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TWRA General Meeting

14th June 7.30 pm Novotel

Guest speakers: Dr Johan Gustafson from Griffith University and Raeleen Draper from the Council will talk about the findings of fieldwork done in TW in recent times.

July Calendar

TWRA Christmas in July Buffet Lunch

Sunday 25th July

Twin Waters Golf Club Buffet Dinner

Saturday 10th July

(For more information read on)

President's Report

I have often said we live in a great community and this month there are a few highlights that confirm it.

The real estate market has recently been "active" and we have seen a number of sales. In many cases, this means we welcome new people to the area to share the enjoyment of our community positioned around the lake, by the golf course and with a high standard in our public areas. I'd like to welcome our new arrivals and suggest the article about the Twin Waters Residents Association and what we do will help give an understanding of our wonderful community! In this issue, there is also an update on real estate and with the increase in the median price it seems our investment in housing is strong and should continue to increase. Wonderful news for all homeowners right here!

Twin Waters has many community minded people who are active and responsible for the on-going benefits we all enjoy. We'd love to meet our new arrivals and this issue mentions some of the social activities that will be happening in the near future. At our future social functions or at our bi-monthly meetings, don't be shy; we will be delighted to welcome one and all.

Until next month,

Tony

AGM part of August Meeting

In line with the Constitution of TWRA, the Annual General Meeting will form part of the general meeting on Monday 9th August 2021.

Nominations for all positions close on Wednesday 14th July 2021 and all nomination forms, available from the Secretary, require the nominated person, the proposer and seconder to be financial members at the time of nomination and when the nominations close.



Christmas in July

We are spoilt for choice here!

We have two venues right here in Twin Waters offering a sumptuous feast in the traditional style!

If lunch suits you (so you can sleep it off in the afternoon!), TWRA takes over Lily's on the Lagoon at the Novotel where we enjoy a full buffet of Christmas delights with a complimentary drink on arrival on Sunday 25th July.

The cost is \$60 per person and expressions of interest are required ASAP in order to confirm the event.

Call Malcolm & Cynthia Smith on 07 54489 164 or 0407 130 657 or Email: malcyn@bigpond.com

A Gala Dinner also will be held at Twin Waters Golf Club on the Saturday 10th July. Mulled wine will be served on arrival and a two-course dinner with entertainment at \$55 per adult and \$20 for children.

Call the Twin waters Golf Club on 07 5457 2405 or Email: golf@twgolf.com.au to book.

Later this Year...

- TWRA Birthday in The Park on 31st October in Warwick Daniels Lakeview Park. Would you like to be involved as a volunteer or by providing plants for a stall? Contact Joshua Dekker or John Blackmore at LJ Hooker: 0427661261

- TWRA Golf Day Sunday 19th September at Twin Waters Golf Club. More information about registration will be available closer to the date.

- TWRA Christmas Carols and Fireworks at the Novotel on the Sunday 12th December. Bring the family along!



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Twin Waters Residents Association “What It Does”

The TWRA is, and has been, central to making this community one of the best places to live on the Sunshine Coast. Next year, it will be 25 years since a very small group of new residents met in a garage in Twin Waters Drive and resolved to establish a residents' association. Now the TWRA has more than 500 families as financial members. Those of us who have been involved over the years with the TWRA, always as volunteers, can be very proud of what has been achieved by and through the TWRA. As we approach our 25th year, it is worth reflecting on the contributions of the TWRA.

There have been some very big issues where community input, via the TWRA, has been decisive in the shaping of our community today. There are two standout issues - the development and implementation of our unique landscape maintenance arrangements and the determination of the future of the land to the west of us, which was known as the Canelands, now Twin Waters West.

Our landscape maintenance arrangements were developed between 2001 and 2005 to establish the principles for the higher standards of public landscape infrastructure maintenance existing today. Back then, there were no precedents and the TWRA engaged with Council to develop a model that has since been used as a blueprint for other master-planned communities across the Sunshine Coast.

The second issue was the future of the Canelands. Lend Lease initially declared their intention to replicate the Twin Waters development on that site but later sold their interests to Stockland. In 2008, Stockland proposed a “first home buyer” style development that was the antithesis of Twin Waters and would have been detrimental to the character and amenity of our community, let alone our property values. The TWRA was instrumental in opposing the development and, ultimately, was successful in 2013. Since then, Stockland has engaged and the current proposal is closer to a standard, which would be “equal to

or better than the existing Twin Waters”. That story is still unfolding. More information about both of these significant issues can be found on our web site at www.twra.net.

The TWRA's communications platform is another of our central contributions. This Newsletter, which has evolved over the years from a single A4 page, is produced monthly and is delivered to every residence in Twin Waters. There is our web site, www.twra.net, where you can find historical and current information about our community and we have a FaceBook and Instagram presence as well. Regular TWRA Emails to members communicate important information and we receive feedback and comments via info@twra.net.

Then there are the social and sporting activities. The annual TWRA Christmas Carols & Fireworks event at the Novotel is a community highlight in December, in October there is the Birthday Party in the Park, we have Christmas in July as well as other social events such as the TWRA Cocktail Party last month (which sold out within days). Sporting events arranged by the TWRA include the annual Golf Day at Twin Waters Golf Club plus occasional bowls events. We also sponsor the Clean-up Twin Waters event in March. Of course, we also have our bi-monthly General Meetings where members and residents are encouraged to attend and express their views or listen to guest speakers.

Our elected State and Local Government representatives are strong supporters of TWRA and regularly attend our General Meetings and events.

It is significant that everything done by the TWRA is undertaken by volunteers who are committed to making our community a great one. We have generous support from local businesses and the Council and we are always grateful for this support. There are always opportunities for members to contribute by filling roles on the Management Committee or on the various sub-committees and teams that manage or organise our activities. Importantly, as we approach our AGM in August, we encourage members, especially newcomers, who have an interest in contributing to the community to step forward and volunteer to help us. It's a great way to meet locals, feel connected to your community and make a difference. We are all presently enjoying the benefits the TWRA has brought to Twin Waters so join us to ensure the future of our fabulous community!

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Twin Waters Real Estate is Strong!

It's the current BBQ stopper conversation - the subject du jour! What's happening in our Twin Waters real estate market? Everyone knows someone who has sold recently "for a good price"! If you look at sites like realestate.com, houses for sale in Twin Waters are not being shown with list prices but with terms such as "make an offer" or "expressions of interest invited". Open houses are well attended and there are often sales made within days. These are all signs of a strong market. While we might think that the new runway at SCA has helped us, the truth more likely lies in wider economic factors - the post-COVID strong economy and population shifts from the big cities to regional locations, especially from Sydney and Melbourne to Queensland. The wise and lucky ones have chosen the Sunshine Coast and Twin Waters in particular. Welcome to all our newcomers!

Recently, My Weekly Preview published a supplement containing real estate data for the Coast, including Twin Waters. The data, collected and published by CoreLogic, showed that at the end of 2020, the median price of homes sold in Twin Waters reached \$938,200 - an increase of 18% over the comparable figure for the previous year. For apartments in Twin Waters, the median price was \$689,800, a 9% increase for the year. The latest data, published in The Courier Mail on 8th May, showed that the median price for houses in Twin Waters as of March 2021 has now topped \$1m. There are only a handful of suburbs in Queensland with median prices above \$1 million (actual figure for TW was \$1,007,607) so this is a milestone for us. The median price for apartments was \$721,460. If you would like to discuss your situation in more detail, there are several real estate agents active in our area, including the six leading agents who advertise in our Newsletter. We are confident any or all of them would be happy to talk to you!

Sunshine Coast Mass Transit Project

The Sunshine Coast Council is planning for the future by considering proposals to improve public transport.

The public consultation period has already commenced for the Sunshine Coast's Mass Transit project. Consultation is open until 22 June 2021.

To have your say, go online using the link below or attend the Community Engagement Event on 7 June at Sunshine Plaza 10.00 am - 12.00 pm (other dates and locations are available, please check the website).

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/>



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**WE DON'T JUST HAVE TWIN WATERS BUYERS,
WE HAVE SUNSHINE COAST BUYERS**



Fun and Fitness at North Shore Community Centre

Hi, I'm Amy Smith and I love teaching DANCE FITNESS classes. I love that every class feels like fun and is social and for anyone. I teach both Zumba Fitness - a medium to high intensity, Latin inspired, dance fitness class also incorporating world rhythms, and Zumba Gold - a slower, lower intensity and lower impact version of Zumba.

I am a Licensed Zumba® Instructor and am part of ZIN (Zumba® Instructor Network).

The additional program I've added to my schedule is a dance-based, stretch class with mindfulness called VeraFlow. I love teaching this program! With choreographed routines to beautiful music, we dance and stretch standing before later moving to our mats and completing the class with a session of mindfulness. It is so good for the body as it improves balance, strength and fitness, increases flexibility, improving circulation and cardiovascular health, releasing muscle tension and improving your general well-being. I find it a perfect compliment to the high intensity cardio of Zumba classes.

I feel I am lucky to really enjoy what I do and to be able to share it with amazing people. Hope you can join us too!

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ZaFlowDance>

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New Businesses in Twin Waters

We receive many requests for advertising in our Newsletter. All places in our Services & Advertising Directory for this calendar year are taken. We are keen to assist new businesses to get started, but we can only provide a very brief listing for them. This month, the following businesses have contacted us for start-up advertising:

- **NUSEAL** - transform your driveway, pathways, pool surrounds, fences or decks with Nuseal pressure washing, sealing and preserving. Phone Wayne on 0431 177 881
- **Sunshine Coast Solar & Battery** - reliable information and installations of solar & battery solutions for domestic & commercial customers. Phone Shane on 0417 536 831



The SUNSHINE COAST CONCERT BAND presents:
MUSICAL JOY IN JUNE on Saturday
5th June at 2.30pm in the Kawana
Community Hall Nanyima St
BUDDINA. Tickets \$20.
Pre-booking essential
PH 5375 6090.

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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Police 24hr Assist - 13 14 44

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Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

SES Emergency 13 25 00

Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.



4net IT Support

4net IT Support is our own, long-established IT services business located right here in Twin Waters. Operated by Barry McMenemy, 4net IT Support provides IT help for home users and small businesses. 4net's business motto sums it up:

"Helping you Make the Most of your Tech".

Barry and his wife, Stefi, were among the earliest residents in Twin Waters when they moved here in January 1999 after building the first home on the west side of the Lake View Drive bridge. From running computer training classes in the early 90's, Barry has grown with this ever-changing industry and maintains an up-to-date knowledge of how IT today can support both home users and small businesses.

His IT business, 4net IT Support, was established in 1999. Barry completed two computing diplomas at TAFE and then taught there for 3 years as his own business became established. He travelled regularly to the US for industry training and conferences and is an expert in Windows based systems for home and business. He is a Microsoft Certified Professional. He has been joined in the last two years by Tom who has the training and experience to help a home user fix their computer, or a business owner manage their company security, data management or email systems.

For the home, 4net IT Support can assist clients in many areas – setting up a new computer to make it as easy, reliable, and as secure as possible. If required, they will configure your printer and internet connection and transfer your old computer data across to your new system. Backing up your computer these days is so easy and inexpensive, it can be frustrating when so many people lose precious memories or important records due to a dead hard drive, malware, or a failed update. If you have your computer serviced every 12 to 18 months and ensure it is dust-free with clean airflow a computer even 6 or 7 years old should run well. Unless you are running out of hard-drive space (which can normally easily be upgraded), most recent devices have more than enough power to pretty much do everything we might need from them. Barry's whole philosophy for home users is simplicity and reliability.

When asked about his Top Tips, Barry has some sage advice: Be careful what you click on! Especially on attachments or links in emails, or possibly unexpected pop-ups on your display. Make sure you read the screen carefully and do not click on something you are not sure about. If a new window or email asks you for personal information and you don't fully understand it, just cancel or deny it – very little inconvenience comes from simply denying even a legitimate request. Do not ever give access to your computer to someone who has cold-called you – no genuine company will ever call you to tell you that your computer has a virus. A quick call to Barry or someone else you trust will save a lot of stress and possible financial loss.

Currently it is becoming easier for local businesses to take full advantage of backup and collaboration technologies originally developed for Enterprise. Apart from home users and retirees, their clients include large Builders, Law Firms, Dentists, Tradespeople, Financial Consultants, and Graphic designers. They've helped these businesses and many more implement technology that makes their businesses more efficient, reliable and technologically competitive in the modern environment. The variety of customers and years of experience have meant they can exceed the needs of a diverse clientele.

For us here in Twin Waters, 4net IT Support can help us with our real-world day-to-day IT challenges and help us take advantage of some of these significant strides forward. Whether you're a retiree or home user needing assistance, or a business looking to take advantage of powerful new tech, Barry McMenemy can help. There is no callout fee for us in Twin Waters.

Call Barry to help you "Make the Most of your Tech" on 0419 327 773 or email helpdesk@4net.com.au.