

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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TWRA General Meeting
14th February 7.30 pm
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President's Report

The recent warm weather in spring has seen the gardens and native trees come to life with new growth and an abundance of flowers. The flowering native bushes like the grevillea and callistemon (bottle brush) have been lush with flowers and attracting the many native birds.

During the spring Maintenance Review meeting with Council there was discussion about some garden and public space areas that needed further attention and quite a detailed list generated. I am pleased to say that the contractors (The Maintenance Company) are working through the list with some very visible improvements which has included some additional mulch where needed and some new plantings. Hopefully the work they have done will not be damaged by the activity of some scrub turkeys!

One of the areas of concern raised by Contractors was the dumping of garden waste into park and open space areas from some residential properties. These include grass clippings, tree prunings and palm fronds. As part of the public space audit reports Council will provide detail of on-going areas of concern. The only palm trees planted as part of the original development are in the roundabouts and also the Lake View Drive area from the old sales office to what were the display homes. Council tell us that other palms planted in the streetscape have been done by residents.

We can all work together to make sure we maintain the standards.

After a somewhat troubled year we are finally approaching Christmas and a big "Thank You" to Margaret and the team organising the Christmas Carols.

On behalf of the TWRA Management Committee we wish all Twin Waters residents a wonderful Christmas, Festive and holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Tony

Thanks Emilia

Emilia White has been Editor for the TWRA Newsletter this year and we offer her a big "Thank You" as she completes her term with this issue. Starting with the February issue, we welcome Mark Hamlyn as Editor.

Lions Club Donation to APEX

While our Community Carols and Fireworks night at the Novotel is not primarily a fundraiser, last year it resulted in \$4000 being donated to our local Lions Club. Presentation of the cheque was made to Lions Club President Tricia Parkinson and Secretary Carol Goldsworthy at the TWRA General Meeting earlier this year. In addition to the defibrillator installed at the Twin Waters Shops, the Lions wanted to provide something else to benefit our community. With more new families moving into Twin Waters and larger numbers of young children, they decided that the APEX Camp on Nojoor Road is a great Twin Waters facility that is worthy of support. We know they have been great friends to the TWRA - always ready to assist in helping when asked. Consequently, the Lions Club has donated a large inflatable "Bunji Run" to APEX for use in their recreational area that they aim to help them set up in time for the Christmas School Holidays. It should be quite an attraction as well as providing a safe, fun activity. Thank you Lions!



Ho Ho Ho... Merry Christmas



It's time to kick off the festive season with the annual Community Carols Event sponsored by our very own Twin Waters Residents Association.

After yet another challenging year, let's celebrate in style! Starting at 5.00 pm on Sunday 12th

December at the Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort, there will be something for everyone!

Traditional carols will be performed by the Concert Band, Sunshine Statesmen and individual performers, and this year we have some dancing numbers with the ever energetic Amy that are sure to get the little ones hopping about with Christmas joy!

The program is guaranteed to set off lots of toe tapping fun and hearty carol renditions that will get those 'feel good' endorphins going! And we all need plenty of those!

There will be a children's parade so we encourage everyone to dress up in Christmas-themed outfits, tinsel and Santa hats or reindeer antlers!

Glo sticks, sausages, coffee and more will be for sale on the night.

So come along to the Minyama Room, Sunshine Coast Convention Centre, Novotel.

Doors open at 5.00 pm with carols starting at 5.30 pm.

A gold coin donation per family will go to supporting our local North Shore Community Centre PlayConnect for children with autism spectrum disorder. After the carols, everyone is invited to enjoy the fireworks over the lagoon at the resort. They are spectacular!

History of the Nativity scene at the Twin Waters Carols

Six years ago, the Carols Committee decided to feature a Nativity Scene as part of the Community Carols and Fireworks Event. Warwick and Betty Daniels were the co-ordinators at the time. The idea came from the Baptist Church Maroochydore display each Christmas. After getting the committee to attempt some drawings, it was clear that a professional was needed. The artist, Clive Holden and his wife, were given some idea of the required look and placement of Bethlehem on a backdrop. This allowed for figures, etc. to be placed in front with the scene still clear in view. There was a slight issue of what Bethlehem would've looked like then - the first drawing had high rise buildings in it - not quite right for biblical days! The backdrop is about 5 metres wide and storage became an issue.

Val and Con Guard organised a pole around which it could be rolled and stored and Val even made a fabric bag long enough to protect it.

The idea of the figures came from residents in Watergum Place. They had large figures on display in their front yard as a local nativity scene. When asked, they gladly loaned them for the Carols provided they were picked up and replaced afterwards. However a problem arose a few years later when the house was sold and the family took the figures with them. The figures had been made in memory of a son who had passed away. SO... the Committee decided to create their own figures. Pat Hamilton did some research and found online patterns from America.

The TWRA asked Living Choice if the residents could help in producing the nativity figures. Current committee member David Hughes was convenor of the committee that oversaw the Wood Workshop activities. David also discussed the project with the Village Ladies Painting Group, of which his wife Bunty was a member, and they also became involved in the project.

The figures were traced onto plywood and with the help of another member of the Committee, John Bishop, all the figures were fabricated. There had been big hopes for a couple of camels to be included but storage would've been a problem! This was eventually solved by the generosity of the APEX facility on Nojoor Road. The ladies painting group painted all the figures and Tony Brown from Maroochy North Shore Realty agreed to pay for the cost of the materials as part of his sponsorship.

The figures are a constant attraction for children you love to view it. To keep both scene and children safe, Bob Gavin constructed the low fence around it that is clipped together every year.

So, as you can see, our Twin Waters Nativity Scene has a rich history of community behind it. Just another example of how past and current residents have left and continue to leave a legacy for the future in our wonderful Twin Waters Community!

The above history was put together by the combined efforts of Merryl Berry, Evan Flower, Clive Holden, David and Bunty Hughes and Pat Hamilton. Thank you!





2021 Christmas Lights Paddle and More

Last year, a spontaneous Christmas Lights Paddle initiated by a resident in Veerings Crescent was very popular across Twin Waters. They have decided to do it again this year on Saturday evening, 18th December from sunset. The organiser of the event has asked us to pass on their invite to residents. Anyone who fronts the Twin Waters Lake anywhere in our neighbourhood is welcome to participate. All you need to do is light up your house, garden, front deck, canoe, kayak or paddleboard and participate in a Christmas celebration around our wonderful lake. On the water, participants are invited to "push out" from their launching points around 6.15 pm (sunset will be around 6.30pm on 18th December) and proceed in a clockwise direction around the lake. If you live on the lake, invite your friends to come over for an informal party, either at your home, on your deck or at a park adjacent to the lake. The party is up to you! It looks like we are turning the corner after a couple of tough years for many people. Why not join everyone to celebrate the Christmas season in this great community. Why not also put Christmas lights around your house, regardless of whether or not you live on the lake? Let's make this a great Christmas here in Twin Waters. Needless to say, your safety on the water is your responsibility - the rules for safe boating on the lake will still apply!

Local Flora Christmas Bells

Christmas Bells (*Blandfordia grandiflora*) are aptly named because they come to our attention when flowering starts in late Spring and Early Summer and so we are coming into or it is the Festive Season. They grow in

coastal or near-coastal grassland areas where we flock to in and around Christmas. This exceptionally pretty plant likes waterlogged areas and grows in clusters mostly near the beach, but some populations grow on tablelands.

Grandiflora, is one of four species of *Blandfordia* and occurs in Queensland down to around the Hawkesbury River in NSW. The flowers are bright red with yellow tips or they can be entirely yellow.

En masse, they can be an absolutely breathtaking site. Words supplied by Fiona Robertson, Twin Waters.



Recycling Batteries and Plastic Bottle Caps

We all want to do our small part to help the environment – we live in an amazing part of the world and we want to keep it that way! Apart from putting your papers, cans and bottles (not in plastic bags please!) in the recycling bin, did you know that you can also recycle common household batteries, eg. AAA, AA, etc? FoodWorks in Twin Waters will have a special collection box where you can place old batteries that are cluttering up those drawers.

And while we're at it, did you know that your plastic milk bottle lids, etc. can be used to make colourful bricks to build park benches, bike shelters and more? Just collect, wash and sort plastic lids into colour groups and, once you have a bagful, pop along and deliver them to the Ocean Crusaders collection point at 14 Parklyn Hill Place in Maroochy River. Small actions can make a difference!



The SUNSHINE COAST CONCERT BAND presents CHRISTMAS CHEER

Sunday 5th December 2.30pm in the Kawana Community Hall, Nanyima St. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the door. Ticket includes afternoon tea. For pre booking: Ph:5375 6090

Twin Waters Golf Club Christmas Menu

Start celebrating Christmas now!

The following menu is available for lunch at our local Golf Club from the 1st December to the 24th December for any size group.

Entrée (3 Options)

- Golden Camembert & Cranberry Sauce
- Christmas Bruschetta with Tomato, Avocado & Herbs (v)
- Prawn Cocktail with Seafood Sauce & Lemon (gf)

Mains (3 Options)

- Turkey & Ham with all the Trimmings! (gf available)
- Herb Crusted Salmon Fillet with Seasonal Greens & Lemon Butter Sauce
- Spinach and Pumpkin Salad with Greens (v, gf)

Desserts (3 Options)

- Sticky Toffee Pudding with Ice Cream
- Christmas Pavlova with Mixed Berries (gf)
- Rocky Road Slice with Ice Cream

Main Course only: \$34.00

2 Courses: \$42.00

3 courses: \$48.00

V: Vegetarian GF: Gluten Free. All dietary needs can be met!

Call Georgina and her friendly staff to find out more!

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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.



Novotel Twin Waters

The festive season is fast approaching and Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort has your celebrations sorted. From Christmas Day to New Years Eve, there's a special event suited for all to enjoy.

Christmas Day 2021

Celebrate Christmas 2021 on the Sunshine Coast with a Premium Christmas Lunch in Lily's on the Lagoon overlooking the lagoon waters at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort, the resort's exclusive adults only venue, enjoy a scrumptious 5 course menu and deluxe beverage package featuring fresh locally sourced produce.

Tickets are limited, and selling fast. Visit

novotelsunshinecoast.com.au/dining/Christmas-2021

New Years Eve

Toast goodbye to 2021 and welcome the fresh start 2022 at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort's New Years Eve celebrations! We have events scheduled all night to keep the whole family entertained, plus family fireworks at 9pm are not to be missed!

Don't miss out, New Years Eve events are exclusive for in-house guests and ticket holders only. Snap up your seat with us today.

Sola Restaurant

Seafood Buffet

6.00 - 9.00pm

Ticket price: \$110 per adult

\$85 per teenager (13-17 yrs)

\$65 per child (6-12 yrs)

\$40 per child (2-5 yrs)

0-2 yrs free

Visit:

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Ticket availability subject to change.

