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TWRA General Meetings

The Guest Speaker at the meeting held on 14 October was from the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Inc. The final meeting this year will be held on Monday evening, 9 December 2019

TWRA General Calendar

Sunday, 24 November Twin Waters Party from 6.30 pm at the Loose Goose Restaurant & Bar, 3 / 175 Ocean Drive, Twin Waters.

Come along for a great night of socialising at The Loose Goose. Enjoy delicious individual servings of creations from our local "Lucy Goosey" Kitchen along with plenty of wine and French 'bubbles'. Catch up with your neighbours from up, down or around the street. Say hi to those from over the water, across the fairways or maybe just from upstairs and downstairs. All residents welcome. There will be a good selection of gluten free food as we have provided in past years. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. Go to events page on www.twra.net to RSVP and payment details.

Presidents Report

Firstly, a big 'Thank You to John and Josh' as the leaders in creating the Party in the Park this year.

I have received quite a few comments on how well the party was presented.

It's events like this, organised by TWRA, that help make our community and from the roll-up of families and friends it is obviously appreciated and supported.

There was a large number of people on the Party in the Park team who helped put it together and work on the day and we appreciate the contributions from all who helped. We must also thank the many people who made and donated cakes, biscuits and slices plus jams and relish and the great variety of plants.

Sales from cakes and plants are a major contributor to the financial success.

Our proceeds from the Party in the Park day will be finalised in the near future and we will find out how much money can be presented to Mudjimba Surf Club as they provide great support in beach safety, rescue services and looking after our community at large.

I have often said that we are a community which works together.

It's only about 8 weeks until Christmas and there must be some people in our community who will find this time of year a struggle.

So, if you know someone who needs some genuine help drop us an email and we will see what support we can find.

There are probably people in the community who are quietly suffering and need a friendly face for some company or to mow the lawn and be involved on a more serious basis.

We also know that there are more than support agencies which provide additional support to people who are genuinely in need. Our email address is info@twra.net

Until next month,

Tony

Memberships Renewals – time is running out

TWRA Membership renewals for the current year 2019-2020 have been due from 1 July. If you have not yet already done so, please renew your membership for the current year as soon as possible. A Membership Form is included in this Newsletter. If members are non-financial for 2019-20 they will soon be removed from the TWRA email lists. If you live here, but are not currently a TWRA member, we encourage you to join using the form included as part of this Newsletter.



2019 Christmas Carols

The planning for this year's Twin Waters Carols are now well underway with our local Councillor, Jason O'Pray confirming he will co-host the MC Role with Carols stalwart Fiona Simpson. The Monster Raffle (with over \$6,500 in prizes) will go on sale early on Wednesday, 13 November outside Food Works – keep an eye out on the TWRA Facebook page for details. The evening will end with the now famous fireworks over the lagoon, proudly sponsored by Sunshine Coast Council, Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola and North Shore Realty. Sausages, soft drinks and frozen treats will be available for purchase. Santa will arrive and distribute lollies to all the children. A big thanks to the Novotel and Sunshine Coast Council for their enormous contribution to our event.

We look forward to seeing you at the Novotel - Wandiny Room on Sunday, 15 December: Doors open at 5.00 pm; and Carols commence at 5.35 pm.

Please phone Merryll 5448 9414 or email info@twra.net if you or a family member were able to assist.



PARTY IN THE PARK

Sunday afternoon, 20 October was, reported by the Sunshine Coast Daily as “a debut to remember for Twin Waters’ annual

Party in the Park co-ordinators Joshua Dekker and John Blackmore” from LJ Hooker.

Josh estimated over 350 people turned up to the event at Warwick Daniels Park along Lake View Drive.

The party focussed on younger families and it was also a fund-raising event for the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club (refer article on next page).



Mystery at Twin Waters

On Friday, 18 August 1995 Tabbatha Rachelle Hodge aged 21, had been organising her own birthday party which she was looking forward to celebrating with her family and friends. Unfortunately, the Hodge family became embroiled in one of the Sunshine Coast’s biggest investigations.

The image of the young, blonde girl and the story of how she simply disappeared quickly became known throughout Australian households.

On Saturday, 19 August 1995 Tabbatha was listed as a missing person.

Missing person posters adorned the roadsides, newspapers (including the Sunshine Coast Daily) kept the public informed and a \$50,000 reward was offered. Tracing her footsteps, the police discovered that Tabbatha was last seen at 11.10 pm on 18 August.

She had gone to Noosa with a few girlfriends. She came back and picked up her car from a girlfriend’s house in Pacific Paradise and drove off, and that was the last anybody saw of her.

Despite thousands of leads and hours of searching, Tabbatha Hodge was not found until 26 March 1998. Her Laser Sports car was located in a canal at Twin Waters and a coroner’s inquest found it was simply a tragic accident.

It was less than a kilometre from her friend’s house to where they found her.

A dredge was dredging out the canals as routine work. Nobody really knew what happened.

For the two and a half years it took police to find Tabbatha, interest in the case never wavered.

Ten Years Ago

Back in November 2009, the State government was advocating that a desalination plant be built on State-owned land at Marcoola, adjacent to the Sunshine Coast Airport.

At the time, the Premier Anna Bligh, said the plant at Marcoola would be operational by 2017. This was strongly opposed by the local community which, apart from concerns about the economics, also opposed the construction of such a “blight on the landscape” immediately adjacent to the Airport which was viewed as a tourism gateway to the Sunshine Coast.

A public meeting on Monday, 16 November 2009 at Marcoola Surf Club was well attended by locals and strong messages of opposition were sent by State and

local representatives.

The idea appeared to emerge from the then recent defeat of the proposed Traveston Crossing Dam on the Mary River which was to supply much-needed additional water capacity for SEQ.

Of course, the desal plant was not built and the relevant State-owned land at the airport was subsequently transferred to the Council as part of the arrangements for the building of the new East-West runway.

Another by-product of that desal proposal was that Energex, in anticipation of the extra energy requirements for it, built the large sub-station adjacent to the Motorway.

A lot of money was spent on filling and raising the site, installing lines and most, but not all, of the equipment. The substation has still not been completed and commissioned after many years.

Just a few of snippets of interesting local history from around 10 years ago.



TWRA Dine-Out at Curly's

A few times each year the Berry's organise a social "Dine-Out" event for Twin Waters Residents. These are a fun social event that allows our residents and friends to meet at a restaurant in the area and enjoy fine food and good company.

The latest gathering was at Curly's on the Boardwalk at Coolum where Danyelle and her team did a wonderful job looking after our group of 25.

It was a pre-set entrée and main with good choices. Entrées included Chicken tenderloins, Calamari or Pork belly while the mains were Barramundi, Chick breast supreme or slow cooked lamb. All meals beautifully presented.

This recent Dine-Out at Curly's doubled as a surprise 90th Birthday celebration for long term resident Ken Ward.

Ken's wife Meelee presented each diner with a lucky plant and all shared in the 90th Birthday cake which Meelee provided.

These outings are a great way to meet new residents and to make new friends!

Is there a Lifesaver in your life?

Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club is our local lifesaving club. Their volunteers cover the coast from near Marcoola to the mouth of the Maroochy River.

They protect us when we go to our beaches at Mudjimba or Twin Waters (behind the Novotel).

They have much in common with us - they are around 20 years old and their membership is similar to that of the TWRA. They are also very focussed on being a community-based family organisation. Some of our Twin Waters community are already involved with Mudjimba SLSC.

Perhaps more of us could become involved.

Why not check out their website at: www.mudjimbasurf.com and see if there were activities of the club that could be of interest to your family.

One of the most common ways to start becoming involved is for our children, or grandchildren, to join the Nippers.

Children from age 6 are welcome and programmes exist for all age groups.

The 2019-20 pre-season started in late August and the cut-off for registrations for Nippers closed at the end of October.

For more information on the Nippers programme, go to www.mudjimbasurf.com/nippers and maybe make a diary note to get into the programme next year.

Meanwhile, please look out for opportunities to get involved with Mudjimba SLSC and enjoy the summer.



Storm Safety

Living in Twin Waters is something we all cherish. Our climate, environment and lifestyle help to make it a wonderful place to live. With summer coming we have to be prepared for stormy weather.

For many emergencies, you may be able to 'shelter in place' at home or at work. If so, your ability to securely see out the emergency will be greatly increased if you have an emergency or evacuation kit. You should take time to prepare an emergency or evacuation kit well ahead of any impending disaster. **For life threatening emergency (Police, Fire or Ambulance dial 000); for State Emergency Service (SES) phone 132 500.**

When severe weather is approaching, flood waters are rising or if there were another disaster looming, Sunshine Coast Council wants you to receive the information you need.

Simply download the SCC App – go to www.disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au For assistance during a disaster or emergency phone 5475 7272 or 1300 007 272

Coastal Fox Control

The Sunshine Coast Council and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service are conducting a Biosecurity Programme from 8 October to 29 November 2019 to control foxes in order to protect wildlife.

Fox control activities will occur in bushland areas from Twin Waters to Weyba Downs.

Areas involved in the programme will be identified by warning signs placed at all entrances. **For more information visit: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Pests-and-Weeds/Pest-Survey-Program/Feral-Animal-Prevention-and-Control-Program**

North Shore Traders

If you are in business around Twin Waters the next meeting of North Shore Traders will be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 12 November at Surfair Beach Bistro, 1/923 David Low Way, Marcoola.

After a short meeting to update a number of local issues, we will relax and enjoy some finger foods and beverages.

For more information, contact Eric van Meurs phone 5450 9800 or email info@atlantismarcoola.com.au

Anyone for Tennis?

Jeff Gregg would like to start an informal social tennis group to play once or twice a week over at the courts beside the Twin Waters Golf Club.

Any interested people can call him on 0412 306 998.

Sunshine Coast Concert Band

The Sunshine Coast Concert Band presents Coming Home Celebration Concert at 2.00 pm on Saturday afternoon, 9 November in the Lifepointe Community Centre, 186 Wisers Road, Buderim. Tickets \$15 available at the door include afternoon tea. This concert is in support of Legacy. **For all future events with the Sunshine Coast Concert Band visit their website at www.sccb.org.au or contact Toni-Eileen Dale sunshinecoaster49@gmail.com**

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Novotel News & Events

Sam Greentree Marketing & Loyalty Executive has these events coming up this month at the resort:

- Don't forget to book your table now for Christmas Day Lunch! Tickets on sale now from \$189 per person.
- Celebrate Christmas with your colleagues or friends at our Superheroes VS Villains Join A Party 2019. **To book, email conference@twinwatersresort.com.au**
- Lobby transformations have been unveiled. An exciting new era is soon to be upon us, with refreshed, contemporary reception area and the addition of a brand-new lobby bar opening very soon. We invite you to come by to see the transformation! All resort outlets are open as per normal.

Visit the resort website for full details: www.novoteltwinwatersresort.com.au

TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Annual Subscription is \$10 per family plus \$2 if you require an additional card

Valid to 30 June each year.

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