



Eumundi Combined Community Organisation Ltd

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The Eumundi Doonan Verrierdale (EDV) Action Group formed in 2004 - way back when our area was located in the northern tip of the old Maroochy shire – the members wanted to be part of the then Noosa Shire because although they paid their Council rates to Maroochy, on a day-to-day basis, they spent their time in the Noosa shire. Things like doctors, schools, libraries, movie theatres, restaurants, supermarkets, hardware and gardening items, were all located in the Noosa area. And of course, they shared a common outlook on the environment/lifestyle with the then Noosa Council.

The Group, known as EDV worked tirelessly to achieve its aims. Its first task was to see if the majority of residents in the three suburbs shared their aims. They undertook the most comprehensive survey of residents and businesses ever undertaken by a community group, door knocking over 3,000 properties, not once but many times over to make sure that as many people as possible were contacted. The results surpassed their expectations – over 80% of residents and businesses supported a boundary change.

The EDV Group prepared significant submissions and undertook further research to bolster their claim for a boundary change. The Size Shape and Sustainability review of local councils was a significant opportunity provided by the State Government to further EDV's prime goal given that Maroochy Council had rejected the initiative out of hand. But this avenue was thwarted when the SSS initiative was abandoned in favour of the Local Government Reform Commission which recommended amalgamation of the three Sunshine Coast councils.

EDV fought shoulder to shoulder with other community groups in the anti-amalgamation battle eventually lost. But EDV never gave up hope although it has reformed with new objectives as the EDV Residents Group. It has fought other battles on its communities' behalf while the climate for de-amalgamation was pursued in other forums.

EDV has now joined Friends of Noosa, Noosa Biosphere Assn, Noosa Parks Assn as the Noosa Independence Alliance to develop a community model for a new enlarged Noosa Council when that day finally arrives. The money from the volunteer car parking enables EDV to meet its insurance and other operating costs rather than rely on donations and members subscriptions alone.

ECCO is proud to be associated with EDV. This is another great community story which vindicates the vision and the effort subscribed in repatriating parking revenue to Eumundi to support our local economy and our community facilities.



EHA, ECC and EDCA were the consortium which formed ECCO.