

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Newsletter - February 2022**

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**General Meeting**

**7.30 pm 14 February**

**Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort**

## March Date Claimer

**Clean-up Sunday, 6th March**

## President's Report

Happy New Year!

Our first Newsletter for 2022 and we trust it's a great year for all.

During this last year we have welcomed many new residents to the Twin Waters area and judging by the number of recent purchases there are more to come. The TWRA Committee is a group of volunteers who make sure that our community maintains high standards and is a fun place with a number of activities and social events including:

Christmas in July at Novotel

Golf Day in September

Party in the Park October

Cocktail Party at Loose Goose November

Christmas Carols in December

Of course, there will be other events as the calendar unfolds. Details will be in future Newsletters.

TWRA General Meetings are open to the public and held every second Monday, every two months. The next is Monday 14th February (at Novotel Resort) We would love to see any new residents.

The Maintenance Review Committee continues to meet regularly with Council and the Contractors to ensure high levels of service for all the public areas in Twin Waters. The TWRA Management Committee meet each month January to November to review what's happening and monitor our relationship with all the relevant authorities that play such an important role in preserving our outstanding community.

We also welcome, Mark Hamlyn as our new editor for the Newsletter. Mark's always keen to hear suggestions for stories and how best to keep everyone informed.

Until next month

Cheers

**Tony**



## Kindy Needs Help!

Mudjimba Community Kindergarten is calling for volunteers for its all-important committee that keeps this vital support for our young families going.

Part of our community for 30 years, the Kindy also wants general volunteers to help out. You don't have to be a parent. Check out the Kindy's great atmosphere at:

[www.mudjimbakindy.com.au](http://www.mudjimbakindy.com.au)

Call Jenni, the kindergarten's office manager on 54 487 366 during business hours.

Or contact via email:

[admin@mudjimbakindy.com.au](mailto:admin@mudjimbakindy.com.au)

## Our 2022 Services & Advertising Directory

This year, we have six new advertisers - Twin Waters Medical Centre, Twin Waters Golf Club, Sunshine Coast Solar & Battery, NuSeal, Florentina's Trattoria and The LawnFeed Company.

Our advertisers, both new and existing make this Newsletter possible.

Why not check them out?

The 'happy band' from last year's Clean-up – fuelling up at the breakfast that kicks off two hours of community fun to keep Twin Waters looking great. 8.00 am start. Baywater Drive. Bags provided.

## Life on the Lake...



Either on-the-water, or viewed at esky height from shore, or front deck, the 'Paddle's' second year was a great success earning a permanent spot on the holiday calendar.

Life on the lake is a new section devoted to the lifestyle, history and issues of the amazing lake that is a defining feature of Twin Waters.... and heads our Christmas Review...



December 18's, 'Paddle on the Lake' saw residents take to their watery backyard in the lead-up to a very 'Sunny Coast' Christmas.



### The TWRA's Annual Xmas Carols and Fireworks helps autistic kids

Carols and Fireworks held on 12 December will donate \$1,000 to North Shore Community Centre's, Play Connect Group – supporting children up to 6 years affected with Autism Disorder or development delays.

Below right, Amy Smith from Zafrow dance studio a new feature of this year's Carols that had the audience up on their toes.

Staged at the Novotel Resort Convention Centre and backed by the voluntary community group, the Sunshine Concert Band and the Sunshine Statesmen Barbershop Chorus, the Carols are a regular feature of Twin Waters Christmas. Comperes were Maroochy Member, Fiona Simpson and Twin Waters Sunshine Coast Councillor, Jason O'Pray. Plus the essential Sausage Sizzle from Maroochy Lions.



Special thanks to Margaret Hamlyn and the Committee for a smooth-running event.

Left side: Margaret Hamlyn, Ruth Geitz, Lyn Jones, Jenny Masche,  
Right side: Merryl Berry, Emilia White, Rob Ruskin.



# News and Issues...



## Footpath Dramas ~ An emergency email to TWRA President, Tony Freeman...

*"We have just had a serious situation. One of the carers was pushing her client along and the wheel (chair) went into the expansion joint. Someone had removed the timber insert because it was disintegrating. The client came out and landed on the concrete walkway. It took 5 of us to get the lady back in her chair. We don't know who to contact"*

Full marks to the Sunshine Council. Within an hour they acknowledged TWRA President Tony's follow-up message and fixed the footpath the next day.

The original timber inserts looked great in their day more than 20 years ago, but have been gradually falling apart ever since. Cheap patch up jobs only made things worse, creating a recurring issue for the TWRA Committee. Good news is Sunshine Council has now allocated \$500,000 over the next 5 years to fix the problem. TWRA is attending a site meeting with Council in February to further explore the best replacement approach. More news in next month's Newsletter.

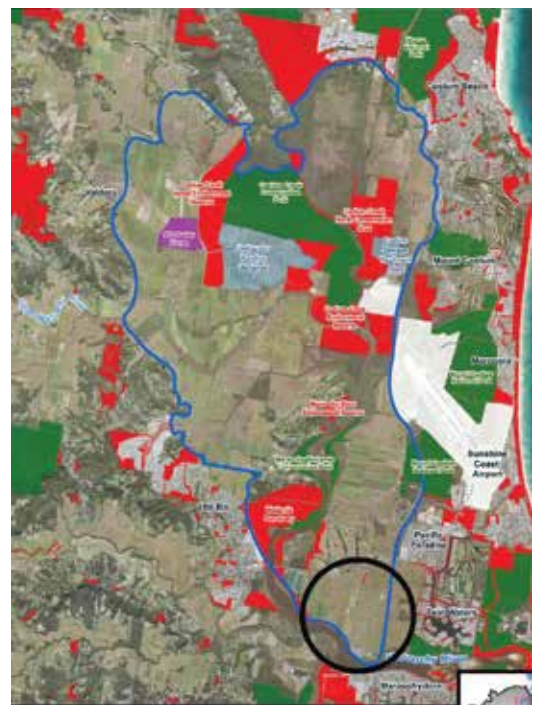
## Sunshine Coast Council buys 97 hectares for sports facilities Part of Blue Heart...

The Blue Heart is more than 5000 hectares on a natural floodplain in the Maroochy River catchment. It also comprises Council's Coolum Creek Environment Reserve network, the Queensland Government's Coolum Creek Conservation Park, and Unity Water's Yandina Creek Wetland. (See map on right.

The Blue Line in the shape of a heart shows the complete Blue Heart area. The Black Circle at the bottom shows the location of the 97 hectares recently purchased.) Located at Godfreys Avenue, Bli Bli just North of the Maroochy River.

In addition to future sporting facilities, Division 9 Councillor Maria Suarez said the open spaces would help mitigate climate change, as well as manage flood waters in extreme weather events – a key objective of Blue Heart.

To find out more visit council's website:  
<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/blueheart>



## Twin Waters West Appeal Case..Update

The Sunshine Coast Council has asked for a Court Hearing in early February. They seek a ruling by the presiding judge about their request lodged in December to file an amended Statement of the Particularised Grounds for Refusal. They wish to clarify a number of issues, delete some and add others. Details are posted on the Qld Planning & Environment Court website.



## December 13 TWRA General Meeting

At the start of the meeting, TWRA President, Tony Freeman presented, Graeme Shiel of Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Association – with a \$2,000 donation.

The donation came from the proceeds of the TWRA's Party in the Park celebrating Twin Waters 25th birthday in October.

Twin Waters Councillor, Jason O'Pray also matched the donation with a further \$2,000.



## 2032 Olympics & Paralympics – Closer than we think!

Member for Maroochy, Fiona Simpson stressed to the meeting that big decisions had to be made within the next 2 years – as it takes 5 to 7 years to construct major projects. Extending heavy rail transport all the way into the Maroochy CBD was also vital. Councillor Jason O'Pray agreed and added that other issues, such as properly organised bus lanes produced major improvements in traffic flow, superior to other approaches, such as light rail. (Cont Page 4)

## 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](http://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.

Lever Law  
SOLICITORS



In local news, Sophie Lever of Lever Law has announced that Maria Pallagi has joined her team as Succession Solicitor. Maria has been practicing exclusively in the area of succession law (estate planning) and estate administration and litigation for over 13 years. She has been admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland and the High Court of Australia since 2009 and commenced her legal career in 2008 for a mid-tier law firm on the Gold Coast as a trainee solicitor. Maria's experience in Wills and Estates extends to testamentary trusts for asset protection and various other trust structures, and also includes advice on complex Estate Planning, involving binding financial agreements, blended families, business structures and inter-vivos trusts where she encourages her clients to take a facilitatory approach to include their accountant and financial advisor in the process.

Maria's experience also includes advising and assisting clients with powers of attorney, advance health directives, Elder Law including assisting clients with matters before the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT), Estate Administration with deceased estates and Trust and Estate Disputes.

Maria is a member of the Queensland Law Society and Queensland Branch of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), which provides exclusive membership to a global professional association for members advising families across generations on planning their assets across generations.

**If you have any estate planning needs, be they simple or complex, please contact Maria by phone (07 5457 0500) or email at [maria.pallagi@leverlaw.com.au](mailto:maria.pallagi@leverlaw.com.au) who will be very happy to meet you and discuss your estate planning.**

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SES Emergency 13 25 00

### Block Co-ordinators

Check on [TWRA.net](http://TWRA.net) and Community  
Notice Board for contact details.



(Cont from Page 3) Jason also expressed concern for the fate of the remarkable shore birds that fly 10,000 kilometres from Siberia, China and Alaska each year to rest and recuperate at sanctuaries such as Twin Waters North Shore.

Sadly, the birds are often at risk from our beloved pooches, as they land close to a leash free dog area. Come to our next General Meeting at Novotel Resort on 14 February – and hear a special guest speaker explain what can be done.

Meanwhile, the council has a remarkable video on the Sunshine Coast Shore Birds [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViHurQjoA7w](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViHurQjoA7w) And detailed website with excellent maps for the best spots to see the birds for yourself. [www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Native-Animals/Shorebird-Protection](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Native-Animals/Shorebird-Protection)

### Weather – Last Year not as wet as you think!

Despite an emerging La Niña, the rainfall in 2021, was surprisingly similar to 2020. In short, 1901 mm over 130 rain days, compared to 1929 mm over 126 rain days in 2020. This January was quite wet with the usual big tides. But our lake and canal system are designed to cope with extreme rain events.

### A Year in the Life...

In our February issue last year we carefully expressed the hope that in the coming months, work would begin on the minor adjustment to the footpath running beside the Twin Waters Golf Club along Ocean Drive. The original footpath had edged onto golf club land. A year and much discussion and contracting later, Council plans to commence the work before the end of March. We'll let you know...