

1st January, 2009

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope you had a wonderful time relaxing & catching up with friends & loved ones. The complex had no major incidences during the Festive Season and glad to report it was relatively quite & harmonious. Let's hope this paves the way for a great start to what's in store for the year. It certainly is hard to get back into the swing of things with all that cheering and overindulgence! I hope those extra couple of kilo's come off soon & the hot weather eases. It was so long ago now but nice to catch up with everyone that attended the Christmas Party. The Winner's for the Cloudland Lights were announced on the night and results were as follows:-1st Prize :-U 113 , 2nd Prize:-Townhouse 19 & 3rd Prize was won by U106. Best window display went to Townhouse 11. Participation awards went to U66 & Townhouse 14. Thank you to all who participated but come-on let's give it an even bigger shot this year.

After our few days of well deserved rest, we look forward to assisting you in 2009. Enjoy your month!!

Happy New Year!

December Issues

- **Lightning Protection rods were installed on top of Nebula & Bowen Pt. This caused road closure for most of the day. Access was via the Cowlshaw St back gate and brightened resident's hopes of exiting the complex during this time. Cumulus unfortunately missed out due to technical difficulties which should be sorted by mid month.**
- **Nebula has had colour consultants liaise with Body Corp Chair & Committee Members to discuss new colour schemes for the building. If you would like a copy of the choices made so far drop me a line and willingly email a copy to you. Before any colours are agreed on all owners of Nebula will be notified and able to vote on their choice via an EGM meeting.**
- **Cumulus has had rocks placed in the back garden to enhance its appearance.**
- **Bowen Pt render repairs and repainting works are still in progress.**
- **Cumulus surrounds have seen more palms removed and several stumps have been ground out around Nimbus/Stratus.**
- **Taps have been fitted on top levels of high-rises' in readiness to clean rubbish chutes more straightforwardly.**
- **New By-Laws have been approved and now in place. For your own copy please contact Site Manager or Body Corp Manager.**
- **Ensure you keep your Units / Cars locked at all times & report any suspicious behavior/people to the Manager's Office #400 OR Fortitude Valley Police Ph:- 3131 1055.**

SOME INTERESTING CHANGES TO THE BY -LAWS

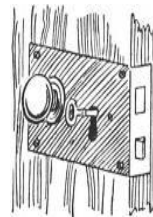
1. You may have noticed "No Smoking" signs at the Pools by now and if you weren't aware is now in black and white in the By-Laws that "no smoking is permitted in or around the pool areas". Please show consideration by ensuring you abide to this rule.



2. All Townhouse owners should be aware regarding trees contained within their lot & must keep these trees lopped to be no higher than the eaves of their lot. This is now a by-law.



3. Security/ Front Door Entry: - The Locking or safety device on your front door must be keyed to the Cloudland's Keying System, otherwise be subject to Committee approval! If you have changed locks be aware that you are liable for the cost of repairs to access your lot if service/emergency access situations arise.



Road Closure for fitting of Lightning Protection Rods



New Year Resolution Quotes

- New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Mark Twain
- Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account. Oscar Wilde
- But can one still make resolutions when one is over forty? I live according to twenty-year-old habits. Andre Gide
- May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. Joey Adams




Luke Howard: The Man Who Named The Clouds

Cirrus, stratus, cumulus. We take these terms to describe the clouds above us pretty much for granted these days, often assuming they are names of ancient origin. While great age can be ascribed to their Latin roots, the specific terms for various basic cloud forms are not yet two centuries old and were only accepted as the international standards during the Twentieth Century.



The man whom we must credit with developing the basis for our cloud classification system was Luke Howard (1772-1864), an English manufacturing chemist and pharmacist. Like many who observed and studied the workings of the atmosphere at that time, Howard was an amateur meteorologist. Despite that fact he produced several landmark works including *On the Modification of Clouds*, *The Climate of London*, and *Seven Lectures on Meteorology*, the first textbook on weather.

Howard believed all clouds belonged to three distinct groups:

	Cumulus (Latin for <i>heap</i>)	"Convex or conical heaps, increasing upward from a horizontal base -- Wool bag clouds."
	Stratus (Latin for <i>layer</i>)	"A widely extended horizontal sheet, increasing from below."
	Cirrus (Latin for <i>curl of hair</i>)	"Parallel, flexuous fibres extensible by increase in any or all directions."

To denote "a cloud in the act of condensation into rain, hail or snow," he added a fourth category:

	Nimbus (Latin for <i>rain</i>)	"A rain cloud -- a cloud or systems of clouds from which rain is falling."
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According to Howard: "*While any of the clouds, except the nimbus, retain their primitive forms, no rain can take place; and it is by observing the changes and transitions of cloud form that weather may be predicted.*"

Clouds could also alter their forms, thus, Howard reasoned, when cumulus clouds bunched together so that they crowded the sky, they became:

Cumulo-stratus:

"The cirro-stratus blended with the cumulus, and either appearing intermixed with the heaps of the latter, or super-adding a widespread structure to its base."

Similarly, he defined other intermediate categories of transformation:

Cirro-cumulus:

"Small, well defined, roundish masses increasing from below." And

Cirro-stratus: "Horizontal or slightly inclined masses, attenuated towards a part or the whole of their circumference, bent downward or undulated, separate, or in groups, or consisting of small clouds having these characters."

Visit :- www.islandnet.com/~see/weather/history/howard.htm for more information on Howard

SORRY NEBULA & BOWEN PT YOU
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