

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - July 2022

This Month

MP concern over lack of support for Maroochydhore rail link.

Free Trees from Sunshine Coast Council.

Construction boom around the Lake!

Traffic & Twin Waters West Development Proposal!

Footpath revelations – New Golf Club path almost done at last! But complications for the handicapped at Karinya Island!

Events

Annual General Meeting for TWRA will be part of the general meeting on Monday 8th August

TWRA Golf Day - 25 September at Twin Waters Golf Club

Twin Waters Party in the Park - 6 November

New Look Christmas Carols - 18 December.



Congratulations to local Twin Waters resident, Geoff Fitzpatrick, made a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

A long-standing Rotary member since 1972, Geoff was recognised for significant service to Optometry and the community. A volunteer pilot, his optometry career included senior roles with Optometry Australia and a decade of involvement with the Fred Hollows Aboriginal Medical Service.

President's Report - Time to Join Up

We have been delighted to welcome many new residents to Twin Waters in recent times and as we hit the start of the new financial year TWRA membership renewals are being processed all round. Membership numbers are growing and include over 500 Twin Waters households. But there is always room for more. For the nominal sum of only \$10 per household per year, all residents and business owners in Twin Waters are able to join TWRA. We welcome people renting as well as property owners.

Joining is easy. Just go to the website at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.



TWRA members combining a friendly Bar-B-Que with their annual Twin Waters clean-up.

We are also on the lookout for new members to join our Management Committee. We meet for an hour or two each month to discuss the needs of the Twin Waters community and plan the popular social events that help bring people together. It is a great way to meet new people and find out just what makes our community tick.

Nomination forms are available from the TWRA Secretary, at info@twra.net, but must be in by close of business, 13 July. Everything will then be confirmed at our next General Meeting at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort on the 8th of August.

The TWRA's close working relationship with the Sunshine Coast Council means we are able to effectively present complaints and frustrations when they come up. In the last year, our lobbying led to a major refurbishment plan for Twin Waters aging footpath networks. Improvements that will last for decades.

The issues can be both big and small. We recently asked Council to provide more "doggie bags" in the hope that it might encourage a percentage of dog walkers who aren't picking up! We would ask all people walking with dogs to do the right thing and dispose of dog droppings in the bins located in public areas.

Similarly we would ask the people fishing in the area to be mindful of how much space they use – and how they leave the area when finished. Residents have recently complained that old bait, scales and fishing waste has been scattered where people walk. . . . And this often includes hooks, sinkers and tackle!. Council regulations do not allow fishing from the bridges but still people do and sometimes leave a mess for others to pick up.

Let's all be conscious of our fellow residents and show some care to protect our great community.

Until next month

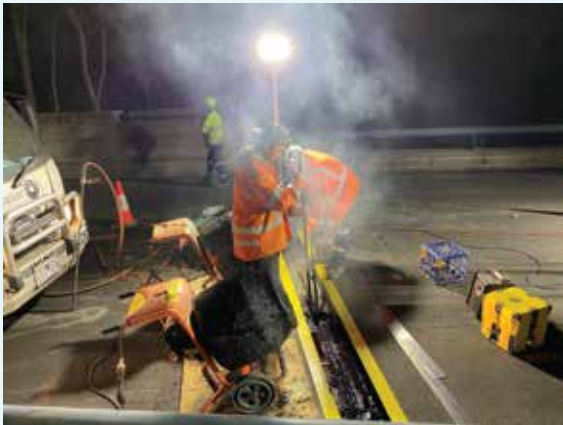
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LIFE ON THE LAKE

Construction everywhere. The last few weeks have seen a flurry of building and repair activity by Sunshine Coast Council.



Work continued on lake revetment walls. Council replaced significant sections of the wall in front of ViewPoint apartments and laid new turf at the approaches to the water.



Meanwhile, the big machinery was out in June to refurbish the bridge over Lake View Drive.

After re-surfacing, the Council scheduled night works to install expansion joints. The joints allow the newly installed road covering to expand and contract during temperature changes.

It prevents the road surface from cracking, keeping the road surface both smooth and quiet.

The Council has also responded to concerns from local fishing enthusiasts near the small park and beach near Moorings Circuit (see right) and moved the proposed spot for the artificial reef mentioned in last month's edition.

The small reef will now be located about 30 metres off Little Voyager Park. See photo right for new spot.

The small reef made up of oysters on a metal grid is part of a year-long trial to improve water quality across three Sunshine Coast Waterways: Similar reefs will be placed at Parrearra and Pelican Waters North.



Ocean Drive footpath – near completion.

After nearly 2 years of planning and negotiation, the Ocean Drive footpath replacement that encroached onto Twin Waters Golf Club land due to a surveying mistake in the 1990s is almost done.



Before and After photos below tell the story.



We first reported work was due to begin in February 2021. Ocean Drive was first item on the 5-year long TWRA footpath renewal program negotiated with Sunshine Coast Council. But was held up with legal issues. Thanks to everyone involved for their persistence. Called Plain Broom Finish, the new footpaths are designed to last with a life of between 80 to 100 years. The next footpath renewal for 2022/23 is Prestwick Drive.

NEWS AND ISSUES

The TWRA General Meeting at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort on **13 June** was again the focus for many stories over the last month affecting Twin Waters and surrounding districts. We encourage Twin Waters residents to come along to future meetings to hear what is happening and how you might be affected by changing times. Meetings are open to all, TWRA members or not – and held every second month. **Next meeting – 7.30 pm, Monday, 8 August at 7.30pm at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.**

Please note: the next **General Meeting** will also contain the **Annual General Meeting** required by the TWRA constitution. At this meeting, all office holders and the members of the **TWRA Management Committee** will be confirmed. As President, Tony Freeman noted in his report on page 1: Anyone interested in nominating should contact the TWRA Secretary at info@twra.net. Nominations close on 13 July. Nominees must be financial members of the TWRA.



Main points from the meeting

Report from State Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson.

Fiona expressed concern that the State Government has been slow to match the \$1.6 billion commitment by the previous Federal Government to extend heavy rail to the Maroochydore CBD.

There was also concern that the Sunshine Coast Council was sending mixed messages with its campaign to introduce light rail.

Funding would not be available for both. Fiona feared the Federal funds might be lost, if local commitment took too long.

Report from Division 8 Councillor, Jason O'Pray

In response, Councillor Jason O'Pray emphasized that while the Council fully supported the heavy rail extension into Maroochydore, it had long pitched Light Rail to the local community. The Sunshine Coast needed a clean and efficient integrated transport system. He noted that the Sunshine Coast Council was the fourth biggest local authority in the nation with an annual budget of more than 800 million dollars.



Free Trees

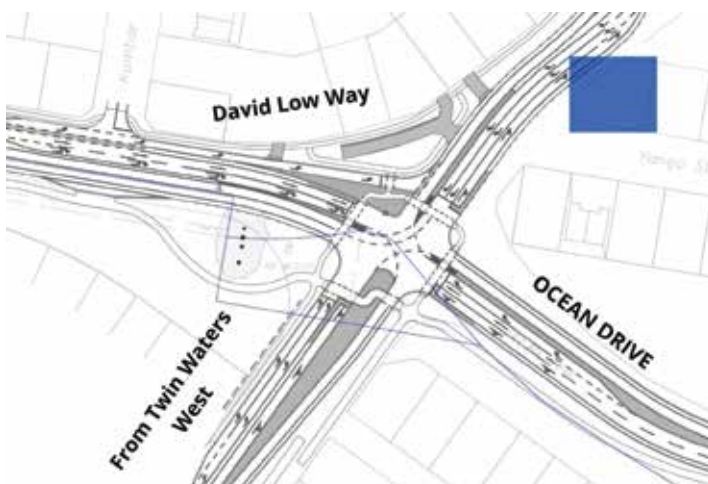
In other parts of his address, Jason reminded everyone of the Council's free tree program for those wanting to plant a tree in front of their property. Ratepayers can collect two free tube stock plants from the nursery at council's Caloundra depot located on Industrial Avenue. Further details at: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Environment/Trees-plants-and-gardens/Free-Trees

Twin Waters West Development update

TWRA Management Committee member, Geoff Billard briefed the meeting that the appeal in the Planning & Environment Court is on track to commence on 18 July. At this stage, it seems there are still 17 Issues in dispute as posted on the Court website in March. While four weeks has been set aside for the hearing, it can take up to six months for the judge to provide a decision.

One of the issues has been traffic flow. A revised traffic plan was posted with documents on the P&E Court web site - the diagram below on the LEFT. The photo on the RIGHT is the existing intersection.

The Ocean Drive and David Low Way intersection will become the main access point for Twin Waters West if the development is approved. The original plan for a roundabout was replaced by a plan for traffic lights at the direction of the State Government.





Blue Heart Project

The featured speaker at the General Meeting was Dr David Moore, Manager Environment and Sustainability Policy, Liveability and Natural Assets Group at Sunshine Coast Council. A reminder of just how environmentally engaged local government is these days. David briefed the meeting on the Blue Heart Project – a major environmental initiative covering 5,000 hectares on a natural floodplain in the Maroochy River catchment. Blue Heart deals with Flood management and also the environmental challenges facing the Sunshine Coast as it continues its transition from the cane growing agricultural district of the past, to the tourist and natural hub that must face the challenges of Climate Change and rising sea levels over the next 80 years.

For those who would like to know more: www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/blueheart.



Footpath dilemmas in Esperance Drive!

Sunshine Coast Council has agreed to residents' request to provide some form of traffic restraint in Esperance Drive at the approach to Karinya Island - following the laying of the new footpath. See photo on left. The previous footpath, which was the first job of the five-year footpath replacement program agreed with Council, required the removal of

a long-standing set of rails/bollards at each side of the street to force bike riders to halt. But Council now says the rails/bollards can't be returned as residents want because of new laws that insist spaces must be kept open to allow access for wheelchair disabled travellers. Council workers hope to come up with a solution in the next few weeks. We will keep you posted.

New Executive Committee at Maroochy North Shore Lions

The 'changing of the guard' is captured in the pic of the club's incoming executive. From left to right: Robyn Harm, Ian Derham, Greg Leonard, (President), Patricia Parkinson, Clare Reed, Jen Somerville, Vivien Collins (Secretary)



The Sunshine Coast Community Airport Forum noted the following when it met in late June. A new passenger record was set in April this year with 155,000 passengers passing through the terminal. The terminal will double over the next 3 years with construction starting early 2023. The retail and food and beverage outlets will double from 6 currently to 12. Airline lounges are also planned.

New airline, Bonza will go on sale in July/August with operations expected to commence in September 22.

House Sitting Available

As Twin Waters residents are a wandering bunch... FYI, we received the following email... Anne and Mike Radmall are available for house sitting from Nov 21st until Dec 26th 2022. Dates we have available for 2023 are from 24th Jan to April 12th and also from Oct 30th to Dec 26th.

Now that more people are travelling we are getting booked up for 2023 already. If you think we may be suitable please contact us on 0423577503.

This is a free house-sitting service. Regards Anne and Mike Radmall

Finally – A SECURITY WARNING!

Watch Your Cars..... Neighbourhood Watch Reported over June that intruders were seen checking if parked cars were locked – and going through them if they could! Two specific areas mentioned were Stillwater Drive and Webb Street. There are video recordings of cars being checked to see if they are locked and of young people believed to be teenagers roaming the streets around 1.30 and 3.30 am. Lock up. No matter how short the stay!

TWRA Membership

Everyone who lives in Twin Waters, whether an owner or a renter, is encouraged to join the TWRA.

Joining is easy. Just go to the website at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.

This opens a simple application form. Cost is \$10 per year, but that includes every member of your household.

Payable by credit card or direct deposit.

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