



TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - February 2021



February Calendar

Monday 8th February at 7.30 pm
TWRA General Meeting at Novotel
Sunshine Coast Resort.
All welcome!

March Date Claimer

Clean Up Day – Sunday 7th March.
This well run event will take place
again this year.
More information inside.



Let's keep Twin Waters beautiful.

President's Report

Happy New Year!!!

We are hoping that 2021 will be an easier year than last year.

The TWRA committee is continuing to plan for the major events and we hope to have some social functions including Christmas in July at Novotel, the Birthday in the Park and, of course, Christmas Carols and Fireworks at the end of the year. Planning for all is underway and subject to our recovery from COVID-19 restrictions.

The restrictions last year gave us some interesting times and planning issues – in particular the planning of the Carols and Fireworks was certainly challenging with the restrictions around social gatherings. Rob, Margaret, Sophie and Merryl and all the team did a wonderful job making sure that it was a successful event for all of us and some guests from the Novotel.

For the last two years the TWRA Newsletter editor has been Mark Blomkamp and I'd like to thank Mark for his valuable input and contribution. There were some great articles and interviews that kept us informed. We would like to welcome Emilia White as our new editor and wish her well with the role. Support for the editor and contributions to be considered are always welcome. Emilia, like all our previous editors, will bring in some different articles and keep the newsletter interesting for everyone in Twin Waters.

We also appreciate that Geoff Billard provides guidance and assistance to the Editor keeping it on time for Steve Sturgess and his team to finalise layout and printing. We are all looking forward to a great year in what we believe is the best part of the Sunshine Coast.

Until next month,

Tony

New Editor

TWRA would like to thank the outgoing editor Mark Blomkamp for his past work in the production of the newsletter.

Emilia White has agreed to take on the role this year.

As Emilia is relatively new to Twin Waters, she would love residents to send through any items of interest to newsletter@twra.net and she will do her best to follow up and include them in an edition.

Services & Advertising Directory

We have made some changes to our advertising this year. As you probably know, we use the revenue from the advertising to cover the costs of printing the Newsletter. This year, two of the real estate ads will be rotated through the Newsletter each month. There are also some new advertisers. We thank all advertisers for their support. You can also support them by calling on them for services you may need during the year.



Thank You to Apex

Once again in 2020, the TWRA appreciated the support and help of the people at the APEX Facility on Nojoor Road. Not only do they provide storage for our Christmas Carols Nativity Scene and props and our Neighbourhood Watch gear, but they also give ready support when called on to help. We should be proud to have such a great facility that provides healthy outdoor activities for our kids throughout the year. There are few better sounds than the happy laughter of children in our suburb. We can treat that sound as a nuisance or an uplifting tonic for us all. We wish all the staff at APEX the very best for 2021.



Carols & Fireworks Success

Despite COVID, the TWRA's Carols & Fireworks on 6th December were a huge success. Attendance was capped at 600, but all tickets were sold. The event was held in the amazing, new Sunshine Coast Convention Centre at Novotel, with the fireworks over the lake. The Carols Team, led by Rob Ruskin, had to overcome many challenges to bring us one of the very few Carols events on the Coast last year. Thank you team! And thank you also to our generous sponsors: GemLife Pacific Paradise, Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola, Cricks Volkswagen, Lever Law, Northshore Dental and Oral Health, North Shore Realty, Paradise Seaplanes, Sunshine Coast Council and especially the Novotel for hosting the event. Let's hope we can safely return to a bigger and better year and Carols event this December!

Weir Pipe Clean Out

You may have seen divers working in the pipes in the weir area in December. Council employed commercial divers to clean the pipes in the weir that links Twin Waters lake complex to the Maroochy River.

A recent inspection revealed that marine growth was restricting the flow of water to/from the river in the "salinity exchange pipes". This marine growth takes the form of a sea squirt known as Cunjevoi. Cunjevoi are found in intertidal zones and the tough brown exterior you can see in the photos is actually brown algae. The sea squirt feeds on plankton during high tide. At low tide, the Cunjevoi holds water to keep from drying out and will squirt a jet of water when trodden on. It is popularly used as fishing bait.



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Our 2020 Rainfall

In mid December, we had a total of 1,929 mm of rain here in Twin Waters. That's nearly 30% above our long-term average. So it was quite a wet year!

Our wettest months were in December, followed by February and January 2020, in that order. It rained on 126 days last year. This is actually well below our long term average number of rain days of around 165 days, so the intensity of rainfall has increased. Despite the heavy rain we had in mid-December, the days of heaviest rainfall actually occurred in January and February last year, which is fairly normal, and to be expected during our wet season months of January, February and March.

Thanks to Mark Garner for our local rainfall statistics.

In mid December the heavy rain also coincided with higher tides, so we saw the water in the lake overtop the revetment walls for some periods. If you are new to Twin Waters, this is nothing to be concerned about. The lake was engineered to overtop the walls a few times each year at king tides and/or with significant rainfall in the Maroochy River catchment.

This has happened many times before. You can see the tracking of the levels in the Maroochy River at Picnic Point measuring station (opposite Twin Waters) by checking the following site:

www.bom.gov.au/fwo/IDQ65390/IDQ65390.540094.plt.shtml



Airport News

A direct flight to Newcastle with Fly Pelican is the most recent addition to the already great choice available to us out of the Sunshine Coast Airport.

The three times a week seasonal service will operate from January until the end of March. The beautiful coastline of Port Stephens and the amazing food and wine of the Hunter Valley are now easily accessible.

With direct flights also to Cairns, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and Adelaide, we are very fortunate to have such a choice of destinations on our doorstep.

Ocean Drive Roundabout Upgrade

The upgrade for Ocean Drive / Baywater roundabout is planned to commence late February and is weather dependent. Residents will be happy to hear that this project is going ahead in the near future.

Golf Course Pedestrian Path Upgrade

When this site was surveyed, interestingly, it was discovered that the existing path along Ocean Drive is partly on land owned by the Twin Waters Golf Club. This has caused a delay in construction and Council is exploring an alternate alignment closer to the road. It is a relatively complex project as there will be a requirement to purchase some land from the Golf Club and construct some lengths of elevated path.

As for timing of the project, due to the complexity and the additional works that are required, timing is uncertain. The aim is still to construct the path by the end of the financial year but will depend on the finalising of the design and purchase of the land.

We have been assured the project will still be going ahead, but has just been delayed due to the above circumstances.

House Sitting

Now that people are starting to travel a little more, particularly within our beautiful state, you might want to consider having someone look after your garden and/or beloved pets while you are away.

Below are two couples ready to help out.

Heather and Bill McGlade, Melbourne retirees, are available for house/apartment sitting (including pets) during the 2021 winter for a period of 1-3 months.

Please contact them on 0408 586 504.

Anne and Mike Radmall are also available to house / pet sit from the 11th Feb to the 8th March and all of April May and June 2021.

Please contact them on 0423577503.



Clean Up Twin Waters Day

This well run event will take place again this year on Sunday March 7th. The day starts with breakfast at 8.00 am in the park in Baywater Drive.

For those new to the event, teams will be allocated areas and clean up takes about two hours. Collection bags are provided.

Mark the date in your diary and come along to help keep our already beautiful area looking great!



High Tea at the Novotel

Looking for the perfect place to celebrate your next special occasion?

Come together for your next event at the new Sola lounge, located within our newly transformed lobby. Ideal for bridal & baby showers, Mother's Day, birthdays or just those special catch ups with friends.

When: Available daily from 11am to 2pm

What: High Tea - Traditional favourites or Sicilian inspired

Where: The Sola Lounge

www.novotelsunshinecoast.com.au/dining_viewItem_3481-en.htm

New Business - Mandy's Coffee and Cakes

If you are looking for a beautiful cake to celebrate a special occasion, or just a sweet little morsel or two, you might like to try Mandy's Cakes and Bakes in Pacific Paradise. Despite it being a tough year for small business, this small, family-run business opened in our local area late last year. After losing her job, owner Mandy decided to follow her passion for cake decorating, baking and speciality coffee. She takes great pride in creating and designing beautiful custom-made cakes using techniques she has developed over the years. Mandy has been grateful for the support of the local community, and especially the residents of Twin Waters who use the shopping area in which she is based. Mandy welcomes everyone to pop in and try her in-house cakes and the locally roasted speciality coffee.

Mandy's Cakes and Bakes is located on the corner and ground floor of the Northshore Dental building, 710 David Low Way, Pacific Paradise



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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.

LJ Hooker Twin Waters

With a long history of supporting our local communities, LJ Hooker Twin Waters takes pride in the many ways they give back.

Agency Principal, Grant Ormrod joined the team at LJ Hooker Twin Waters in 2007 as a Sales Agent and 10 years later, in 2017, purchased the business. As the proud Principal and Licensee of the office, he has now lived and worked in the area for nearly 15 years. Communication, customer service and results are the key to the success of LJ Hooker Twin Waters and they have developed and improved their systems and processes over many years, streamlining their service and making the best possible experience and outcome for their vendors, landlords, tenants, buyers and staff.

They have a sensational team of 8 staff members with a combined total of over 90 years of real estate experience.

The LJ Hooker Twin Waters office is open 6 days a week from 8:30am and has a strong team of sales agents, property management and administrative staff that can assist you with all your Real Estate needs. They are proud of their convenient office location in the centre of the Twin Waters shopping village, working closely with their neighbouring businesses and the Twin Waters locals that make up this beautiful suburb.

You may have seen the LJ Hooker Courtesy Ute travelling around the local area? This is a completely free service for local residents, you just need a current driver's licence. They even fill it up with petrol for you! To book simply give them a call on 5450 6188 or go to their website:

twinwaters.ljhooker.com.au/community/ljhute



LJ Hooker Twin Waters are proud to present a new community series of events for 2021... The MEGA GARAGE SALE!

They have an event planned for all suburbs in our 4564 postcode.

February 2021 – Twin Waters | May 2021 – Pacific Paradise

August 2021 – Mudjimba | November 2021 – Marcoola

The concept of the mega garage sale is to create an opportunity for residents to host their own sale without the work to advertise it. Also, to create an event that attracts as many buyers as possible. Whether you have just a few things to sell, or tables of items to clear out, it's the perfect opportunity to sell your unwanted stuff.

- ALL STREETS on the same day
 - ALL advertising done for you
 - FREE maps showing all registered properties provided
 - Hand sanitiser and Covid sign in sheets provided
 - Directional signage on the day
 - Simply set up and manage your own garage sale at your property
 - \$10 registration fee with all funds raised donated to local charity Level Up Foundation
- Keep an eye on the LJ Hooker Twin Waters Facebook page for further information or go to the website to register.

facebook.com/ljh.twinwaters

twinwaters.ljhooker.com.au/community/mega-garage-sale