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The Secretary  
"Lions Club Of Coolum Beach" PO Box 27 Coolum Beach.

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Nomination for "Community Group Long Service to the Community"  
Five years plus - "Australia Day" Awards

Nominee

COOLUM BEACH PROGRESS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

NOMINATOR KEN HIGGINS. JP

Dear Sir,

In compliance with your announcement in the "Coolum & Nth Shore Advertiser" I wish to nominate the Coolum Beach Progress and Ratepayers Association (CBP&RA), for your consideration as a long standing (five years plus) contributor to the controlled progression of Coolum Beach to what the local authority chooses to call a tourist node. This association has continually directed its efforts to retaining the original village atmosphere and ambience, including support to groups engaged in the protection and maintenance of the local natural environs, and enforcing protection of flora and fauna.

The CBP&RA has a history that goes back at least 45 years; my personal experience as a member only goes back 16 years, when the late Cliff Whiteoak was President, Cliff and wife Peggy were great environmentalists, and were experts in Australian flora, fauna, and bird life. Wilkinson Park on Pt Arkwright was their 'adopt-a-park' for which they cared.

The following were also initiatives of the CBP&RPA

Coolum State High School,

Coolum Police Station (Emu Mt)

Expansion of the Coolum State Primary School

CBP&RA Vice Pres (Pat Tiley) headed the initial Coolum Youth Centre.

LION Jim Terrace was secretary of the CBP&RA for at least 20 years.

The Coolum Esplanade Redevelopment was a initiative of the CB&DR P Assoc whose professional members provided to the MSC at no cost, all planning, architectural, design, survey, supervision and costing, which supported by Councillor Jerry Gordon, and a presentation to Council by members of the CBP&RA, resulted in a grant of \$600 000 being received to carry out the "COOLUM ESPLANADE REDVELOPMENT" project in 1995.

The original Skate bowl in Tickle Park was also an initiative of the CBP&RA as was the removal of one bay of the caravan park to provide more parking spaces.

In all instances professional members of the CBP&RA attended council planning and contract administration meetings on a regular basis reporting back to their Committee.

The Coolum Boardwalk was also an original initiative of the CBP&RA under a committee headed by member, Dr David Simons, which to satisfy fund raising requirements, separated from the CBP&RA and formed a individual incorporated body to promote, oversee, and construct the boardwalk through a progressive staged programme.

It is also of interest that several members of the CBP&RA also wear other hats in the community heading Neighbourhood Watch areas as organisers, and members of "Coast Care".

Association members as committee members of the Coolum Beach & District Aged Care Organisation Inc were instrumental in the procurement of land and establishment of that now known as Sundale's "Coolum Waters" Retirement resort.

The CBP&RA has also acted as a very strong lobby group acting to monitor pressure from developers wishing to carry out proposals in contravention of local requirements, or in contravention of their approved submissions.

In Submitting the foregoing for your consideration as a worthy contribution to the advancement of Coolum Beach, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the contribution made to Coolum by your own organisation "Lions", in particular Mr Jim Terrace who was CBP&RA Secretary for at least 20 years.

In Closing I thank you for your indulgence, and may this submission receive your favourable consideration.

Yours Faithfully., Ken Higgins. JP