EIS can be purchased** in CD form for \$6.50 or in hard copy for \$121 from Sun Aqua at New Farm by phoning 3862 1695. (It a large document with over 200 pages)

**If requiring assistance** in obtaining sections of the EIS relevant to your submission, or requiring help with your submission then leave your request on MIPC's answering machine **3321 1463**. Help with submission writing will also be available at the AGM.

## Formal requirements for your submission.

A properly made submission is one that;

# is written and addressed to Coordinator-General, Department of State Development.

# is received on or before the last day of the submission period Thursday August 21.

# is signed by each person who made the submission;

# states the name and address of each person who made the submission

# states the grounds of the submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the grounds. (typed in black ink on A4 assists with reproduction)

## What do I write?

Grounds for objection which rely on personal experience or observations are valid. It is essential however to give reasons for your objection.

For example;

“When I walk along western shore of Moreton Island south of Tangalooma and visit The Desert I especially enjoy the natural beauty uninterrupted by built structures. The Sea cages will destroy this vista by placing built environment in my view.”

Or

“Last year I observed dugongs at The Wrecks on 3 occasions, which is to the north of the Sea Cages, yet their recognized habitat is to the south of the cages. The presence of the cages and extra recreational boat traffic generated by the fish cages will increase risk of propeller strike for dugongs moving between The Wrecks and their primary habitat to the south of the cages. How many accidental dugong deaths can the Bay population stand and still remain viable?” *Alan*  
**Such personal accounts will complement the scientifically based submissions which is being prepared a panel of “experts”.**

Ideas for your objection can also be found on the reverse of this page under *Grounds for the rejection of proposed fish cages in 1997*. The EIS has endeavoured to rebut these objections, but some of the objections made by the Qld Department of Environment still stand, eg. Your enjoyment of the Marine Park will be adversely affected by sea cages.

**Comments from the public all have to be given serious consideration in the review process of the EIS. We urge all our members to make a submission but be sure to include your personal reasons for not wanting fish cages in the Bay.**

## Where to send your submission.

To  
**Coordinator-General of State Development.**  
c/- Project Manager - Sea Cage Aquaculture Project  
Department of State Development  
PO Box 168  
BRISBANE ALBERT STREET QLD 4002

The Queensland Department of State Development normally provides a summary of submissions it receives to the Federal Minister, Dr Kemp. Such summaries will trivialise your submission. Maximize the impact of your submission by also sending a copy direct to Dr Kemp, The Federal Minister for Environment and Heritage.

**Dr Kemp, Minister for Environment and Heritage**  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

## Environment Australia's perspective.

The Australian Environment Minister determined last year that the fish cage will have or is likely to have a significant impact of national environmental significance. The Australian Environment Minister will now review the Sea Cages proposal through the EIS and the public submissions in making a decision on whether to allow the project to proceed. Matters of national environmental significance include;

# Ramsar Wetlands of international importance (Rous banks are declared RAMSAR sites - migratory wader habitat)

# Listed threatened species and communities.

# Migratory species protected under international agreements.

The more susceptible to extinction as defined under the categories (critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable) the greater is the significance of an adverse impact on the species.

When making a decision on whether to approve the project Environment Australia also takes into account

# social and economic matters

# the principals of sustainable development

# the Queensland Coordinator Generals report about the EIS process and the EIS itself.

### What is a significant impact.

By requesting an EIS Environment Australia has determined that the proposed sea cages will have or are likely to have a significant impact on environmental issues covered under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Administrative Guidelines on Significance and species protection status can be located on Environment Australia web sites; [www.ea.gov.au/epbc](http://www.ea.gov.au/epbc).

## Grounds for the rejection of fish cages by the Qld Dept. of Environment in '97

Extract of letter dated 1 December 1997 written by Geoff Brittingham, Department of Environment to the proponent of the previous sea cage project, Lucinda Bay Aquaculture.

"I refer to your application dated 18th January 1997, seeking permission to conduct a commercial scale fish farming trial within Moreton Bay National Park.

Your application has been considered and as delegated to do under section 25 of the Marine Parks Act, and in accordance with section 10 of the Marine Parks Regulations 1990, your application has been refused. **Your application has been refused on the grounds that:**

# the site of the proposed activity is located adjacent to an area with very high conservation values particularly in relation to water quality and seagrass habitat for the Bay's dugong, turtle, dolphin and shorebird populations. The conduct of a commercial scale mariculture trial within Lucinda Bay in close proximity to areas of known and suspected conservation significance represents an unacceptable risk to the conservation values of the area. The consideration of alternative area was insufficient to exclude all other areas. Advice from academics with relevant expertise suggest that detrimental ecological impacts are probable as a result of the project.

# the increased organic loading that will be associated with the project represents an unacceptable threat to the current pristine water quality at the proposed location. ... ..Their research indicates that the seagrass productivity in that region is supported by some of the worlds highest rates of microbial nitrogen fixation that in turn providing the necessary biomass to feed approximately 800 dugong and several thousand sea turtles. ...

# the site is directly adjacent to Moreton Island National Park and Moreton Island Recreation Area and has high amenity values ...

# The future use of the inshore areas along Moreton Island is likely to be unacceptably adversely affected if the proposal was to proceed at the Lucinda Bay site.

Copies of this letter have been forwarded to Department of Primary Industries and Department of Natural Resources."

**Remember to use previous MIPC newsletters to assist with reasons for your objection to the Sun Aqua sea cage proposal.**

## Emails tracking the initial reasons for the declaration of Significant Project Status

**E-mail sent June 1st 2001 4.50pm**

To Frank Ellis, (Dept of State Development)

“... My concerns

# Highly improbable that permits can be given for cages in Moreton Bay (re: comments from Queensland Parks and Wildlife services)

# Resource allocation to this particular project - is it worth it? DSD officer may be involved in just one project for a year.

# Project has not been proved to be financially viable - whats the difference between this and others?

**Regards, Edith Gomez” ( State Development)**

**E-mail sent Friday 1st June 2001 17.34)**

**To David Edwards (Dept of State Development)**

*It is my opinion (and that of Ian Yarroll’s from EPA) that the best way of achieving this (For EPBC or for state approvals only) would be through an EI assessment under the State Development and Public Works Organisation Act through the Co-ordinator Generals office. An alternative would be under the State Marine Parks Act. This would however be a very development insensitive option “The representative from EPA Marine Parks, the manager of Moreton Bay Marine park was very protectionist and anti-development in his position. While he clearly stated the type of concerns and issues that Marine parks would be considering and assessing he did so in a manner that in fact led the proponent to believe that it may well be futile to proceed.*

*In fact the proponent, Mr Amos, telephoned me an hour or so after the meeting to ask me an off-the-cuff question. “Did I consider that it was worthwhile in continuing with the proposal?” I replied that I was “unable to give an off the cuff reply”. I did however outline my concerns with the approach taken by an agency representative and that I had discussed them with my GM and would be referring them to my Ministers office and to the DSD. Mr Amos said he intended to proceed with the application at least until it started to cost significant \$\$\$. I agreed with his cautious approach.*

*In light of this direct approach by Mr Amos I suggest that DSD consider case managing this project at a high level, rather than solely through a DSD regional office. As a potential significant development in a potentially very significant industry sector it would seem to be appropriate. In addition, liaison/facilitation with certain agencies may require significantly higher intervention than can occur at officer level in the IDC, if this project is to have a fair and reasonable assessment with any chance of approval. **Regards Robert Swindlehurst,***

**Manager, Aquaculture Policy and Management**

**E-mail sent 5th June 2001**

**To David Edwards (Dept of State Development )**

*“The Marine Parks EI might well be suited to this project but it does have some inherent problems in the people who administer it and some rather hefty fees”*

*“The project can be declared a significant project under the SD & PWO (State Development and Public Works Organisation) Act and progressed accordingly From Clare Single (Dept of State Development)*

**E-mail sent 7th June 2001**

**To Terry Healy and David Edwards (Dept of State Development)**

*it doesn’t really fit there (as a significant project) but its an option ... (alternatively) the EI could be undertaken under the Marine Parks Act - EPA would be the lead agency and you can imagine the implications of this for the project.” **From Robert Swindlehurst (Dept of Primary Industries)***

**“We understand that there is support for this proposal at a political level”**

*Dr Amos (Sun Aqua representative) 12 June 2001, Courier Mail page 2.*

**“On 31st October 2001, the Co-ordinator General declared the Sun Aqua Sea Cage Finfish Aquaculture project to be a significant project ...”**

*Queensland Govt Gazette No 53 9th Nov 2001*

By declaring the Sea Cage project a significant project, the rights of the State Environmental Protection Agency to refuse development under the Environment Protection Act of 1994 are gone. Instead the EPA Agency can only provide advice if the Coordinator General requests same. The Coordinator-General effectively directs the decision whether to approve or refuse development. Other permits are still required eg permit to do work in a Marine Park, but the report by the Coordinator-General is likely to have a strong influence on whether or not Sun Aqua gets those approvals. *Source The Environmental Defenders Office (Qld) Inc. pamphlet How to write a Submission on the Sea Cage EIS - Legal Background posted on [www.qccqld.org.au](http://www.qccqld.org.au)*

*Alan*

## Tourists against fish Cages

In a letter dated 16th January 2002, written by Charlotte Sale, Senior Project officer, Dept of State Development, to Sun Aqua's representative Dr Julian Amos, "*The (Tangalooma) campaign began in October, with approximately 1,800 letters received by the office of the Minister for the Environment in the first two weeks. Around 100 letters per day are still being received. ...many have no addresses provided.*

In a briefing note to Minister for State Development prepared by Charlotte Sale, dated 24th May 2002, Charlotte Sale failed to provide any information on the number of letters received. The briefing note however does detail that some of the letters were bogus. "*The Minister's office advises that these are replied to with a form letter, and they then receive a number of responses from the addresses claiming to have never written to the Minister on this matter.*"

During the passage across the Bay on the Tangalooma Cat, on the Exhibition Day protest a Scottish family on their way to the resort struck up a conversation with me. Noticing that I was a protest organiser, they were keen to tell me of the many significant negative impacts of fish cages in their home country. Such personal accounts are very powerful. Despite the doubts cast above on some of the letters from the Tangalooma campaign I am certain that the Scottish family I spoke to were strongly opposed to placing fish cages in Moreton Bay.

**It will be unfortunate if the Coordinator General fails to retain the eastern Bay in a pristine condition for local and international tourists to experience.**

*Alan*

## Sun Aqua EIS only half the story

The Sun Aqua EIS released for public comment on the 8th July considers the effect of one half of their maximum anticipated production, ie for 1200 tonnes per annum rather than the 2,400 tonnes which is now planned for the 6th year of the project. "Development of Stage 2 will be the subject of a further application at the relevant time." page IV, Executive summary Sun Aqua EIS. This strategy enables Sun Aqua to stake out their right with government to produce another 1,200 tonnes in the future, yet avoid have to deal with the impact of a production rate of 2,400 tonnes in the EIS released on the 8th July.

Thus all those worrying figures published in our previous newsletters are halved for the purposes of the review of this EIS. This has generated confusion in the public debate.

## Other Sea Cage news

"*Despite popular myth, sharks are not attracted to sea cages*" Dr Julian Amos, Launch of the Sun Aqua EIS, 8th July

23rd June 2003 Scientist remain puzzled by how the 5 metre great white shark entered the fish cage filled with 100 blue fin tuna. The cage appears not to have been holed, and is protected by an electric fence and a perimeter net 2.4 kilometres away. "Our guess is that she probably leapt in while chasing a seal. Sharks can jump 2 metres clear of the water." Source [www.qccqld.org.au/savethebay/news](http://www.qccqld.org.au/savethebay/news)  
Recent reports: the shark has been successfully coaxed to leave through an opening made in the cage.

## Sun Aqua media release 15th July 2003

"Over the past two years we have been encouraged to undertake a very costly and exhaustive EIS process. We have always been advised that the project will follow due process. We are confident that the Government would not want to expose taxpayers to the very significant compensation that would result is our project were to be terminated without due process. On the other hand, Opposition leader Lawrence Springborg is obviously happy to throw due process out the window. His cynical attacks send a clear message to the investment community outside Queensland that the bad old days of Russ Hinze-style decision making will return under a coalition government. However we are confident that the Beattie Government is well-aware of the implications of a return to such an approach and exposing the taxpayer to legal liability."

Source. [www.sunaqua.com](http://www.sunaqua.com)



*Recently dead Leatherback hatchlings found trapped in Spinifex grass by volunteers 21-23rd March 2003*

## Trip Report Blue Lagoon 21st to 23rd March 2003

This was the first volunteer camping weekend for the year and had a good turnout of 20 or so willing workers enjoying perfect weather, despite a lot of rather voracious mosquitoes descending at dusk. It was the first time many had been to the Island since the fire in early November 2002, and the change to the landscape with the ensuing plant regeneration added extra interest. Also the unusually low water level around Blue Lagoon and cleared undergrowth provided an opportunity to walk around the lake and explore the farther shore. The water level rose quite significantly during the weekend as the recent heavy rains slowly raised the water table. Another interesting find was the stragglers from a Loggerhead Turtle hatching in the northern end of the beach near the Cape. (See photograph page 6.)

The project for the weekend, carried out on Sunday morning, was pulling Mossman River grass from the camping sites and tracks at the Blue Lagoon camping ground. MIPC did some removal of this weed a couple of years ago. A lack of follow up has resulted in some badly infested areas around the northern end of the Blue Lagoon camp areas. Rangers Russell Treweek and Shannon Parker coordinated the work and were very impressed with the collection of 30 garbage bags of the weed after less than 2 hours activity. However a lot more remains and the seed of the removed plants left in the disturbed sand will quickly germinate, so it will continue to be a focus for future camps to try to stop the spread. The tenacious clinging nature of Mossman River grass Bindi-like seeds means it is very efficiently dispersed by clinging to vehicle wheels and

under chassis, as well as to clothing and shoes.

Many thanks to Alan Gennings for use of his camp facilities, and for bus transport up to the Cape, as well as to and from Blue Lagoon.

*Linda*



*MIPC volunteers pulling Mossman River grass at Blue Lagoon Campground.*



*Rangers Shannon Parker and Russell Treweek with MIPC volunteers and the bagged Mossman River grass.*

## Whats on ....!!! Bookings 3321 1463

August 13th Wednesday AGM at the Tangalooma Pt  
August 29th-31st Blue Lagoon - no tours  
September 12th-14th Blue Lagoon - no tours  
October 10th-12th Blue Lagoon - **Bus Tours & BBQ**  
October 24th-26th Blue Lagoon - no tours  
Oct 31st - 2nd Nov Blue Lagoon - **Bus Tours**

## MIPC Volunteer/ Recreation / no tours

29th -31st Aug; 12 - 14th Sept; 24th -26th Oct  
These trips are now priced on a break even basis and so we ask that all be paid up members so that their membership can be put towards administrative costs involved in arranging the trip. BYO food, bedding.  
**Transport** to Blue Lagoon only - no tours.

Weekends 29th-31Aug & 12-14th Sept  
**NO Friday night barge**  
8.30am Friday (\$66.50) or 6am Saturday (\$60)

Weekend 24th - 26th Oct  
8.30am (\$66.50) or 6pm (\$64) Friday.  
Departs from The Wrecks 5pm Sunday

## MIPC Volunteer/ Recreation / Tours

31st Oct - 2nd Nov  
The usual trips to The Sandhills, Cape Moreton and perhaps Mt Tempest included on this trip. There will also be an opportunity for volunteers to plant spinifex at Cape Moreton. Bring your own food.  
Times 8.30am or 6pm Friday  
Return from The Wrecks at 5pm  
**Cost \$85**

## Brisbane Wildlife Preservation Society Tours and BBQ 10th - 12th October

The usual trips to The Sandhills, Cape Moreton and perhaps Mt Tempest. Nibblies will be provided while viewing the sunset at the Cape on Saturday, followed by the usual BBQ at camp, otherwise BYO food!  
Times: Depart 8.30am or 6pm Friday  
Cost \$95 Return from The Wrecks at 5pm

### Included in the cost for all trips;

# **Barge Fare, 4WD transport** to Blue Lagoon  
# **National Park fees**, camp fees, \$4 per night, commercial activity charge \$2.45 per day.  
# Children 5 to 14 years are half price.  
Tents and use of camp kitchen are provided by Moreton Experience at no charge for volunteers.

### Deposit required for all trips!

A **\$30 deposit per person** must be received in MIPC's mail box on the Monday before the trip departure. Deposits will not be refunded for cancellations received after the Monday prior to trip departure. Chartering of transport is undertaken by MIPC several days prior to trip departure. Certainty of numbers is needed to arrange the most cost effective transport. The Monday deadline also enables us to notify early if a trip has to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Bookings and deposits received after the Monday prior to departure will incur a \$5 surcharge to cover additional costs associated late bookings.

When making your booking on the answering machine please leave; **your name, phone number** specifying day or night, **your departure time** and confirming your intention to send your deposit. We will confirm your booking and receipt of your deposit by mail.  
*Send deposits to:*

**PO Box 2182, ASHGROVE WEST QLD 4060**

## MORETON ISLAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE Inc.

### Membership form

Name -----

Address -----

----- Post code -----

### Phone

Res ----- Wk -----

Payment for memberships in arrears is not required but appreciated. Please allocate

\$----- for ----- years membership in advance

\$----- for arrears; \$ ----- as a donation  
**Annual fee \$10; Household \$15 Pensioners /Conc. \$5**

### LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED?

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Email address (PLEASE USE CAPITALS)

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**Yes or No** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any comments** \_\_\_\_\_

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