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From Archives – Recycled Water

When Twin Waters was being built by the developer, Lend Lease, from 1996 to 2004, the parks and gardens were established and sustained by a network of water pipes and sprinklers that drew water from the town supplies. Those pipes and sprinklers were not removed. Meanwhile, there are very large volumes of recycled waste water from the sewerage treatment plants in Fisherman's Road, Maroochydoore. Most of the recycled waste water finishes up in the Maroochy River. However, some of this waste water is supplied to the Twin Waters Golf Club and the Novotel Resort by a pipeline that goes past Twin Waters. Back in 2007, when we were really suffering from drought and very strict water restrictions were in place, the TWRA investigated whether some of the recycled water could be directed to our parks and gardens via the watering system already there. Alas, we could not get this up. The regulations require recycled water to be distributed through purple coloured pipes so that it cannot be confused with potable water. This and the cost to reactivate the old system made the project impossible, so our parks and gardens just have to survive with rain from Mother Nature. But we tried, and no doubt there are large volumes of recycled water that still go into the Maroochy River every day.

Community Corner – For Sale or Wanted

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This Month

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- Water Recycle - history

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Your Website

See what's happening on www.twra.net

Date Claimers

- TWRA General Meetings at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:**
- 14 April
 - 16 June
 - 11 August (AGM)
 - 13 October
 - 8 December
- Bowls Day TWRV:**
 16 March @ 2.00pm

Like to Lend a Hand?

Great exercise! Deliver newsletters on your walk – call Ed on 5448 9414.

Next General Meeting

The next TWRA General Meeting will be held on Monday, 14 April at Novotel Resort, commencing at 7.30 pm. If you would like to catch up with activities at recent meetings, just check the web site at www.twra.net where the Minutes of previous General Meetings are posted.

Bowls Day Soon

The next TWRA Bowls Day has been arranged with the Twin Waters Retirement Village for Sunday, 16 March, commencing at 2.00 p.m. and followed by a BBQ Dinner at about 5.30 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 each. It is a mixed day and spectators are also welcome. Bowls are supplied and learners are welcome.

Please register your attendance (for catering purposes) by phoning Bob Gavin 5450 6036 or Warwick Daniels 5450 5148. It is a great day and always enjoyed by participants who have attended in the past. Come and have some fun!

Hard Working TWRA C'tee

The February TWRA Committee meeting addressed a large agenda of items affecting our life here in Twin Waters. Here are some of the topics – hooning on Ocean Drive, traffic signage at Anchorage Cct & Baywater Drive, Stockland decision, additional drinking fountains, lake hand-over, Newsletter, web site management, airport community forum, commercial ideas for airport and east-west runway project, clean-up Twin Waters, state of landscaping at round-about at Sunshine Motorway & David Low Way, neighbourhood watch, dine-out at Horton Park Golf Club, bowls

day at TWRV, first aid training, carols management, forthcoming maintenance reference group meeting with Council, flood maps and home insurance rates. Whew! Everything the Committee does is driven by the same objective, which is to enhance the quality of life at Twin Waters for our residents. Thank you to all the members of the Committee for your work on behalf of our community. We have a very active community association, as you can see.

Hooning on Ocean Drive

Recently, there has been another outbreak of hooning on Ocean Drive, as can be attested by the noise on Friday or Saturday nights and the rubber laid down at various points along the road. There have been recent changes in the laws about hooning and the consequences of being caught can now be quite severe, including having the offending vehicle impounded or even permanently removed.

The TWRA is in discussion with the police and council about what can be done to stop this intrusion into our quiet, peaceful neighbourhood. There are some options, ranging from increased police mobile patrols to various surveillance options that are being investigated further. We will keep you posted as we determine the best options for our neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, Qld Police have recently produced a flyer about hooning and we are seeking to get some for distribution to the community. Also, there is a Hoon Hotline Number 134 666 (13HOON to report any hooning or reckless driving. We encourage all members of the community who see any hooning activity on Ocean Drive to immediately lodge their own complaint directly with police on the hotline.

TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

The next NHW Meeting is to be conducted on Monday 17 March at 7pm. The venue is the Clubroom at the Living Choice Retirement Village in Baywater Drive. It is expected that a representative from Qld Police will attend who will report on crime matters and will also be available to address safety and related questions posed by attendees. Full details will be shown in the forthcoming NHW Feb/Mar Newsletter which will be delivered to all homes in Twin Waters.

Twin Waters Landscape Maintenance

There has been deterioration of the timber and bitumen joints in the numerous pathways throughout Twin Waters. This has been reported to Council in the past and they have taken action to repair many joints. They request that residents who notice further problems report them to Council's Customer Call Centre at 5475 8501 and advise them of the location of the problem.

The palm trees are again showing the effects of the long spell of hot weather and the fronds are looking very untidy. We will look into the possibility of including a trim once a year in the next maintenance contract. Council will review the condition of palms at the entry to Baywater Drive centre planting. They are looking at the possible removal of some of the small palms and replanting with other types of trees.

Ocean Drive and the roundabouts in front of Twin Waters are included in our landscape

maintenance agreement as it was decided at the inception of our agreement with Council that this was The Entry to our suburb. To illustrate, David Low Way is mowed and attended to 16 times per year. Twin Waters Ocean Drive is mowed 26 times per year and the resulting attention shows.

Council are looking for areas to plant trees. If you would like more trees planted along your street or around your area please contact one of your committee who will arrange with the Council Officer concerned.

Remember that if you have a complaint with the Council maintenance your first call should be to The Customer Call Centre 5475 8501. If you do not get a response in a reasonable time then please ring the Committee Member for your area.

The Maintenance Committee members and their areas are:

- The Shores** - Warwick Daniels (5450 5148)
- The Banks** - John Geitz (5450 7046)
- The Links** - Malcolm & Cynthia Smith (5448 9164)
- The Sound** - Max Mills (5450 7289)
- The Landings** - Conrad Guard (5450 5012)

Roundabouts

We have many roundabouts in Twin Waters, so we all need to be "experts" in how to use them properly (lawfully). Surprisingly, many people don't use them correctly.

So, here are the basics: It is important to be in the correct lane at multi-lane roundabouts. Signs, lane markings and arrows help you position your vehicle correctly and guide you in the direction you want to go. Unless traffic lane arrows indicate otherwise, remember these rules: To turn left, use the left lane. Use

your left indicator when you enter the roundabout. To turn right, use the *right* lane. Use your right indicator when you enter the roundabout. To go straight ahead, use either lane. Before exiting, use your left indicator and follow the exit lane marking. Give way to all vehicles already on the roundabout. Stop indicating once you have exited the roundabout. Simple really. Just don't forget to use your indicators. For full information visit <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-Road-Rules/Road-rules-refresher/Roundabouts.aspx>

Home Insurance

Many homeowners have been finding that their home insurance premiums have increased significantly since the recent experience with floods in SE Queensland. Some renewals have been quoted at more than 10 times the pre-flood rates. Since Twin Waters is a recent residential development with significant attention paid during construction to water and flood engineering, this seems somewhat illogical. We understand that some insurance companies base their premiums on postcode areas while others claim that they look at the specific location of the property. This could be an issue where a community-wide approach might assist everyone to get a fair deal taking account of the specific circumstances of Twin Waters as a recent well-engineered location. We are looking for someone with knowledge and experience who could assist to resolve this and perhaps help everybody in Twin Waters. We do not want to push any particular commercial line but simply to assist everyone to get a better outcome if possible. If you think you can help, please contact us at info@twra.net. We will keep you posted on any progress.

Australia Day Awards on Sunshine Coast

The Sunshine Coast Council sponsored a special Australia Day Awards ceremony recently at Woombye to celebrate the outstanding achievements of locals who are making a difference to the community. The award winners included: Citizen of the Year - David Dangerfield of Palmwoods; Young Citizen of the Year - (Joint Winners) Bindi Irwin of Beerwah and Samara Welbourne of Buddina; Senior Citizen of the Year - Greg McKean of Pelican Waters; Community Group - Qld Air Museum at Caloundra; Creative - Steven McLeish of Landsborough; Environment - Eumundi Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre; Sport & Recreation - Tim Sheridan of Bli Bli. Congratulations to all these winners.

Australia Day Honour Comes to Local Resident

Former Twin Waters resident, Ian Smith, received an Australia Medal (AM) in the recent Australia Day Honours announced on 26 January for "significant service to aviation through promotional and development roles, to the air show industry, and to the community". Until a couple of years ago, Ian lived in Stillwater Drive but now lives in Maroochydrive. Congratulations, Ian.

Telstra Mobile Phone Reception

There are some reports of poor Telstra mobile phone reception from parts of Twin Waters. Is this a problem for you? If so, please let us know at info@twra.net as we may be able to make a community submission to Telstra to seek improved mobile coverage in Twin Waters.

Clean Up Twin Waters Success

Thank you to all the residents who volunteered for Clean-up Australia. We managed to collect the usual skip full of rubbish and make Twin Waters all pristine again. Thanks to our chef Terry Hamilton and to Brent Ambler and Con Guard for the use of their vehicles.

Oh No, Not Again!

Dog poops – our number one gripe in Twin Waters. P-l-e-a-s-e pick them up. It is your dog, please do the right thing. Then we can consign this item to the Archives (and the poops to the bin, where they belong).

Airport Development - Ideas

The earliest construction of the East-West runway project has long been a priority for the TWRA and our community. The current target for completion is 2020 but that depends on many factors, not least of which is a business plan that will support the financing for such a large capital project. The rapid growth of on-line buying has led to growth in air freight services worldwide. Could Sunshine Coast Airport (and the new runway) provide a future freight hub for flights to / from Oceania and Asia and also for air freight of fresh local produce directly into Asian markets? Clearly, tourism (national and international) will be the cornerstone for the business plan for the future. But can the case be enhanced with some freight activities, as well as aircraft maintenance / servicing? Both would bring more business and more jobs. What are your thoughts? Please let us know and we will try to foster some community discussion. Send your comments to info@twra.net

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