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Newsletter - February 2019

President's Comments

Happy New Year, and may this year be even better than 2018! I have written about our TWRA team in the past, and again, people come top of mind. Our Newsletter Editor Poppy Solomon is in the process of moving on after finishing her journalism degree at the University of the Sunshine Coast. Poppy has been working on our newsletter for a year or so and the work has given her practical experience.

We appreciate her involvement and wish her well; she continues to help us while her search goes on.

I also want to take this opportunity to wish Mary-Helen Boag well and give her a very big thank you for the work she has done with TWRA. "MH", as she is affectionately known, has been our Treasurer for the last couple of years but has also looked after membership and been the key driver behind the Birthday Party in the Park. Mary-Helen recently resigned her collection of roles with TWRA and we would like to recognise her effort and contribution. She was a great support for our previous President Kerryn, and a great team member following.

MH has provided a great collection of hand-over documents and information to make life a little easier for the people who take her place. To Mary-Helen a special thank you: you have been a great support, team player and leader.

We will miss you. While we have had some "quiet time" over the Christmas and January holiday period, many TWRA members have been hard at work.

The December general meeting raised issues around the problems at the Nojoor Road intersection with Ocean Drive.

We made these problems known to Division 8 Councillor Jason O'Pray and the Sunshine Coast Council, and within a short time new signs and road markings were installed to make the intersection safer. Also during the holiday time, Stockland lodged the Development Application in relation to the first couple of stages of the development that has become known as "Twin Waters West". The TWRA committee has been hard at work reviewing the DA and it is obvious that it will be a major focus in coming months.

We look forward to seeing you at the TWRA General Meeting on Monday 11 February at Novotel Twin Waters. Until next month, Cheers.

Tony

Notices

• 2019 Clean Up Australia Day

Can you spare two hours to keep your suburb clean and meet some new friends over a breakfast provided by the TWRA? This year our annual event will be held on March 3rd, with assembly at Baywater Drive Park at 8am. It is normally over by 10am. Bags and gloves are provided with rubbish collected from public areas of our suburb. If you have a kayak, you can join in by collecting on the lake.

For further information call Ed or Merryl on 0423 577 503.

• How do you get your monthly Newsletter?

We are very fortunate to have a group of 20 residents who collect their bundles of Newsletters and drop a copy in your letter box each month. Each enjoys the walk and meeting new folk.

If you wish to become part of this group, call 5448 9414.

• Novotel Events

Throughout February the Novotel Twin Waters Resort will continue to hold its themed buffet dinners every night and Secret Garden by Pimm's every Friday and Saturday from 4pm.

Visit their website for more information

• House Sitting

Anne and Mike Radmall still have dates available for house and pet sitting in 2019! They are having great success in Twin Waters and are very excited to offer the following: March 4-15 & 24-31, July 23 to September 26, and October 29 onward.

Contact them on 0423 577 503 if you're planning a holiday this year!

February Calendar

2nd - Clean-Up for the Hatchlings (La Balsa Park)

3rd - Queensland Triathlon Series R6 (Caloundra Power Boat Club)

11th - TWRA General Meeting (Novotel Resort)

14th - Valentine's Day

31st - Sunshine Coast Dessert Festival (Aussie World)

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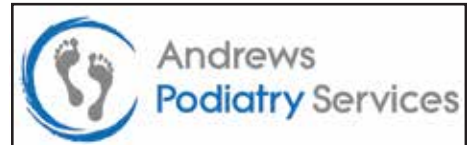
3rd March - Clean Up Twin Waters (8am at Baywater Drive Park)

8th April - TWRA General Meeting (Novotel Resort)



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Thanks for enjoying 2018 Christmas Carols

The annual TWRA Christmas Carols were held on Sunday 16 December and whilst the rain kept some people away, the event was still very well attended and enjoyed by all. The new room layout was a hit – everyone was a lot closer to the stage and the action than in previous years. A big thank you to all our volunteers from within the Twin Waters community and to our sponsors, without whom the event simply could not happen.

If you can assist with the Carols for 2019, please contact Sophie Lever on 5457 0500, who will be happy to give you a role in the event!

Breakfast at the Twin Waters Golf Club

The Twin Waters Golf Club is now open to the public for breakfast on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7am. From traditional meals like the Big Breakfast at \$16 to smaller options like yoghurt at \$6 and fruit bread at \$4, there is a nice selection of offerings on the menu. The full menu is available online twinwatersgolfclub.com.au. Some may argue the quiet surroundings and freshly brewed coffee make the breakfast experience even more enjoyable. Bookings are not required for smaller groups. Why not check out breakfast at The Club?

Seniors strength and stability classes

Classes are underway for 2019 on Monday mornings with sessions at 9:30 and 10:30 at North Shore Community Centre, Pacific Paradise. These senior classes are available for anyone over age 55, so come and join in for an hour of fun and friendship while you exercise under the instruction of a fully qualified trainer. Thanks to Sunshine Coast Council sponsorship, the cost is only \$5 per session. **There's no need to book, but if you'd like more information please phone Jenny on 5450 5881.**



2018 Rainfall re-cap

Over 2018, Twin Waters experienced a total rainfall of 1741.8mm and when compared with Weatherzone's published mean rainfall (at Sunshine Coast Airport) of 1498mm, the year proved to be reasonably wet. However, it was not the wettest year the community has experienced. For those interested in statistics, we had a total of 133 rain days, the wettest day being Saturday 15 December with a downpour of 78mm. Statistics also show that our district's wettest month is February and 2018's 409mm fell into line with this. Usually, the driest month is September, but this year August proved to be our driest month with only 15mm.

What to do when involved in a traffic accident

Resident Dave Dunwoody was kind enough to send us the following suggested steps to take if you are involved in an accident.

1. Stop your car immediately and assist the injured. Clear any obstructions from the road if possible to allow traffic flow.
2. Exchange details with the other vehicle driver including name, address, licence number, rego, and insurance number. If they refuse to give you their details, get their rego number and notify police. Also, get details of any other people involved who may have sustained property damage or been a witness to the accident. If possible, use your phone to take photographs of the accident.
3. Notify your insurance company and police immediately or as soon as possible. If there are serious injuries, contact emergency services immediately.
4. Never admit fault.

These are the very basic things you must do. Keep a calm head even if the other person is angry and threatening. If you are being bullied, you may forget what to do and this will make your claim difficult. For more in-depth procedures, your car insurance policy should have a detailed process, or contact your insurance company if it is not on your policy.

Cycling Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some residents are concerned about cyclists in our area, with an emphasis on visibility. When cycling, it is important to always wear clothing that is easily seen. Black clothes and helmets reduce visibility, especially in times of low-light such as dawn, when many cyclists are on the streets. We also ask that cyclists have lights on their bikes even after sunrise, as it can be difficult to see in shady areas along Ocean

Drive, particularly with the sun shining in drivers' eyes in the early morning. However, the lights should be safe on the roads and not too bright or flashing that they distract drivers. We thank those who ride bikes responsibly in our suburb.

Stockland Lodges Development Application

Stockland lodged its Development Application (DA) for Twin Waters West with Council on 19 December.

The DA provides very detailed information about their proposed plans for TWW. Council must now review the information and seek any further information they require from Stockland before the DA is put out for further public consultation and comment. There is a lot of information to be reviewed. Stockland has acquired the remaining sites down to the river and the Baptist church site at the northern end, making the total site area approximately 104 hectares.

Ultimately, Stockland is proposing a maximum of 530 residential sites and 364 multiple dwelling units (apartments) which would make the final development around three-quarters the size of the existing Twin Waters. Initial construction (subject to final approvals) would involve Stages 1 and 2 located at the northern end, adjacent to Ocean Drive and David Low Way and would include 172 low density residential sites. It will also include the first multiple density (apartment) site, a large recreation area and a Community Hub precinct, which will include provision for the original Baptist church community centre. Minimum lot sizes are proposed at 400m², with no more than 15% of the total low-density residential lots smaller than 500m². Maximum building heights proposed are 8.5m for residential properties (2 storeys) and 12m for apartments (3 storeys). The main collector road is centrally located and only local resident access roads are proposed adjacent to existing Twin Waters properties and the buffer zones.

A large new roundabout at the intersection of Ocean Drive and David Low Way will also include the main access to the principal collector road within the development. The complete DA is on the Council's web site and can be viewed at

https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Home/ApplicationDetailsView?appNo=MCU18%2F0350&type=plan_scc_dev_elpment_apps. The best overview document is titled: "Proposed Twin Waters Plan of Development" which is Appendix C on the website.

The TWRA has commenced its own review of the DA. As residents are aware, a set of Conditions Precedent was negotiated with Stockland and Council following Stockland's approach to TWRA in 2015 (and following the failed Stockland development proposal from 2008, which TWRA opposed and which was finally rejected by the Planning & Environment Court in 2013). We are in the process of reviewing the current DA comparing with the CPs which are intended to ensure that any development is "equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters". At this stage, this is still a "work-in-progress" and we have not yet drawn any conclusions. We will keep our members and the community informed of progress. We will also keep you updated with any information we receive about the progress and timing of the DA through Council.

New Gym Opening at Novotel

Set in the picturesque bushland surroundings of the Novotel Resort lies an amazing training facility that has just reopened. The Base Gym has been designed to cater for the local demographic who enjoy an active outdoor lifestyle. The exciting news is the gym is offering specific classes for over 50s (called 'Fit from 50') which will be held on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30am. Of just as much value to the community is the 'Mums/Dads with Bubs' class which is being held on Mon-Wed-Fri at 9:30am. This presents an awesome opportunity for local residents to come together in an inclusive environment and work towards shared goals.

The Base Gym is excited to introduce a new trainer who has just become a local himself. Dave has just transitioned from the Army where he served for 23 years (15 years as a Physical Training Instructor). He brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience working with a diverse audience, ensuring the level of training is commensurate to the group. Dave is extremely approachable and looks forward to speaking with you about your personal goals and situation. The Base Gym is co-located with Xperiences HQ which will also be offering events and networking opportunities such as movie nights and social functions. For further information please check out www.thebasegym.com.au.

To contact Dave, call 0490 074 242.



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