



TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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9th August 7.30pm Novotel

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**Monday 16th August 8 -10am
(more info inside)**

September Calendar

**Twin Waters Golf Day Sunday
19th September**

President's Report

We have printed articles in recent newsletters regarding the history of and the role of Twin Waters Residents' Association. In brief the Association exists to ensure Twin Waters remains a great place to live. TWRA organises social gatherings, functions and activities for the community and we work where possible with Council to make sure all is fair and square. We have a good and professional relationship with our Councillor Jason O'Pray and our State MP Fiona Simpson

It's made possible because of the many volunteers who are on the Management Committee, or take a special leadership role for activities like Christmas Carols or Birthday Party in the Park. The event leaders have fantastic support from teams of people working with them.

One such special volunteer has been Kerryn Vincart who has been our honorary Treasurer for the past couple of years. This year there is a formal motion at the Annual General Meeting to nominate Kerryn to join the group of Life Members of TWRA. Kerryn has given us many hours to count our income, pay our bills and manage our finances, as one would expect. But she has also provided information to our Auditor on time, prepared the statutory reports and provided monthly reports to the Management Committee and TWRA general meeting. She served as President at a difficult time, and has worked on various committees to make events like Christmas Carols and Birthday Party in the Park a great success. Kerryn was instrumental in steering us to a more streamlined accounting system which also allowed members to pay on line. So I would ask all to approve her nomination to Life Membership!

The switch to electronic payments has been clearly successful. TWRA has over 500 members and this year there are only a handful of renewals still to be paid.

In previous years around the start of August the outstanding renewal payments would still be around 200. The simplified process and acceptance of online payments ensures TWRA efficiency and professionalism is a benefit to all.

Until next month,

Tony

TWRA AGM

The TWRA Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 9th August at 7.30 pm at Novotel. This will include appointment of office bearers for the coming year. Nominations closed on 14th July and we are pleased to advise that there have been a record number of nominations for the Committee. Nominations received are: President – Tony Freeman; Secretary – Sophie Lever; Treasurer – Bruce Pratten; Committee – Geoff Billard, Rob Ruskin, Kevin Lyons, Max Mills, Dave Dunwoody, Dan Seeney, David Hughes, Emilia White, Mark Hamlyn, Derek Brown, Christine Bormann, Merran Dobson, Geoff Baker and Sherril France. We are very pleased that new people have volunteered to assist with keeping the TWRA active and relevant in our vibrant community.

Kerryn Vincart has stepped down as Treasurer and we thank her for her outstanding service to the community over many years. Margaret Hamlyn has also stepped down from the Committee but will continue as co-ordinator for this year's Carols & Fireworks event. We also thank Margaret for her service to our community.

TWRA Golf Day

The popular TWRA Golf Day is scheduled for 19th September. More details will be provided by TWRA email to members and in the next Newsletter.



Sunrise ~ Sunset

Our winters are glorious!

Here are two photos taken recently from the footbridge near View Point. Wonderful!

Twin Waters History ~ Lendlease

Twin Waters was developed by Lendlease Corporation. Most will agree that they did an excellent job, especially when Twin Waters is compared with almost all other contemporary residential developments on the Sunshine Coast.



During their development period, from 1996 to 2005, their onsite development managers were generally very engaged and committed to a great community outcome. In the early years, a land buyer would be invited to a “get to know you” event that they held about every three months so that new buyers could meet other new buyers. Lendlease supported the TWRA via sponsorship of events like the Carols but we did have some “run-ins” with them! They were still developers, after all!

An accumulation of grievances over the plans for development of the area on the other side of the Tamarind and Blue Water Court waterways in 2002, led to the famous “Bulldozer Bob” incident, when a Blue Water Court resident chained himself to a bulldozer and called Channel 7!

The upshot was a negotiation to resolve several grievances that actually took place down at North Lakes with a party representing residents and Lendlease executives from Brisbane. Perhaps the most significant part of the negotiated “settlement” was that Lendlease agreed to revise plans for the Viewpoint site from six level apartments (similar to Magnolia Lane) to a mix of two and three storey apartments and town houses and the whole development on that site was also moved a minimum of 30 metres further away from the waterway. One other aspect worth commenting on was their focus on making sure that the landscaping looked at its best for the weekend sales push. The roundabouts along Ocean Drive were planted with golden privet hedges that look amazing but were quite high maintenance. The parklands, e.g. along Twin Waters Drive, were irrigated to make sure they were always green and kept freshly mown.

Lendlease's attention to the public landscaping is one of our unique features and how this has been maintained is another story from our history, but for another day!

Birthday in the Park 25th Anniversary

In just 3 months' time the Twin Waters community will gather together and celebrate the Twin Waters 25th Birthday at Party in The Park 2021! Going even bigger and better this year to celebrate in style, John and Josh at LJ Hooker Twin Waters have been busy coordinating for this milestone year.

This free, family-friendly event will be hosting live music from an acclaimed musician, a live performance from an elite dance troupe, along with the usual free entertainment, such as a bouncy castle, farm animal petting zoo, pony rides, face painting, kayaking on the lake and the exciting addition of a gel blasting target range from Xperience, the local adrenaline adventure company. There will be the usual stalls selling an array of plants including succulents, natives and exotics, along with plenty of yummy treats at the cake stall for those with a sweet tooth. The Cock & Hen are providing their irresistible, barista made coffee along with some light refreshments and we have the ever-popular sausage sizzle to keep you going throughout the day. With a huge raffle and other prizes on offer, this is going to be an amazing event where everyone is welcome.

So, get it in your diary for Sunday 31st October from 12 pm – 3 pm, bring a blanket and esky, and have a fun filled afternoon with friends, family, and neighbours. We can't wait to see you all there!

Afternoon Tea for New Members

On 28th June, the TWRA held its first event to welcome new members at an Afternoon Tea at the Twin Waters Golf Club. Around 30 new members attended and heard from President Tony Freeman about the role TWRA plays in our community. As many of the attendees were new residents, it was also an opportunity for them to meet others who have recently moved here and to make some new friends. All agreed that it was a friendly and worthwhile event and, following its success, we plan to do it again in the near future. The Golf Club did an excellent job in hosting the event for us. Thank you to everyone who participated, including some members of the TWRA Committee - Sophie, Rob, Kevin and Geoff.

Infrastructure Update

The upgrade to the roundabout at Ocean Drive and Baywater Drive has been completed. The refurbishment of the pathway along Ocean Drive alongside the golf course is still a “work-in-progress” but recent communications with Council indicate that some action should commence soon. Council is now planning a realignment of the footpath and is aiming to have a contractor commence the work in mid-late August. Some land is still required to be purchased from the Golf Club but these arrangements can be finalised concurrently. We will keep you posted.

Census is Coming!

Census night is on Tuesday 10th August 2021. Australia conducts a Census every five years. Participation is compulsory for everyone and it covers every person who is in your home on Census night. In early August, the government will send you instructions on how to take part. This year you can complete your Census as soon as you receive your instructions, if you know who will be home on Census night. This is different to past years when you had to fill in your form on Census night.



The latest SCA Community Airport Forum meeting was held on 8th July via a virtual format.

The airport is concentrating on achieving more domestic services at more convenient times to current destinations. The recent announcement from Virgin that they will be doubling the number of services to the Sunshine Coast is an example of this.

Air New Zealand is planning to offer year-round services to the Sunshine Coast. The twice-weekly service will add an additional 14,000 seats per year and deliver an \$8m boost to the region. Two additional temporary structures will be built at the airport to provide extra space for health screening and police checks. The SCA will also embark on a 24-36 month terminal upgrade project. Improvements will include passenger-screening facilities, baggage claim upgrade and extensive landscaping.



Mother of Herbs (Plectranthus amboinicus)

Turkey Deterrent?

Here in Queensland many of us can relate to the problem of brush turkeys digging up garden beds.

A few years ago this newsletter ran an article from our local WILVOS giving us suggestions as to how we can learn to live with these native species.

But a new great solution may be at hand! By planting Mother of Herbs (Plectranthus amboinicus) throughout her garden beds, an ABC Gardening Australia viewer finds that the turkeys leave her garden alone and it seems to be because they don't like the scent. Mother of Herbs is also known as Four Seasons Herbs or Cuban Oregano or Five Spice. In fact it has about 19 different common names!

Residents at Magnolia Lane Apartments are at present trialling this natural deterrent so we might all study the evidence once the data is in! If you are interested, check your local nursery for availability of this plant.



BushCare Community

Twin Waters Dune Protection Group

Enjoy the outdoors, with the company of others while caring for your local bushland reserve.

This group have been stabilising the dunes with revegetation as well as working on the hind dunes, targeting environmental weeds while providing habitat for green and loggerhead turtles.

Provided: Morning tea, equipment, gloves and guidance.

Please Bring: Enclosed footwear, long sleeve shirt and pants, hat, sunscreen, water bottle.

Date: 16th August and every 3rd Monday of the month at 8.00 – 10.00 am.

Meet at the car park at Beach Access 131, North Shore Road, Twin Waters.



Bike Safety

It is pleasing to see many residents taking the opportunity to use our paths and roads to enjoy some exercise on bikes and safety is a paramount issue for everyone.

Twin Waters resident, Ross, thoughtfully sent through useful reminders for us all. Thank you, Ross!

- Always wear an Australian Standard approved helmet.
- Your bike must have at least one working brake and a warning device such as a bell.
- Only ride on paths where a sign permits bicycle riders.
- Always ride on the left and give way to all pedestrians.
- Use a hand signal by extending your right arm out when turning right.
- All road rules apply - including the use of mobile phones.

Other riding tips include:

- Ride slowly past pedestrians. Ring your bell but be aware that they may not hear you if listening to a device.
- Beware of an opening door from parked vehicles.
- Keep to the left hand side of the road at all times and do not cut corners. Vehicles and other riders may come from behind you.
- Improve your visibility to others - have a front white light and rear red light.

Information source: Qld Government Bicycle Road Rules and Safety

Vale - Michael Rolfe

Long-time resident, Michael Rolfe, passed away recently. In a touching tribute, his wife, Marcia, wrote about their life together and their move to Twin Waters over 20 years ago where they "lived happily ever after".

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TWRA Membership

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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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Hi, I am Melissa Madigan, your experienced Travel Advisor and Virtuoso affiliated member. I am immensely proud to work with the Travel Associates brand. I am based locally and have been working in this wonderful industry for over 24 years. Being a valued and respected advisor of Travel Associates, with its rich history as a boutique travel agency, that has a focus on uncompromising customer service, for creating personalized travel experiences, has been built on the person-to-person connection, all aspects that I love to offer my clients every time we work together. Being an invited member of the Virtuoso global network allows me access to special additional services, and complimentary benefits that are only available when booking with a Virtuoso advisor, another great benefit for my clients. I know many of you could be wondering 'what is happening next' in travel? I would like to share a few ideas with you....

Plan Ahead

With pent-up demand for domestic travel, the secret is planning. After numerous lockdowns, we are all longing for a holiday to escape and in some ways to recover and reset. If you are thinking about Christmas, Easter, (or anything in between), as well as anytime in 2022 or beyond.

Planning all begins with a little inspiration - something I can happily assist with.

Flexible Booking Policies

We are still living in an environment where things can change very quickly, so it is important to check for flexible booking conditions. When I am booking travel for my clients, I will always look for flexible booking conditions. This way, you can travel with peace of mind. The beauty of booking with a Travel Advisor like myself is that if something does need to change, you do not need to worry, as I will take care of the change, cancellation, or postponement on your behalf.

Working with your dedicated Travel Advisor

When booking your holiday, it takes planning, research, coordination, and the consideration of all those finer details. Your holidays are an investment that have one chance to impress, so it is best to use an expert to manage your investment. From many years of experience, I have built strong industry connections and relationships which are all part of why working with a dedicated travel advisor ensures a seamless travel experience.

Now more than ever it is important to have an expert in your corner for your travel plans. The magic of travel is not only about taking the trip - it is the dreaming, planning, and anticipating it. Let your mind wander to where you will take those long-awaited getaways and allow me to work with you to make them happen.

Never stop dreaming or thinking of travel, it is just so much fun!

Call or email Melissa Madigan whenever you're ready, I am happy to meet you for a coffee or we can have a phone chat anytime - 0405 127723 or 5442 3086.
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