

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2012

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next TWRA Meeting will be held at Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 13th February 2012 at 7.30pm. The Guest Speaker will be Shannon Embury, the Coordinator at the North Shore Community Centre. We will also have someone promoting the Cooloolum Croquet Club.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 13 February
- 16 April
- 4 June
- 13 August (AGM)
- 8 October
- 10 December

Clean Up Australia Day:

- 4 March

Newsletter Delivery

Thank you to the TWRA Committee and volunteers for delivering this Newsletter. If you would like to help with future deliveries, please call Ed on 5448 9414.

Christmas Carols 2011

Our Carols last year were probably the biggest and best that we have been able to hold. At one stage we were considering opening the doors to allow people to sit on the verandah as we were running out of room inside. The weather was kind to us and the fireworks went off with a bang!! Our new presenter Rob worked well with Fiona and a few new faces on stage performed beautifully. Thanks to Samantha Dodd, Christian Ainsworth and Jodie Lee who worked with our "seasoned" troopers, Ryley Dahlin, Vickie Larkin and her son, Tama.

This year we set out to support some of the needy in our area and thanks to Twin Waters' generous donations and money raised in our raffle, we were able to deliver hampers to 11 families in the area selected by the school Chaplain. We also made a donation to the Katie Rose Cottages. We will try to organise a similar collection this year.

We also introduced a Santa's Letterbox to the Carols and the letters were all taken away by him. It is hoped that the requests were all answered!!

We have a review meeting in January to see how we can improve the performance for this year so if anyone would like to join our happy band of organisers or take part in the Carols, please contact Warwick 5450 5148.



SEQ Floods – One Year On

Twin Waters was fortunately not directly impacted by the devastating floods in SEQ just over one year ago but the TWRA did take prompt action, on behalf of our community, to assist some of those who were affected.

We decided to make contact directly with the community at Laidley in the Lockyer Valley. We made an immediate cash donation, plus we also donated a small van load of household items that were distributed to those who had lost everything. The one-year anniversary recently provided an opportunity to follow-up and see how the Laidley community was faring. The Manager of the Laidley Community Centre responded, including the following:

"The Community at Laidley is tracking along well post the flood. The generous financial and physical support from people such as you made a huge difference within the region. The recovery is still a long way to go for many within the Lockyer Valley Region. There are still some individuals not yet in their homes as you may have noted on recent media coverage of the 'anniversary' of the flood event. The emotional recovery and healing is still some way off for

people that have survived this flood event. Once again I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your community for their generous support of the people living in the Lockyer Valley area."

In addition to our direct support to the Laidley community, the TWRA made a cash donation to our local SES, which was presented to them at the December General Meeting.

It's worth also reminding ourselves of the role the TWRA played during that crisis period in January 2011, when we kept our members informed with very regular (twice daily) email updates about our local flood situation. This proved to be tremendously reassuring to many of our members here who were unsure about what was happening locally and, especially, to members who happened to be away at the time and were concerned about the situation back at Twin Waters. It was a powerful demonstration of the benefits of being a TWRA member – regular emails to keep members up to date with local events and activities. If you are not a member, please consider joining the TWRA. A Membership Form is on the back of this Newsletter.

Bulk Electricity For Twin Waters Residents

The TWRA has had over 200 positive responses to our questionnaire. We are now in the process of seeking expressions of interest from the electricity retailers. We expect that in the near future we will have specific, money saving proposals to put to members.

Council Division 8 Candidates Forum

The TWRA intends to hold a forum at which all candidates for Division 8 (the division we are in) will be asked to appear, speak and answer questions from our members. You would be aware that our present councillor, Debbie Blumel, has decided to contest the mayoral election so is not eligible to remain as a councillor.

The Government Electoral Office which conducts the elections has not yet called for formal nominations from potential councillors so we don't know yet how many candidates will be standing. At this stage we know of three people who have stated that they intend to run for this division. We expect that this Forum will be held in March at the Novotel Resort.

We will let our members know by email as soon as these arrangements are formalized.

Spam Email

If you are receiving spam emails, don't open them, block sender and 'forward' the email straight to report@submit.spam.acma.gov.au

Clean Up Australia Day

For the past decade, over 40 residents have assembled to make sure their suburb is neat and tidy. This year it is happening on Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, March 4.

The residents assemble in the park on Baywater Drive for a FREE breakfast before spreading out to collect any rubbish they find beside the roads or waterways. This year we are looking for residents who have a trailer or utility who can assist. We also are looking for some Kayakers who could clean the lake. All work will be finished by 10am. If you can help, please call Ed on 54489414.

Dine Out

TWRA's next Dine-Out will be held in the middle of February at the Mooloolaba Yacht Club. If you wish to have further information contact Ed on 54489414. It is a great way to meet your fellow residents while enjoying some good food.

SunCoast Power Project

Residents may have observed whilst travelling along the Motorway the excavation works taking place on the western side on Godfreys Road.

These Works are preparatory to the establishment by Energex of the Pacific Paradise 30 MVA, 132/11kV Zone Substation. It will also include approximately 23km of double circuit overhead feeders from Palmwoods to Pacific Paradise and West Maroochydore Substation.

The Project involves the clearing of vegetation, installation of foundations,

erection of power poles, stringing of conductors and all ancillary powerline construction works including new access tracks. (Source Energex).

We can also expect to see a Zone Substation building, overhead powerlines and supporting poles, transformers and switchgear items.

According to Energex, the need for this new infrastructure is to cater for the forecast anticipated growth in energy sales and the need "to keep pace with one of Australia's fastest growing regions"

The original planned date for practical completion was November 2011. We will advise Residents of the current planned date for completion as soon as it becomes available.

Happy Endings For A Little Lost Dog

Recently a little 13 y.o. blind and deaf Silky Terrier, Sam, had escaped from a resident's home who was looking after the dog. A search for the dog was undertaken but he couldn't be found. TWRA emails went out to all members to alert them of the situation.

Sam was found swimming about 20m out in the Twin Waters' canal that morning near the Karinya Island bridge. A young couple noticed his plight floundering in the middle of the canal and rescued Sam, before it was too late. He is a very lucky dog and the resident "will forever be grateful to this young couple, who no doubt saved little 'Sam' from drowning".

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- 1) 24 Veerings Crescent
- 2) 16 Wattlebird Drive
- 3) 1 Toombra Lane
- 4) 5 Skipper Place
- 5) 51 Stillwater Drive

Rainfall in 2011 Was Average!

Believe it or not, our 2011 total annual rainfall in Twin Waters was 2063 mm (just over 81 inches), which is only very marginally above our annual average for the last five years of 2034 mm. This seems surprising after the January floods in SE Queensland.

Our wettest year in the last five was actually 2010 (2338 mm). Of course, January 2011 was our wettest month last year, when we had 474 mm and we will all remember our wettest day of 11th January when 157 mm fell in 24 hours.

The driest month in 2011 was June, with only 42 mm.

Thanks to Len Gamble for his rainfall stats for Twin Waters.

Snakecatcher

Cory Cooper lives in Twin Waters and is a D.E.R.M licensed snake handler. If you have any concerns about snakes, call Cory on 0413 084 680.

Sudoku

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Living Thoughts

Health is the greatest gift
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