



TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - October 2020



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STATE ELECTION

31st October

Pre-poll opens on 19th October

President's Report

Wow! Spring has arrived and hasn't it been great? I have enjoyed walking and bike riding around Twin Waters and seeing the colourful new growth on so many different plants. The colours of the flowers have been fantastic. On the walk around the lake I have seen about 10 birds' nests with activity that suggests hungry little birds will be squawking very soon. Most of the magpies, near us at least, are friendly but up the road there is a magpie and butcher bird that both swoop but only when I am on my bike! We have a magpie nest in a tree in the park near us and the parents come to us and sing for food. In a few weeks, they will bring the little ones into our yard and hunt for worms in the vegetable garden!

A couple of weeks back on our morning walk we saw a reasonable sized kangaroo in Warwick Daniels Park – hopping near the kids play equipment. It took off up the road, over the bridge and disappeared into Twin Waters Drive park.

Last week we saw a little plover in Anchorage Circuit . . . Must have been all of two days old and was well protected by mum and dad!

Recently we have seen the black swans back with a young family and members of the sea eagle family swooping for a catch and then heading for the high trees so they must have a local nest.

It must be spring again because the black cockatoos have returned to their overnight roost in high trees at the golf course then in the early morning head out in all directions. We have seen 20 and more in the casuarina trees on the sand dunes because the casuarina nuts are favourite food!

Spring is a wonderful time of year and Twin Waters is a wonderful, colourful and eventful place to live.

Stay safe and stay protected!

Until next month,

Tony

Stockland appeals to P&E Court

Stockland has now announced that they will appeal the Council's refusal of their DA to the Queensland Planning & Environment Court. This is not unexpected as it is the next legal step they are entitled to take. As previously mentioned, the TWRA does not envisage that we have any role. It is a matter between Stockland and Council where due process will be followed under the direction of the P&E Court.

Disaster Planning Meeting Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the special Disaster Preparedness Meeting we had planned to hold as part of our General Meeting on 12 October. The current COVID restrictions would make that meeting impactable so we have postponed it until COVID conditions become more normal, hopefully early in 2021. It is an important topic for our community and we appreciate the work done to date by Committee member, Dave Dunwoody, in collaboration with Council and Emergency services. Meanwhile, there is a lot of relevant information on the Council's web site and we recommend that you take a look at the hub at:

<https://disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/#Dashboard>

We will keep you posted about when we can reschedule the meeting.

State Election on 31st October

The Queensland State election will be held on Saturday, 31 October. Voting is compulsory and polling booths will be open from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm on that day. The nearest local polling booth will be at Pacific Paradise State School, in Menzies Drive, near Coles. Some voters may be able to participate in pre-polling that will commence from Monday, 19 October.

In past State elections, we have tried to facilitate an opportunity for all candidates in our electorate of Maroochydore to present their case. It is not possible to do so this time. Apart from COVID restrictions, the nominations had not closed when we went to press, so the full list of candidates in our electorate is not known.

Mudjimba SLSC Donation

Twin Waters has a long association with Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club and most of us consider them to be our "local" surf club. Following the Birthday in the Park in 2019, \$1,500 was donated to Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club by TWRA. When the club recently advised they had a major problem with the roof on the existing clubhouse, the TWRA Management Committee made an additional donation of \$3,500 on behalf of all members. We sent an email to TWRA members advising of the roof issue at the surf club, and are pleased to advise that a number of residents from the Twin Waters, Mudjimba and surrounding areas saw the need and made donations. These donations ensured the roof could be replaced and we all appreciate that generosity. The building work can now continue allowing the Club to continue to look after the needs of the community. Mudjimba SLSC has asked us to express their gratitude for the quick and generous assistance Twin Waters residents provided to the Club. Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club are continuing to fundraise for the fit out of the Clubhouse and an upgrade to the amenities. If

Count Your Blessings

In our day/age, we are bombarded daily with messages from the media about the dire straits our nation and the world is in, due to the coronavirus that has impacted everyone to some degree. But many people suddenly

realised they had time to accomplish things, such as zooming, live-streaming, reading books, having more time with family, and learning how to adapt to a challenging environment. Now for some of you, it may have been the very opposite. But can I encourage you to start counting your blessings, such as being alive. Life is a gift from God and life is precious. Family is precious, and even though families do not always turn out the way you want them to, a good measure of appreciation does go a long way. Start mulling over in your minds the blessings you do have, and you will discover that many of those things that tend to get you down, will grow dimmer in the light of the blessings. Sometimes even our trials can become blessings in disguise. There are many things that we cannot control in our current environment, but we can control how we think.

Christian Community Church Pacific Paradise Service: 9.30 am every Sunday at 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba
Enquiries: Pastor Dan 0439 708 092

Lions Northshore \$500 Cash Grab

Maroochy North Shore Lions Club is currently conducting a 'GROCERY GRAB' which will actually be a \$500 VOUCHER. The club is very grateful to Bli Bli IGA for contributing to it. Lions Club members are currently selling tickets at various times at the Bli Bli IGA. Tickets can also be purchased by phoning 0429 291 020 or 0427 838 938. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This fundraiser is to raise money for the Lions Cord Blood Foundation. When processed, the stem cells from the cord blood assist children to battle leukemia. The winning ticket will be drawn 3.00 pm on 10 October by the Manager at the Bli Bli IGA. you would still like to help out, the donation link is www.trybooking.com/au/donate/mudjimbaslscbuilding.

New Kayak Access in Seahorse Park

Following a petition from residents in the area, an approach was made to Council for a kayak/canoe access point in the park in Seahorse Drive. We have been advised that, at the recent Budget session of Council, an amount of \$12,000 was approved to enable it to be included in the capital works

programme. Not sure when the work will be done, but it's included on the schedule. Similar approaches have been made for kayak access into other parts of the Twin Waters waterway and we are following them too. Council recently provide an additional access point off Prestwick Drive and repaired some flood damaged access points.

Refurbishment Works to Sewerage Plant

Unitywater is carrying out some refurbishment works on the wet well of the plant adjacent to Twin Waters Drive, which is part of our sewerage system. The works began during the week commencing 21 September and are expected to take about five weeks. Residents in the immediate vicinity of the works will have received a letterbox notification about the works. The works are being carried out during daylight hours and Unitywater will seek to minimise inconvenience to nearby residents.

Removal of Bollards

Council has advised that a large number of bollards in Twin Waters are to be removed in a project to commence in early October. An audit recently has shown that many of them are in very poor condition due to the age of the bollards and the rotting of the timber. The bollards are at the end of their lifecycle and the Council's preference is not to replace. Those that are replaced will be replaced with new, plastic (timber look-alike) bollards.

Noosa Classic Car Show

The Noosa Classic Car Show will be held on Sunday, 4 October at the Noosa Sports Complex, 31 Butler St., Tewantin from 9.00 am until 3.00 pm. The Club has quite a few supporters and spectators here, so we remind you of this event. The event will feature "Holden, pre-1989" including Norm Beechey's HT Monaro which will be on display. There will be plenty of free parking available on site. More info at: www.noosacarclub.com.au

House Sitting

Mike and Anne Radmall are available for house/ pet sitting from October 11th onwards and are taking bookings for 2021. Please contact them on 0423577503

Flowering Palms

We have asked Council about the profusion of flowers on the palms in the roundabouts where they were recently pruned. Council has responded: “This year’s palm inflorescence are more conspicuous as there are fewer fronds.”



Living with Brush Turkeys

Australian Brush Turkey: Males (with the large bright yellow wattle) spend hours constructing large mounds to attract females and breeding season is now - Sept to Dec. There can be several clutches from different females in one mound and the males look after the mound once eggs are laid. Chicks look more like quails and are fully self-sufficient from the moment they hatch - they can't fly yet, but they sure can run fast! Turkeys forage in leaf litter for fruits, seeds, small animals and insects and roost up in trees at night - not everyone tolerates them digging up their garden, but on the upside their diet also includes unwanted pests like grubs, slugs and snails.

Brush Turkeys are protected, and can't be captured without a permit - there are significant fines. Relocation must be done before eggs are laid in the nest, or after the eggs hatch. If a male is removed, the resulting “vacancy” is quickly filled by another.

The best tactic is to scare them away – squirting water, making noise, waving your arms, pop open an umbrella or...get a dog (hanging shining twirling objects like CDs from branches can also work).

Other effective measures include: chicken wire under your mulch to discourage raking, gravel around trees to protect roots, palm fronds (turkeys hate them) or dead branches over veggie gardens, tree guards, keeping compost in closed containers, covering their mounds early with a large tarp.

Turkeys are generally healthy and do not transmit diseases and their scat (poo) can be used as fertiliser. Please consider that neighbours may enjoy having these fascinating birds nearby - we may just have to learn to live with them.

Contributed by Jeannie Campbell,
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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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Block Co-ordinators

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



Ben and Jodi Wishaw took over Twin Waters Pharmacy three years ago and are loving the journey of growing a family business and connecting with the locals of Twin Waters. As residents of Twin Waters themselves for the past two years, they have a passion for ensuring our community is looked after with good old-fashioned service.

Ben grew up on the Sunshine Coast, spending a large portion of his weekends on Northshore beach with his family. He became a Registered Pharmacist 12 years ago and ended up working in Toowoomba for 5 years. Ben eventually moved back to the Sunshine Coast and loves spending time exploring the beaches he visited as a child with Jodi and his brady bunch on his Sunday's off! Jodi was born in Toowoomba and moved here with Ben 6 years ago. She has been working in Pharmacy for 12 years and loves nothing more than a good chat with the locals and helping them find the right product for their needs.

Twin Waters Pharmacy has certainly grown over the last three years. Although small, we try to cater to all our customers' needs. We offer free delivery from Coolum to Pelican Waters as well as having a system set up at both Living Gems and Living Choice for residents to utilise.

Some of the other services we have on offer are:

- Webster Packing (this is great if you are having trouble remembering to take what medication when or just have too many to work out).
- Vaccinations (All our Pharmacists are registered to give most vaccinations)
- Medication reviews
- NDSS
- Health Checks
- Senior and TWRA discount
- Medadvisor (Keep your scripts on file and just use the Medadvisor app to order your next prescription)
- After pay and Zip pay are now available in store

We are also happy to announce that we have an online store coming in the next 6 weeks. Customers will be able to click and collect or order and have their products delivered.

We look forward to continuing to serve our Twin Waters Residents and the Sunshine coast community. We have a Facebook and Instagram page for you to follow if you would like to keep up to date with our products and information. We look forward to seeing you in store or online soon.



Great range of Keto/Vegan Supplements