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A Thank You and A Welcome

Changes are afoot in the production of our TWRA Newsletter. Merran Dobson has stepped down as Editor and is passing the baton to Poppy Solomon. Thank you so much, Merran, for your great contribution as Editor. It's not an easy job but somehow you always managed to fill the pages for us. The incoming Editor, Poppy, has been a Twin Waters resident for nearly 8 years. She is entering her final year of a Bachelor of Journalism at University of Sunshine Coast. She has just completed an exchange semester in New York. The Committee is excited to be able to provide one of our younger residents with this opportunity. Thank you for stepping up, Poppy, and we wish you great success in this new venture for you. Poppy is very keen to share your local stories in our Newsletter. Just email her at info@twra.net

Weather Updates

We always get a positive response when we provide a brief weather update to our members by email if there are any unusual weather events, as happened at end-January/early February with the confluence of king tides, ocean lows and heavy rain (90 mm overnight and 200 mm in a few days). We have many people away from Twin Waters who appreciate the updates and new residents who are uncertain and appreciate the reassurance we provide. The Twin Waters lake and canals are designed and engineered to cope with these events – the revetment walls and weir are designed to overtop occasionally so that the water levels within the Twin Waters system are maintained at optimum levels for visual amenity, with no sand banks at low tide and generally up to the height of the revetment walls and occasional overtopping at king tides. This is all part of the design. Everything is normal. Speaking of weather, we used to have a resident who was happy to share his rainfall data on a regular basis (monthly or quarterly) so that we had very local rainfall data. Is there anyone who keeps a record of rainfall in their own gauge who would be willing to share it with us via the Newsletter? If so, please contact us at info@twra.net

Surf Life Saving Championships coming to Sunshine Coast

This March, the Sunshine Coast is excited to host Surf Life Saving Queensland's biggest event of the year – the surf lifesaving championships – at Maroochydore Beach from the 16–18th. Applications to compete have now closed but all are welcome to watch the competition. It is expected over 2,000 competitors will come from all over Queensland to participate. Go and support our competitors from North Shore! The SLSC will continue to update their website with information and event times, so keep checking for more information: <http://lifesaving.com.au/events/queensland-senior-state-championships/> The youth championship event is also being held this March 2–4 at Alexandra Headlands SLSC. Lots of our local Nippers will be competing, so keep an eye on the website and head to the beach to support them if you can. <http://lifesaving.com.au/events/state-youthchampionships/>

Commonwealth Games

Since early February the Sunshine Coast has been hosting some athletes from around the world in preparation for the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games. These athletes have been using our fantastic facilities to train and prepare for all kinds of competitive sports. During March, we will be seeing several events take place on the Sunshine Coast ahead of the games. On Sunday 25 March, the Sunshine Coast Council will hold a 'Welcome Event' in Cotton Tree Park. There you will be able to meet some of our athletes, eat at an array of food stalls, have a go at some of the sports and enjoy several hours of entertainment, including a fireworks display. On Tuesday 27 March, the Queen's Baton Relay will pass through the Sunshine Coast before it reaches the Gold Coast opening ceremony in early April. The community is invited to come and watch at the Kings Beach Amphitheatre at 9:20 am. For more information on the Sunshine Coast's celebrations of the Games visit: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Experience-Sunshine-Coast/Events/Welcoming-the-Commonwealth>

Lions Celebrate their Centenary

Maroochy North Shore Lions has officially handed over a mural which they financed to celebrate the Centenary of Lions International. This mural is on a wall at Pacific Paradise State School and was designed and painted by indigenous artist Sam Jones with the help of Lions members, School Chaplain Neen and students from the school. Sam said, "I imposed the indigenous symbols of the flora and fauna of this area and activities of our people on a blue background representing the ocean." Maroochy North Shore Lions were happy to partner with the Pacific Paradise Chaplaincy to complete this valuable community project which recognises the indigenous connections to our local area and celebrates the Centenary of Lions International.

New members are always welcome at Lions. Come, join and enjoy working with Maroochy North Shore Lions in their local community support projects. Phone Lion Ian on 0418 564 071 or Lion Tricia on 0427 838 938.

Seniors Fitness Class – Are you Interested?

Several Twin Waters residents are keen to gain support for an affordable daytime seniors fitness class to be held at a local venue. Sunshine Coast Council has said that if there is sufficient interest they may sponsor such a class as there is currently none on the North Shore.

If you would like to keep fit and healthy and are interested, please email Jenny at mashjl43@gmail.com a.s.a.p.

Fishing Updates

Fishing is probably one of the most popular pastimes here and across the Sunshine Coast. We are fortunate to be in proximity to some of the best fishing spots on the Coast. Whilst every angler has his or her favourite spots, a good source of up-to-date fishing information is Swan Boat Hire, a local institution on the Maroochy River in Bradman Avenue. They publish a weekly fishing report on their web site that can be found at: <http://www.swanboathire.com.au/Sunshine-Coast-Fishing-Reports/2018-Fishing-Reports/> Why not check it out? Our own local North Shore tackle shop, Davo's

Northshore Bait & Tackle at Marcoola is also a good source of local information. Good luck!

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