

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - May 2019

Presidents Report

As part of my love of Twin Waters, I ride my bike throughout the area on a regular basis.

I vary my riding so that I visit every street in Twin Waters each couple of months. Last week near the weir we saw one of the biggest male kangaroos on the grassed area behind the houses. We regularly see all types of bird life from little finches, silvereyes and rainbow bee-eater through to the osprey and sea eagles.

When the trees are in flower who could not hear the call of the lorikeets particularly in the early morning and late afternoon.

I recently stopped in Parsons Bank Park and read the inscription on the plaque which shows living in our community dates back to 1888! Some fence posts and the mango trees are still visible; these were planted in the late 19th century by William Parsons after whom the park areas were named.

The plaque contains part of a letter from Parsons in 1891 "I selected a homestead here of open forest grassland and spent about one hundred pounds in putting up a convenient four roomed house, hiring a lad to assist me in fencing the garden and paddock."

It's good to see that local history has been preserved and we can read about his four-roomed house which in those days probably would not have had a kitchen and certainly not a bathroom as we know today. I tried to picture what the Parsons Bank farmland might have looked like over 100 years ago! A wooden four roomed house, some grassy areas with livestock, with plenty of roos, wallabies and wildlife and an abundance of birdlife around and the opportunity to throw a fishing line in the Maroochy River to catch dinner!

Locals still fish in our Twin Waters lake and the Maroochy River and today we

have roads, pathways and plenty of gardens and public areas. In discussion with the Maintenance Reference Committee, Council has advised that some of our "older" gardens and roundabouts will be updated and refurbished during the coming months. The expense for this taken from the levy attached to our Council rates which must be spent on landscaping and garden needs as set out in the original charter documents. Some of these funds will also be used to trim some of the Lend Lease and Council palm trees. These garden works will help to maintain our parks and public areas and keep our community looking fantastic so that we can all enjoy it all year round.

Until next month,

Tony

Christmas in July

On Sunday, 28 July the 10th TWRA Christmas in July Luncheon will be held at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

The luncheon will provide a wonderful selection of bread rolls, a cold buffet selection, a hot selection, dessert buffet selection, coffee and tea.

The cost of the meal is \$60.00 each and a full buffet of Christmas delights will be served, together with a complimentary standard beverage per person on arrival. Drinks thereafter at additional cost.

All residents are welcome and we suggest you make up a table as many of our guests have arranged in past years (tables of 10). Lucky door prizes will again be provided this year.

Reservations will be accepted from April, and we request that reservation payments be made by 1 July 2019 to confirm numbers. Please phone or email with your names, and those of your guests, to **Malcolm and Cynthia Smith 5448-9164 or 0407 130 657 or malcyn@bigpond.com.**

TWRA Social Events

- Christmas in July – 28 July 2019 – Lily's on the Lagoon, Novotel Twin Waters Resort
- Golf – 22 September 2019 – Twin Waters Golf Club
- Birthday Party in the Park - 20 October 2019 - Warwick Daniels Park, Lake View Drive
- Cocktail Party – 24 November 2019 (TBC) – The Loose Goose
- Christmas Carols – 15 December 2019 – Novotel Twin Waters Resort

TWRA General Meetings

The next meetings to be held at 7.30 pm at Novotel Twin Waters Resort will be on:

- 10 June 2019
- AGM 12 August 2019
- 14 October 2019
- 9 December 2019

May Calendar

6 May - Labour Day (Qld) is an annual holiday to celebrate the achievements of workers.

11 May - Island Charity Swim is an endurance test for participants and a major fundraiser for children at Nambour and Currimundi Special schools. The swim is 11 km from Mudjimba Beach around Mudjimba Island (Old Woman Island) to Mooloolaba Beach.

12 May - Mothers' Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

18 May - Federal Election voting is compulsory and all eligible citizens must register and vote. Penalties may be imposed on those who fail to do so.



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Singing Group

Ladies do you like to sing? We are a small group of women who meet on Thursday afternoons from 1.15 - 3.30 pm at Diddillibah. We are very friendly and relaxed and we have a lot of fun. We sing 60's and 70's pop songs in two or three part harmony.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact **Leanne Argo on 0407 456 631 or email: leanne.argo@gmail.com for more details.**

TWRA Christmas Carols

Calling all dancers: the TWRA Carols Committee would like someone to lead a song and/or dance with actions in which all children could participate. Little children love to join in and this is always a focus of our carols. We do not need polished dancers just people who are confident. A group of teenage dancers would be great. If you were willing to try, please contact **Merryl 5448 9414 or email info@twra.net**

Dogs in Twin Waters

The Sunshine Coast's dog laws are based on common sense. Council is calling on the community to do the right thing. Everyone should be able to enjoy the Coast's open spaces safely and comfortably. Responsible dog ownership means registering your dog each year. When exercising your dog in public, keep it under control on a lead held by a capable person. Carry a doggy bag when walking your dog. Make sure you pick up your dog's faeces, carry it with you and dispose of it responsibly. Otherwise, fines may apply. The nearest off-leash dog areas are at the end of North Shore Road. Penalties may apply if dogs are off leash outside the designated areas.

Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project

The Airport Expansion Project is well-underway and due for completion by the end of 2020.

What is going to change? Aircraft currently track overland to the north, overflying the suburb of Marcoola and to the south overflying suburbs of Pacific Paradise and Twin Waters.

Currently suburbs adjacent to the airport and to the south of the airport can see and hear aircraft arriving and departing.

When the new runway opens, suburbs to the south of the airport will see and hear fewer aircraft arriving and departing. Light aircraft and helicopters will still continue to operate in the vicinity of the airport and may still be seen and heard by residents. Suburbs to the north-west of the airport and adjacent to the airport will see and hear increased numbers of aircraft arriving and departing.

The community is invited to provide feedback on the proposed airspace and flight path design for the new runway, which is now being finalised. Information is available online at:

www.airservicesaustralia.com/project/s/flight-path-changes/sunshine-coast-airport-airspace-changes-runway

Masquerade Ball

On Saturday evening, 22 June 2019 a time themed masquerade ball will be held at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort. Bookings are open on **https://www.trybooking.com/BBBPZ** for an early bird special!

Your guests can book and pay for their seats individually on your allocated table so that you don't even have to worry about collecting the money from your friends or colleagues.

Phone Barbi (M 0488 495 185) to open up a table booking for you on **www.trybooking.com** ie. before the rest of your guests start booking and paying for their individual seats.

Sunshine Coast's Kitty Kats are performing with the following: Papparazzi style red carpet entrance, fabulous roving entertainment, fire dancers and jugglers performing in a fairy-tale magical setting, Gypsy Fortune Teller, 3 course sit down sumptuous dinner.

A Photo Booth connects you to Facebook and Instagram; prizes for the best dressed

and most interesting "fairy-tale outfit" to suit our theme, and an auction of 6 great items including an ounce of gold (South African Gold Kruger Rand).

Aged Care Submission

The failings of the aged care system are top of the mind for older Australians. Reporting for National Seniors, John Austin stated: "The aged care royal commission testimony raises questions beyond quality of care. Does the age-old value of respect still underwrite public policy and service delivery, let alone personal relations?" The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety invites interested members of the public and institutions to make submissions to the Royal Commission using an online form, refer

www.tedobrien.com.au/article/ted-obrien-goes-public-aged-care-submission

Stockland and Twin Waters West

Since the last Newsletter, we have not seen much action on the Twin Waters West front. From our perspective, it has all been very much between Stockland and Council as the DA review process continues.

At our General Meeting on 8 April, a brief report was provided to members, including some comments relating to a report that was compiled by a resident and which received some media coverage. Here is an extract from the draft minutes of our 8 April GM:

Stockland's Development Application for Twin Waters West is still in the hands of Council.

An Information Request has been served which Stockland must respond to, but has not done so to date.

State and other Agencies are also reviewing the DA before giving their sign-off. The process is as prescribed by State Planning legislation.

A Public Consultation period will occur when all relevant information is available and in the public domain. This is still some months away.

The TWRA has a Sub-Committee that is reviewing the DA and monitoring what is happening.

Since the last General Meeting we have had a meeting with Stockland to seek clarification on some details and to raise some questions (most of which were also raised by Council in their IR back to

Stockland).

We have also raised questions with Council to clarify information about their web-site flood hazards mapping information. In all cases, we are focussed to establish the facts we need to form a view that we can provide to our members for the Public Consultation.

In line with our strategic approach, we will need to form a view about whether what is proposed is "equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters".

This will be a judgement based on as much factual information as available, looking at all aspects of the proposed development in total.

When we do so, we will explain our reasons. Our intention is to enable members to be fully informed and to make an informed decision when the Public Consultation is under way. Our view is that it is premature to "jump the gun" when not all information is available. We are completely committed to ensuring the best possible result can be achieved for our members and the wider community. As mentioned, we have seen a quite detailed statistical report by local resident Tim Cragg comparing the average land sizes and density of houses and unit coverage between Twin Waters and the Stockland proposed development.

We will report on this later as we continue our strategic approach on all aspects as to whether the Stockland proposal is equal to or better than Twin Waters.

Gardening

We had a dry summer and over the coming months low rainfall may continue with desiccating winds. Keep valuable plants watered and top up mulch if it were depleted over summer. Local garden centres have a selection of seedlings for planting now.

Seedlings are also more convenient because you avoid all the work and uncertainty of raising seedlings at home. Sowing of a wide range of vegetables suited to cool and temperate climates can proceed: beetroot and silverbeet, cabbages, broccoli, onion family, peas, lettuce, carrots, turnips.

Acknowledgement to Qld Gardening:

www.queenslandgardening.com/may. Queensland Garden Expo is a 'must see' in 2019 for green thumbs and novice gardeners alike. It will be held from 12 to 14 July in Nambour.



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