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First 2020 TWRA General Meeting

The first meeting for this year will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday evening, 10th February at Novotel Resort.

TWRA General Calendar

10th February – TWRA General Meeting, 7.30 pm at Novotel Resort

1st March – Clean-up Twin Waters, 8.00 – 10.00, Baywater Drive Park

20th March - Council Election Candidates Forum 6.00 pm at North Shore Community Centre.

20th April - TWRA General Meeting, 7.30 pm at Novotel Resort

Presidents Report

Happy New Year from the Management Committee at TWRA to all our residents and visitors. It seems like only a few days ago we were talking about Christmas Carols and suddenly Christmas was here, New Year's celebrations done and dusted and soon it will be Easter and then winter!

Although it was now over a month ago, congratulations to Rob Ruskin and his team for the fantastic work done to ensure the Carols evening was great! We had a few comments from people about our planned fireworks. Their comments were taken seriously and the fireworks only went ahead with the necessary approvals, weather and safety aspects being carefully considered. (Would you believe our 2020 Christmas Carols evening is already in the planning stages!)

This year will be busy with both Council (28 March) and State Government elections (31 October) taking place; we have already planned a forum for the local residents to meet Council candidates and we are in touch with the known candidates to ensure we are on target to create an interesting evening. Clean Up Twin Waters will be happening on 1st March as part of the Clean Up Australia Day activities and I am sure we will start the day with our usual BBQ in the Baywater/Anchorage park before we attack the rubbish. Twin Waters is considered a "clean community" but have a look at the amount of rubbish we will collect on Clean-Up day – it's amazing what rubbish we find when we go looking for it. I am surprised at the carelessness of some people who simply drop rubbish or throw it from a moving car. Many of the dog walkers take an extra bag along to tidy up after others. On a previous Clean-Up day a couple of teenagers drove past and threw out rubbish with a comment "here's some extra bits for your collection!" I

hope they now understand what they were doing.

We hope that 2020 is a wonderful year for all in our community.

Until next month,

Tony

2019 Christmas Carols

The TWRA Christmas Carols held on 15th December at Novotel Sunshine Coast was, as in previous years, a very successful evening. It was estimated that above 600 people attended and over 300 bags of lollies were distributed to happy children and others not so young. The supreme efforts of the TWRA Platinum Christmas Carols Team, building on the skills of teams from previous years demonstrated that the yearlong meetings, co-ordinating, planning, role designation, form filling, emails, chasing sponsors, raffle ticket sales, phone calls and talent scouting paid off handsomely.

Fiona Simpson, in fine voice, was an excellent MC and lead singer. Jason O'Pray, has grown into the role of MC, ad-libbing and interviewing, not entirely to script but providing some fun moments. As always, the Sunshine Coast Youth Band provided excellent music throughout the evening and are to be congratulated on their professional growth over the years. Focussing on local talent and a variety of well-known Christmas Carols has brought a refreshing dynamic to the evening. The inclusion of a snow making machine added some amazing atmosphere. Santa's entrance in his well-designed sleigh, capably driven by Elf Ann, was a highlight. The numbers of people surrounding the sleigh made navigation a tad difficult but it reflects how important this tradition is to events like this. The evening ended with a well-attended exciting and colourful Fireworks display over the Lagoon.



The major sponsors, the Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort, Sunshine Coast Council, Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola and North Shore Realty deserve mention as events such as this are reliant on Community support. Special mention to Mary Earnshaw for the Monster Raffle. Mary organises the prizes, displays of the Christmas Tree and the selling of tickets. It is an enormous undertaking and the TWRA thank her for her efforts - the Carol's evening benefits hugely. The local North Shore Lions, stalwart supporters of this event, ensured traffic was carefully and safely directed to an organised parking grid. The group of Ushers guaranteed seating for all, safe entry and exit for families and a direct safe path to the Fireworks and that the esteemed guests from Estia were taken care of in the best manner.

Thanks must go to the co-ordinator, Rob, and his Platinum Team for another great event. And a Christmas Side-Note. The winner of the Monster Raffle last year (in 2018) was a lovely young lady who works at Estia. She did not want to win it again in 2019, but supported the cause. So she paid for and donated her tickets this year to the next person who arrived to buy tickets. True Christmas spirit and sharing. Wonderful!

Airport Community Forum

This year will be a very big year for Sunshine Coast Airport, with the new runway being completed. TWRA is a participant in the Airport Community Forum and their meeting on 4th December was provided with an update on the development. Most importantly, Council has announced that the first flights are scheduled to land on the new runway on 22 May next and use of the existing North-South runway will cease from that time to enable completion of the eastern end of the runway and associated taxiways. Formal completion and commissioning is still on schedule for December 2020. This is a huge milestone and one the TWRA has been following for many years – we made our first submission for the East-West runway back in 2006!

The new runway surface is well under way, with more than 400,000 tonnes of fine crushed rock (almost eight times the weight of the Sydney Harbour bridge) and 64,000 tonnes of asphalt being placed on top of the compacted sand embankment. Another good news item is that Council will no longer be releasing the ponded water accumulated on the site to the ocean. The drier conditions and re-use on site has resolved the potential issue.

A new management team is now in place at the airport. The new GM, Andrew Brodie, spent 9 years at Brisbane airport overseeing the construction of the second runway. He has a new team of experienced GMs and the whole team is well placed to position SCA for the future and capitalising on the opportunities from the new runway here.

Clean Up Twin Waters

The annual Clean-up Twin Waters event will be held on Sunday, 1st March, from 8.00 am to 10.00 am. As usual, it will commence with a BBQ breakfast at Baywater Park at 8.00 am. Please bring your hat and sunscreen. TWRA will provide bags and gloves for the event. Paddlers to clean the waterways are also most welcome.

It is a fun community event as well as an opportunity to meet other residents. Please make a diary note now. Many hands make light work! We will be finished by 10.00 am at the latest.

Council Elections - Candidates Forum

As foreshadowed in December, the TWRA is arranging a Candidates Forum for the forthcoming Council elections on 28th March. It will be held at 6.00 pm on Friday 20th March at North Shore Community Centre. The whole purpose will be to provide an opportunity for candidates to each make a statement about their policies and for a Q and A session where attendees will be able to ask each candidate questions about what they will stand for if they are elected on 28th March. We encourage as many Twin Waters residents as possible to attend and to ask questions of the candidates. Please make a diary note – 6.00 pm on 20th March at North Shore Community Centre.

Ocean Drive & Nojoor Rd Intersection Upgrade

As we know, the Ocean Drive & Nojoor Road intersection has been a concern for a long time, with too many collisions, near misses and issues around visibility when turning there. Last year, we managed to secure some interim upgrades to signage and line markings and, importantly, thanks to Council representations on our behalf, access to some federal Black Spot funding, with the help of Ted O'Brien's office.

Further upgrades under this Black Spot program are about to commence including concrete traffic islands, improved lighting, paint marking and cycle paths.

Thanks to TWRA Committee member, Dave Dunwoody, who has been championing for these important safety upgrades to occur.

Twin Waters Rainfall Stats for 2019

The total rainfall for Twin Waters (TW) in 2019 was 1249mm. Compared to 2018, TW saw a drop (pun intended) in the annual rainfall of over 490mm and a 249mm drop against the Bureau of Meteorology's (BOM) 25-year average of 1498mm (recorded at the

Sunshine Coast Airport).

Overall, the highest rainfall in TW fell in March (260mm), April (252mm) and October (226mm). The driest months were January (uncharacteristically 7mm), August (10mm) and September (7mm). It is noteworthy that in each of these three months TW experienced no rain at all for almost 21 consecutive days! Given that the rainfall recorded at TW varied significantly – both in volume and timing – from BOM's published averages, it is reasonable to ask what the rainfall forecast is for 2020? An extensive internet search revealed that BOM seems to be willing to only put its name to a 3 month forecast and even then it is pretty much a 'two bob each way' effort: 'The rainfall outlook for January to March 2020 indicates most of the country will have roughly equal chances of a wetter or drier than average three months.'

On the other-hand according to Farmonline and Elders; 'The current outlook now favours a clearer below average rainfall signal for the eastern states. This however, excludes any extreme weather events such as East Coast Lows or tropical cyclones in Queensland.' Keep up the rain dance.....



Twin Waters Emergency Planning

The horrific summer of bushfire catastrophes across Australia has prompted many people to ask about Emergency Planning for Twin Waters. In the past, TWRA has asked this question of authorities and we have been reassured that we are not in a "high risk" category zone. Regardless, over the last three months, we have been again pressing for more complete answers and assurance from Council. Council has agreed to work with TWRA to develop an Evacuation Plan, including such details as emergency meeting points, evacuation pathways and other necessary details. The Council's Co-ordinator Disaster Management, Cathy Buck, will be the guest speaker at the April General Meeting on 20th April.

In the meantime, we will continue to work on this and keep the community advised.

Are You New to Twin Waters?

If you are new to Twin Waters, welcome! No doubt you will be finding that this is a wonderful place to live. There are many reasons for this, but undoubtedly one of them is the contribution that the TWRA makes to our community at many levels - socially (Carols, Party in the Park, and other social events), via communications (this Newsletter, web site, emails to members & more) and, importantly, the landscape infrastructure maintenance at a high level. Everyone who lives here should be a member of the TWRA. Everyone is welcome to join. There is a Membership Form included with in this Newsletter.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Twin Waters Animal Corner

We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful native animals in this area of the Sunshine Coast. When walking around the water ways each morning, there are so many different birds, water dragons, fish and stingrays enjoying Twin Waters.

Driving up the road a couple of weeks ago, out the corner of my eye appeared a "black thing" flapping about. Coming back a few hours later to investigate, the black thing was in fact a crow that was tangled up in fishing line. Unfortunately Wilvos (they assist with rescuing Wildlife) were unable to come and untangle the crow. So a couple of Twin Water residents assisted with capturing this guy. Lloyd and another gentleman went home collected a towel, a box and some secateurs to help cut the crow away from the small shrub. As a team we launched into action and caught Clyde (apply named as he and his partner Bonny, the two outlaws, harass possums in their neck of the woods), one threw the towel, one cut him away from the shrub and Clyde then headed off to the Emergency Vet at Tanawha to have the fishing line removed. Lucky for Clyde, he only lost a toe, had he been left much longer, he would have lost his entire foot as the fishing line was cutting deep into his foot. He got to visit Australia Zoo for 4 days rehab and was then returned safely home. Thank you so much to Lloyd and the other gentleman who helped me.

Remember if you are fishing in the area, having lunch or just enjoying the parks in Twin Waters, please clean up after yourself. If you find an injured animal please call Wilvos 5441 6200 or Eumundi Wildlife Centre on 5442 8057 or take the animal to any vets of

call Australia Zoo Hospital. Don't leave them suffering. If you don't have the time, I'm happy to come collect and take them to the vet. Donna Hamer aka Donna DoLittle (0407 588678) www.donnadolittle.com.au



Coastrek Supporting Beyond Blue in 2020

One of our residents is involved in supporting Beyond Blue – a most worthy organisation and cause. She has submitted the following item to encourage your involvement (and early training if necessary!). This July's fund-raising walk is 60km or 30km along the spectacular coastline of the Sunshine Coast. Experience beautiful beaches, secret trails through national parks and jaw-dropping views of sparkling Queensland. Teams of 4 are encouraged to enter the event, to be held on Friday, 24th July. Join thousands of wild women (and a few awesome men!) in teams of four as you immerse yourselves in nature for an epic adventure of fun, fitness, friends and fundraising, proudly supporting Beyond Blue. Coastrek is a life-changing adventure which has inspired nearly 40,000 people to get moving out in nature and raised over \$30 million for charity. This year, the goal is to raise over \$800,000 for Beyond Blue and their work to support mental health. For more information or to register, please go to: <https://www.coastrek.com.au/events-brisbane>

It's All Write!

Our previous newsletter editor, Poppy Solomon, is now back in Australia offering freelance writing and editing services to the Sunshine Coast! Are you looking for someone to write engaging marketing copy, create social media content, or edit and proofread your creative writing project? Email Poppy at poppysolomon98@gmail.com to discuss how she can help you, or visit her website at <https://poppysolomon.wordpress.com>. During her overseas travel and work experience she did some work for one of the large international snack food companies!

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Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community
Notice Board for contact details.



TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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Letter from a Happy (Former) Resident.

Linda and I fell in love with Twin Waters 15 years ago. We are Kiwis and owned a holiday apartment at Magnolia Lane. But driving or walking through Twin Waters took our breath away. Lend Lease did a great job and the building compliance rules coupled with the waterways and higher level of landscaping and gardens have created a truly beautiful suburb.

In 2005, we found a sensational block in Karinya Place, probably paid too much for it but we really wanted to live there. A top New Zealand architect designed a beautiful home and a year later we had our own piece of paradise. I've got up to wonderful Sunshine Coast mornings many times, sat on our waterfront terrace and pinched myself thinking "wow how many people in the world can live like this?"

But sadly all good things eventually come to an end and with advancing years we need to consolidate and have reluctantly sold our beautiful home. We understand that the price achieved was a record for Twin Waters. We acknowledge the outstanding support, advice and selling from Lydia Kirn in helping us achieve such a price.

We are hopeful that the sale of our property will have a positive flow on effect for property owners in Twin Waters. It is truly a wonderful place to live. In our opinion, the market will pay the right price. It may take a while but it is a special place. We also hope the new owners of our piece of paradise enjoy it as much as we have.

We will miss it very much.

Barry and Linda Ulyatt

EDITOR'S NOTE:

this letter was submitted by Barry and Linda Ulyatt and it's based on their personal comments and opinions. The letter has been slightly edited for space and to remove some selling details.