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TWRA General Calendar

5th April - Sunday Morning Easter Egg Hunt cancelled

20th April - TWRA General Meeting, Disaster Plan meeting cancelled and will be re-scheduled.

Date Claimer

Santa Paws in the Park is planned to be back this year on Sunday 19 July. Please mark it in your diary. If you have a pet business in Twin Waters and would like to showcase your business at this event please contact Donna Hamer aka Donna DoLittle M 0407 588 678 or www.donnadolittle.com.au See you there.

President's Report

We have all discovered that we are living in a rapidly changing environment and what was "normal" last week is likely to be different this week or next! These are unprecedented times and it does appear that they are likely to continue for a while. Naturally, we are concerned that everyone here is able to stay safe and healthy and that disruption to your lives, businesses and families is minimized.

Regrettably, a number of events we had planned have had to be cancelled or postponed. The most disappointing is the need to postpone our planned Disaster Planning event as part of the April General Meeting. We are cancelling both the April and June meetings at this stage. However, we are keen to run this important Disaster Planning event in conjunction with Council and hope we can bring it together later in the year.

The TWRA Executive Committee recently met to discuss the way we see the Association going forward, adapting to changes in technology and giving greater choice to members.

Our first major change is our accounting system and while it does not affect the members directly, it simplifies the accounting procedures and allows the Treasurer to enhance the monthly reports. It also allows better reporting for each event ... Simply making it more professional, more accurate reporting in a faster time frame.

Associated with the change in accounting, the new system will also allow a simplified payment system making it so much easier for members. We will have a choice of how we pay including using direct deposit with computer banking.

We are progressing with technology! Some of the planning discussions affect our future events.

The October Party in the Park will see some changes and it will be more family friendly and a new layout. The November Cocktail Party gathering at Loose Goose has been a great success but with a number of other events at that time, we are looking at moving this function to March or April.

We are also planning the reintroduction of a "Welcome Event" to new residents in Twin Waters – we are just waiting for final information for our first event, although this will be affected by the current pandemic crisis.

Despite the world being crazy with the COVID-19 problem, we are trying to maintain as much of "normal" life so that we all can enjoy our great community. We will keep you advised further as events unfold.

To maintain the high standards in the community we rely heavily on volunteers to assist with all our events. We have a number of Volunteers who have been working on our events for many years and some of these long-term volunteers would like a rest!

So, if you have a little time to help with events like Party in the Park, Golf Day, the Social Gathering or helping with Christmas Carols, we would love to hear from you. Drop us a note at info@twra.net - we would love to hear from you and there are plenty of people with experience to help you slide into volunteers' roles.

Until next month,

Tony

Important Information Concerning COVID-19 from Fiona Simpson MP

During these uncertain times I thought it was important to get in touch with you and ensure you have the most up to date and accurate information on the unfolding Coronavirus situation.

I hope that you will find this information useful on how you and your family can best prepare to minimise the impact of coronavirus. This will be a challenging time, but we will come through it. Working together is the most important part. The link below will take you to the most recent information from the Federal Department of Health.

I encourage you to check for updates frequently either online or the dedicated hotline on 1800 020 080.

www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

The Federal Government has announced a stimulus package designed to keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households as the world deals with the significant challenges posed by the spread of the coronavirus.

To find out more information, or to check if you were eligible for financial support, click the link below.

www.pm.gov.au/media/economic-stimulus-package

Please follow the advice of medical experts and look out for your family, friends and others in our local community.

The office of the State Member for Maroochydore is always available if you need help or advice on this or any other matter on 5406 7100 or maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au

COVID-19 Do you Need Help?

Donna Hamer has contacted us with the following message:

“Help for the Elderly. I am offering to help people who can’t get out and shop. Please call me on 0407 588 678 and I’ll help them if possible.”

On behalf of all of us, thanks Donna!

If you have any suggestions about how we, as a community, can respond and assist others during the coming months, please let us know at info@twra.net.

TWRA’s Council Election Forum Affected by COVID-19 Crisis

It was a dramatic week leading in to the planned TWRA Council Election Forum for 20 March at North Shore Community Centre.

All four Mayoral candidates and the two Division 8 candidates were committed to attending and we had received many questions from members about the issues of importance to them for the Election on 28 March. Then ‘things’ started to happen. The unfolding COVID-19 crisis was obviously an unanticipated event and it was moving very fast during the week before the Forum.

Every day brought new and concerning news and restrictions on the community, which were essential to containing the spread of the virus. The Forum as a public event was cancelled and we planned to hold an ‘online’ event with the candidates and then with the video to be sent to members. At the last moment, one of the candidates became unwell and, with everyone’s health and safety paramount, the planned video was cancelled and we switched to a Question & Answer format.

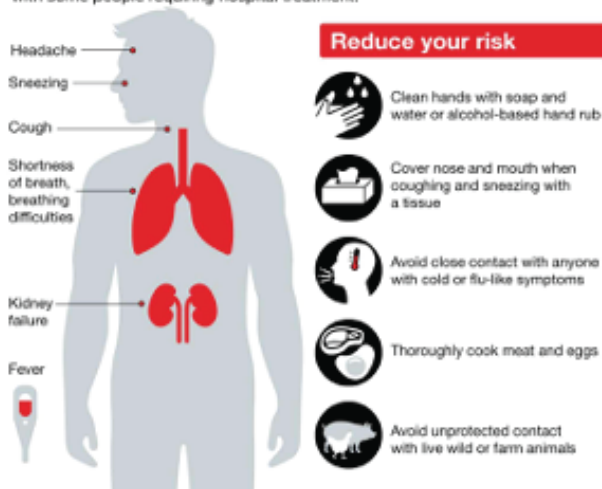
To the great credit of all the candidates, they quickly agreed and the Questions were sent and Answers were received which were circulated by email to TWRA members and posted on the TWRA web site.

Our objective to provide information which might assist decision making was achieved, albeit in a slightly different format.

Thank you to everyone for their understanding and assistance.

Symptoms of coronavirus

The virus usually begins as a fever, which is followed by a dry cough. After approximately one week the cough leads to shortness of breath with some people requiring hospital treatment.



Coping with Coronavirus Buy Local and Support our Local Businesses

We are living in challenging times.

Let’s all support our local community as much as we can. We have excellent local businesses right here in the Twin Waters Shopping Centre.

Foodworks

Amazing range of fresh foods, deli and groceries

Medicrew Twin Waters

Drs. Geoff Cutter and Simona Eremia

Twin Waters Pharmacy

Medical advice and prescriptions including delivery service

Loose Goose

Check out the Little Goose Takeaway, 7 days per week

Cock & Hen

Arguably the best coffee on the Coast!

LJ Hooker Twin Waters

Long-established in Twin Waters

Lydia Kirn Real Estate

Recently opened office in the Centre

Our community is stronger when we support the businesses located right here in the Shopping Centre.

We want everyone to come through this national/global COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, don’t forget also the advertisers in our advertising supplement and who support us with our Newsletter.

Make them the ‘go-to’ place for as many of your needs as possible.

That’s the least we can do!

Membership is going online

We are pleased to foreshadow that, from the start of the 2020-21 financial year, we are planning to take our membership renewals online. This will mean that existing members will be able to renew by making direct online payments and new members will be able to join easily via a link on our web site. Online memberships are something that our members have been asking for and we will now be able to offer it thanks to our new accounting package Xero. Xero has streamlined our accounting and also offers high levels of online security in conjunction with established online payment systems, such as PayPal, as well as direct deposits to our bank account. More details will be provided shortly, but we wanted to flag this exciting development to members and potential members now.

Easter Egg Hunt

It is with great sadness that LJ Hooker Twin Waters has decided to cancel the annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for 5 April 2020, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. The health and wellbeing of our communities are of paramount importance to LJ Hooker and it's vital that we take measures to mitigate the spread of the virus to ensure the safety of everyone, particularly those who are more susceptible.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change, our thoughts go out to anyone who has been impacted. We hope that you, your family, friends and colleagues are safe and well, and are taking the necessary precautions to remain so.

LJ Hooker will still be holding our Easter Colouring In Competition and Easter Hamper Draw. Click here for more information

<https://twinwaters.ljhooker.com.au/about-us/easter-egg-hunt-2020>

Clean Up Twin Waters Day

Sunday, 1 March was part of the Clean Up Australia Day campaign. A great bunch of people in the community donned hats and gloves, collected bags and wandered through the public areas of Twin Waters picking up the rubbish.

We are delighted to say that there were very few bottles and cans which means the deposit scheme seems to be working. In many areas there was a great reduction in the rubbish collected but, in some areas, particularly Nojoor Road and the boat ramp there was substantially more rubbish to collect. To the Twin Waters people who joined us for a sausage breakfast and then went out

collecting, a big 'Thank You'. Overall, we collected a bit more rubbish than we did last year!

We are all part of our wonderful community and we appreciate the effort from all the collectors. And to Ed and Merryl and the breakfast team, also a big thank you, we appreciate it. Let's keep Twin Waters clean!



Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Clubhouse Improvements

The Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club was originally established by community members over 20 years ago. The Clubhouse has served the community well throughout the years, however the growth of our local community has seen an increase in visitors to Mudjimba Beach, and in turn the amount of essential lifesaving equipment required to provide patrols, and the skilled lifesaving and First Aid training needed to keep Mudjimba Beach visitors safe. Mudjimba SLSC also provides First Aid and Water Safety services to many community events.

Building approvals are in place and the Club has raised enough funds to complete the first stage – closing in the North-West corner of the Clubhouse for extra storage of vital lifesaving equipment. Building will commence from 23 March 2020.

The Club's next step is to find funding to complete Stages 2 and 3:

- New Administration Office, secure and street facing
- Multi-purpose Training Room extension
- A Kiosk/BBQ area for Nippers
- Urgent upgrade of the current amenities to comply with building and fire regulations

The Club has received a kick-start from Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola, North Shore Realty, and Sunshine Coast Council. Further support is still urgently needed to help make the improvements a reality for our community.

Community Volunteers

Estia Health Twin Waters is actively recruiting for volunteers from our local community.

They are looking for special people who can offer a little of their time to befriend a resident or offer support to our lifestyle team by volunteering to drive their mini-bus.

If you were interested in learning more, please phone (07) 5646 4120 and ask to speak with Jude, Lifestyle Co-ordinator.

Animal Corner

How many babies (called joeys) do possums usually have in a litter? 1, 2 or 3? In this Twin Waters case the possum had 4 which is very unusual and the wildlife people were amazed they were all doing so well.

A resident of Twin Waters found a possum and moved her off the road only to notice something moving near her tummy.

A quick look inside the pouch revealed babies, 4 little furry ones.

If they had been pinkies the chances of survival are very slim. The four little ones were taken to Australia Zoo to be examined and were later handed over to a carer.

I have spoken to the Wildlife rescue and all 4 are doing well and will eventually be returned to this area.

If you find a deceased possum please check the pouch for babies. If you see any little ones don't pull them off the teat, if possible, leave them as is and hand the body and babies to the rescue.

If the little ones were crawling out the pouch pop them in a towel or somewhere to keep them warm until they can be collected.

If you have a question or concern about wildlife, contact Wilvos on 5441 6200 or Eumundi Wildlife Centre on 5442 8057 to assist.



House Sitters

Anne and Mike Radmall are available in 2020 on the following dates: 26 March to 15 April; 8 to 28 August; 19 September to 8 October and from 12 November.

This is a free service.

For further information contact Anne 0412 712 437 or micann@ozemail.com.au

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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

Valid to 30 June each year.

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Mobile:

Email:

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or post to TWRA, PO Box 9531, Pacific Paradise 4564.

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Living Choice

In our last Newsletter, we inadvertently mis-printed the article from Living Choice Retirement Villages.

We apologise for our errors and omissions, and set out below the correct version:

Hello, my name is Suzi Morland and I have been with Living Choice at Twin Waters since 2005.

I remember driving into Twin Waters for the first time and wondering how come this little gem of a place had skipped under my radar. The waterways sparkled, the trees were alive with birds and the homes were beautiful.

The village was only partially built, with the Leisure Centre covered in scaffolding and tradesmen, but the grounds looked beautiful. My interview went well and the Sales Manager offered to show me the displays. That's when I became a little befuddled. The apartment I was ushered into, not only was bright and airy, but seriously large with the biggest balcony I think I'd ever seen. It felt like being in the best statesman cabin on a cruise ship temporarily moored in a stunning waterway.



Those initial feelings are repeated every time I show clients into our displays, to my great delight. And the best thing is when those clients move in, they know that they've hit the jackpot. They're not only on the Sunshine Coast with our perfect weather, they're in one of the premium suburbs and enjoying the most spacious retirement living on offer.

Over the years, I have seriously had to pick up my game to keep up with the residents. One of my first memories of the Leisure Centre was seeing a quite elderly gentleman, swimming butterfly up and down the indoor pool. Next door in the gym was another giving the treadmill a hiding. There are the more laid back ones too, and they can often be seen enjoying a coffee and a chat in the Leisure Centre. Another bug-bear is that I am now moving people in who are younger than me!! (Sixty is obviously the new forty). They travel like crazy, knowing that everything is being taken care of back at the fort. Some move in because the maintenance is taking up their whole lives. I had one lady who was still running a cattle property in NSW in her eighties, and "it was becoming a bit much"!

Some move in for the community, and I must say, that is probably the thing I enjoy most about being here. Whether you mean to or not, you become part of the fabric of the community. Your presence and the relationships you build up are in essence what the village is. There are always lovely homes everywhere, but that intangible quality, friendship and recognition, are precious commodities. And as we become older and wiser (hopefully), the more potent that is.

For further information visit 21 Baywater Drive, Twin Waters or phone sales on 1800 008 099 or the village office phone: (07) 5450 7833.

