

Residents' Association

By Margaret Richardson

At the beginning of April, Petrac, the developer who has purchased the remaining 80 hectares of the Pacific Pines Estate, held an extensive "Enquiry by Design" workshop in Lennox Head with numerous sessions open to the public. I hope that those who attended were as impressed as I was with the professional way this was carried out giving the interested public the opportunity to have an input into the final plans for the site.

My feeling was that public interest could have been greater and I hope those who didn't bother to attend don't criticise the results. In five days this team came up with a very balanced neighbourhood including commercial, residential and retirement components. One thing that was quite obvious was the pathetic lack of road infrastructure in Lennox Head needed to make this and other developments a success. Ballina Shire Council should hang its head in shame for all the missing links in our road system which should have been in place by now and could have if plans on paper had been carried out over the past decade or more. Not only have some of the road reserves now been built on but the cost has escalated tenfold.

The Residents' Association would like to pay tribute to a past member of our association, Don Apps, who has recently left Lennox to live in Ballina. Don dedicated his time to the environment of the beachfront from the Surf Club to the Fitness Camp and the eradication of invasive weeds around the lake. With the help of volunteers (local school children, government funded groups and Sport and Recreation camp children and equipment) he eradicated all the Bittou bush along this section of the beach replacing it with native vegetation which has thrived becoming a natural forest.

This was done manually which is no mean feat considering that today spraying equipment is used. Don is a true environmentalist and we would like to publically thank him for the time he spent making our environment a better place.