

Newsletter - September 2020

September Calendar

Mudjimba SLSC – Open day and Nippers sign-on day will be on Saturday 12th September from 11.00 am to 2.00 pm.

TWRA Social Events

Christmas Carols – 13 December 2020 (TBC) at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort ... the date is locked in but we will be still subject to any final Covid regulations with social distancing etc.

Apex Camps

The popular School Holiday programme will not be proceeding during the September school holidays, due to the impact of Covid-19 and instead it will be postponed to December and throughout the school holidays in 2021.

Join TWRA

As a friendly reminder, please renew your membership for 2020-21 as soon as possible. Thanks to those members who have already renewed their TWRA membership. We are proud to maintain our community as a great place to live. Please show your support by joining the TWRA if you are not already a member.

President's Report

Delighted that we were able to have a 'real' face to face meeting for our regular August meeting which included the AGM. I am pleased to have a great bunch of dedicated and hardworking people on the Executive Committee who will help lead and look after the community for the next twelve months. There is also a wider group of people who look after special projects and are directly involved.

Despite the Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort being a fully booked and closed facility to protect the sporting teams, we were able to have our August meeting and AGM in the Lily's Restaurant area, away from the main buildings so we did not interact with their guests or staff. TWRA appreciates the support from Novotel and the way they care for us.

Our next meeting in October will be very

important as we face the start of the bush fire season and our memories of recent fires. The Disaster Management team from Council along with colleagues from the emergency service providers will prepare the community on what will happen and how we will be informed if a serious incident or emergency emerges. There is a special article in this newsletter and more information will be in the October edition, which will be distributed prior to the October meeting.

The Disaster Planning Meeting will be held in "Queensland Ready Week" where the whole State is being briefed and prepared in case of some disaster or emergency. Stay safe and stay protected!

Until next month,

Tony



Sunrise over Twin Waters – a recent winter sunrise with pink clouds and reflections. The pink sky on this morning only lasted about 3-4 minutes!



Twin Waters West Is this the Last Word?

As reported previously, the Sunshine Coast Council considered Stockland's TWW Development Application at its meeting on 23 July. The DA with Conditions was a complying DA and Council officers had recommended that it be supported. Councillors voted 8/2 to refuse the Application. The Mayor recused himself from the debate and did not vote. Cr O'Pray moved the motion to refuse the DA, despite having been involved in the negotiations around the future of TWW from the outset. Cr Dickson seconded the motion, despite also having been similarly involved in his capacity as Chair of the Planning Committee when the TWW Planning Amendment was formally approved by the State and Council. Stockland is reported to be "disappointed" and is "considering its options". At the time of going to press, we are not aware of anything further.

Cr O'Pray explained to the recent TWRA General Meeting that he "had sleepless nights" over his decision but that he had voted to refuse the DA because of his concerns about flooding, average lot sizes and proximity to the CAMCOS corridor. He had not previously publicly expressed those concerns. If the decision is appealed to the State Planning & Environment Court, these and all other issues will be subject to further expert analysis. Council would need to be involved and ratepayers will have to incur the costs (unless Stockland loses the case and costs are awarded against Stockland.). This process could take some time - years, not months.

From TWRA's perspective, our objective to ensure that there would be a premium development at TWW, if it occurs, is preserved. Our advocacy has always been for the best interests of the residents of Twin Waters i.e. that any future development on that site must be equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters. Our community interests would not be served by having an inferior quality development. At this point in time, our objective is intact and is being achieved.

The future of that site is now a matter between Stockland and Council. The TWRA does not envisage that it has a role to play in the resolution of this, apart from maintaining a watching brief to ensure that there are no adverse changes or outcomes.

AGM Back Together

On Monday evening, 10 August we held our Annual General Meeting of Twin Waters Residents' Association and the following officers and management committee were elected:

President	Tony Freeman
Secretary	Sophie Lever
Treasurer	Kerryn Vincart

And committee members: Geoff Billard, David Dunwoody, Margaret Hamlyn, David Hughes, Kevin Lyons, Max Mills, Rob Ruskin, Daniel Seoney

It was also the first time the TWRA community could meet together since February. Queensland declaring a public health emergency in relation to coronavirus disease had stopped us meeting in April and June. We had to limit attendance with pre-registration and ensure physical distance between people attending was followed.

The AGM recognised and thanked Paul Glass as the Auditor for TWRA in recent years and confirmed his appointment for the 2020-2021 year.

Special thanks was given to Liz Hope for her contribution in recent years for the work she, Dave Graham and Roger Peffers have done looking after our website and technology.

Path to be Upgraded

Good news! Council has (finally) responded to requests for the pathway alongside the Golf Course from Tralee Place to Lytham Court to be replaced. The work is included in this year's budget and will commence during November. The unevenness of the path caused by tree root damage has been concern for a long time. This is excellent news.

Living in Twin Waters is something we all cherish. Our climate, environment and lifestyle help to make our neighbourhood such a wonderful place to live and work.



A glorious winter's day in Twin Waters. Morning sunshine, still water and great reflection.

Disaster Planning

In recent years we had bushfires in Cooloom and Peregian. We know that when it comes to extreme weather events, especially storms and bushfires, we are not immune around Twin Waters. With warmer weather approaching, the likelihood of bad weather coming increases. We have sought help from the Disaster Management team at Sunshine Coast Council to make sure we understand what happens in any emergency and how as households and a community we can best plan for such events.

TWRA general meeting on 12 October will be an opportunity for the community to understand what will happen in the event of a disaster or major emergency event. This could be a bush fire event, a flooding event or a major incident which requires safe evacuation. Joining us on the 12th will be members from council's Disaster Management team, Qld Police, and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, including the Rural Fire Service and SES. The evening will focus on the awareness of a major event, roles and responsibilities of everyone involved, understanding the risks in the community, plus specific details on how information and evacuation details can be broadcast.

It is planned that the event will be at Novotel Sunshine Coast and subject to the current Covid restrictions. We will require pre-registration for the evening, details will be updated to TWRA members by email and included in the October Newsletter. We expect to invite other community groups up to a maximum number of people based on Covid-19 event planning refer:

www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers/business-activity-undertaking-direction

It's nearly Spring... Tweet. Tweet.

Native birds are starting to hatch. If you find a young bird on the ground, how can you help? Juvenile birds fall into 3 categories: hatchlings, nestlings and fledglings. Hatchlings and nestlings have no visible feathers on their wings or body. If you find one of these on the ground call a wildlife carer immediately as they won't survive long out of the nest. Fledglings have feathers and it's common for

fledglings to be found hopping on the ground as they're just learning to fly and forage for food. However, if you see them close to the road, near water or an area where there is a dog or cat, please move them safely into a tree.

It's a myth if you touch a bird the parents will abandon them, move them as quickly as possible to safety and then give them space for their parents to return and feed them. If you're too close, the parents may not approach. While their parents are with them, most fledglings will survive. However, if after a few hours its parents aren't coming back or if you find any wildlife that need help in or around Twin Waters, please call Wilvos on (07) 5441 6200 or take it to your local vet who will arrange a wildlife carer.



This little fledgling found on the road is a 'native' classified under the honeyeater family. Over a 4-day period we checked on him and often found him back on the road. His parents were feeding him, but he hadn't perfected the art of flying and unfortunately each time he took off, he would land on the road.

This article was written by Donna Hamer www.donnadolittle.com.au

Something Different - A South African Feast

A South African Feast dinner will be held at The Loose Goose at 6.30 pm on Tuesday evening, 15 September, hosted by expatriate South African chef Tye and his wife Lily. They work at the Loose Goose and have recently established a catering business called Pickled Paradise (see www.pickledparadiseau.com). They now live locally but previously lived in Port Douglas, where Tye was a head chef and received a chef's hat award. They are also available to cater for private dinner parties. You can book tickets for the South African Feast via their website or for more details please contact Lily at

pickledparadiseau@gmail.com or phone 0497 570 280.

Surviving Covid-19 in a Retirement Village

Most residents of Retirement Villages made the move to enjoy the facilities, the way of life and the activities that are available, such as social, sporting, artistic, and entertainment. Covid-19 curtailed most of these activities, but residents have weathered the necessary restrictions and the limited extent and sizes of group activities that have followed.

It fostered an increase in reading, which was helped by the introduction of a mobile library service. This entailed a staff member driving around the village with a load of books from the library and notifying residents of his approach by a ringing bell.

The restrictions have however facilitated closer friendships for many, with a new activity: street or driveway parties. On suitable evenings, neighbours and or friends brought tables, chairs, drinks and nibbles to agreed sites, either on driveways or on quiet streets, and keeping appropriate distances, set about socialising.

One advantage was there was no concern about driving a car home after a few drinks!

FNQ anyone?

Far North Queensland is now very accessible, thanks to the new three-times weekly services from Alliance Airlines from SCA to Cairns. The two-hour flights operate on Fridays, Sundays and Mondays on convenient daytime schedules. Our flight (from the new runway, which seems so wide compared to the old one!) took off to the west and revealed new vistas of our Coastal hinterland. It operated according to covid-safe rules, with no inflight catering and most passengers wearing face masks.



Cairns is a great destination, or you can go north to Port Douglas and the Daintree; west to Kuranda and the Atherton Tableland; south to Innisfail or east to Green Island and the amazing Great Barrier Reef. The tourism industry there is struggling at present with no interstate or international visitors, but there is still plenty to see and do. Everyone is very aware of the covid-safe rules as well, which is reassuring. The Alliance flights are comfortable and so easy for us to access. Is it time for a break in FNQ?

TWRA Membership

Everyone who lives in Twin Waters, whether an owner or a renter, is encouraged to join the TWRA.

Joining TWRA is easy. Just go to the web site at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.

This will open a form for you to complete, with basic details such as name(s), address, phone and email(s). If you submit that form, we will then send you an "invoice" with details for online payment of the membership fee (\$10 per annum per household) or you have the option of paying via credit card as part of the form completion.

Upon payment, we will send a receipt, which becomes your evidence of Membership. Renewals each year are even easier - we will send you an "invoice" each year for online payment by direct deposit or credit card.

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SES Emergency 13 25 00

Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.



iConnect

iConnect is a business that came about after Adam Willis visited the Sunshine Coast region on long service leave from a much-respected company in Canberra. He worked in our nation's capital before deciding to work for himself and have a crack at life on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Adam and his wife decided that it was time to make a lifestyle change – one that they have not regretted!

Adam's background working for one of Canberra's most reputable electronics installation companies included designing and implementing installations for various government departments, schools, hospitals and private enterprise. The company sought to ensure for its clientele the ability to provide prompt and reliable service to suit the many different requirements in the corporate, construction and residential markets.

Moving to the Sunshine Coast, about 8 years ago, was a challenge initially. Adam had to build his new business from scratch. One of the early steps was to letterbox a flyer for his services in Twin Waters. This provided quite a successful move, including an introduction to the Twin Waters Residents' Association monthly Newsletter. He has been advertising in the Newsletter now for many years. iConnect now has many customers in Twin Waters, for which he is very grateful. iConnect's clientele now extends across most of the Sunshine Coast and hinterland.

One of the biggest changes in recent years has of course been the NBN. Getting connected to the NBN and getting all aspects of a household's digital services connected and operating smoothly has been an area of specialisation for the business.

iConnect is able to solve a diverse range of problems you may be experiencing with your digital services. We will get you connected quickly and reliably. We are able to provide you with expert advice on a range of services and products.

At iConnect, we offer a wide and diverse range of services. Along with our established telephone, data, television antenna and satellite system design and installation services, we can also offer installation and maintenance of your intercom, video intercom and integrated conditional access systems, audio visual installations and music systems.

Why not contact us if you have some issues or concerns around your connections and use of digital technology in your home? We will be very pleased to review your situation and give you the advice you need to make things better.

We are reasonably priced and reliable.
Contact Adam on 0437 881 514.