

The logo for Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club Inc. features the club's name in white text on a blue and purple wavy banner.

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Submission from Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club to Noosa Council regarding the omission of Boreen Point from Short Stay zoning in the new draft Planning Scheme.

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club (LCSC) has been in existence since 1946 and has carried out sailing activities for Club Members, Locals and visitors since then. The Club conducts a Learn to Sail program for Juniors and Adult club members throughout the year and conducts 6 major regattas every sailing season.

The Executive Committee of the LCSC feel that omitting Boreen Point from Short Stay zoning in the new draft planning scheme would have a definite effect on the number of competitors at our regattas and thus have a deleterious effect on the income of LCSC and the its ability to provide services to our members, visitors and locals at the current prices. We feel also that there would be a flow on effect to the Noosa Council Area with the loss of competitors and visitors.

The Club is an all-volunteer organisation which conducts 6 major regattas per calendar year that attract in excess of 600 competitors during the course of the year. Junior regattas have been recently started and are attracting increasing numbers of young sailors. The income from these regattas contributes greatly to the overall income of the club and helps to pay for the expense and maintenance of the Clubhouse, boat storage facilities, rescue boats and sailing fleet and also enables LCSC to conduct our Learn to Sail program gratis. Over the years the LCSC has been generously supported by the Noosa Shire Council.

The regattas, some of which are for State, Australian and World Titles, attract not only sailors but their families as well, with many taking the time to visit other features of the Sunshine Coast. All the competitors and families contribute to the Boreen Point, Noosa and Tewantin economies with their accommodation, food, beverages, fuel purchases and visitation of Tourist attractions.

The Club Regattas are from 2 to 6 days in duration depending on the event and Short Stay accommodation in Boreen Point is absolutely necessary to keep attracting competitors to our events. National title events attract competitors from Victoria, SA, NSW and Tasmania as well as all parts of Qld. For some of these visitors camping is not an option and short stay accommodation at the Lake is a vital feature of their trip and of a family holiday. Staying at Boreen point is a great attraction as it is a safe environment for sailing, recreation and the main beach is child friendly. It also enables competitors to socialise and catch up with old friends from around the country.

Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club premises are also used by local organisations such as the Rural Fire Brigade, the Noosa Council for local issue meetings as well as being the Local, State and Federal Election polling station. The hall is also available for small local social events, weddings, birthdays and wakes generally at a nominal cost.

Kind regards,
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Commodore Lake Cootharaba Sailing Club.