

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - March 2023

Important Dates 2023

Clean Up Day

Sunday 5th March 2023

Next TWRA General Meeting

Monday 3rd April 2023

7.30 pm Novotel

Sunshine Coast Resort

Winter Cocktail Party

30th April 2023

Christmas in July

Sunday 23rd July 2023

Golf Day

17th September 2023

Party in the Park

5th November 2023

3pm - 7pm, at The

TW Shopping Village,

Christmas Party

26th November

Christmas Carols

17th December

President's Report from Sophie Lever

This month, we are starting to see the landscape maintenance contractors start to catch up and settle into the maintenance schedule. Our public gardens are now 25 years old and many of us think they are starting to show their age.

Our executive committee and Landscape Maintenance Sub-Committee will be in touch with Council in the coming month to discuss refreshing the gardens over the coming years.

(More details on Maintenance on Pages 2 & 3.)

We have a new face joining the executive committee - Nathan Dadds, who has been a resident for nearly two years in Twin Waters, has put his hand up to take over the role of Treasurer starting this month. Welcome Nathan! Bruce Pratten, our current Treasurer, is stepping down after being the head of all things fiscal since 2021. It has been a pleasure to work with Bruce over the past couple of years and we wish him the best of luck with his upcoming travels. We are all very grateful for your service to the community.

On the 5th March we are holding the annual Clean Up Twin Waters Day. Our already very clean suburb will be even tidier thanks to the efforts of our volunteers. (See Right for details.) We'd love you all to join us.

We are already planning our next General Meeting, the date of which has been brought forward to the 3rd April, so as not to fall in the middle of the Easter break. We are very close to confirming a very interesting guest speaker, keep an eye on your emails for further details.

Sophie.



Clean-Up Australia Twin Waters Sunday, 5 March.

TWRA provides the BBQ breakfast and lucky prizes that gets everyone going before setting out to give Twin Waters a good clean-up.

Assemble about 8.00 am at the park off Baywater Drive near the Lake.

Gloves and bags provided.

All done by 10am.



Free Tree Day From Council

Happy Twin Waters residents at Warwick Daniels Park receiving their free trees from Sunshine Coast Council in mid-February. But those who missed out can still pick-up trees from Council depots.

The visits to individual suburbs publicise the scheme where residents can claim 2 plants every 6 months. Go to the Council's Caloundra depot in Industrial Avenue.

Take a Rates notice.

More details on: <https://www.sunshine-coast.qld.gov.au/Environment>

/Trees-plants-and-gardens/Free-Trees.

TWRA's General Meeting Pushes Maintenance Debate Closer to Solution

TWRA's bi-monthly General Meeting held on 6 February at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort and open to the public saw further discussion of the Maintenance Issues affecting local parks and gardens, as well as broader relations with the Sunshine Coast Council. Division 8 Councillor, Jason O'Pray faced pressing questions from ratepayers over the recent standards of service – and concerns that new contractors, The Plant Management Company, were using 2 not the previous 3 workers – a condition accepted by the Council when awarding the new tender. O'Pray acknowledged he could see why residents had concerns, but was confident issues could be resolved



The Story Moves to the Twin Waters Maintenance Reference Group

Councillor O'Pray then committed to attend the next meeting of the Twin Waters Maintenance Reference Group (held on 10 February) - a joint working group of the TWRA Maintenance Committee and the Sunshine Coast Council – of which, he is 'nominal Chair', but is not always able to attend. (An earlier meeting of the Reference Group is seen on the right.) At the meeting, the Council representatives noted that the Plant Management Company is still settling into the new contract but has been reacting constructively to feedback.

The breakthrough is that they have agreed to bring on additional staff where necessary to meet the required standards.

The Council noted that the work was also affected by the change of seasons, where some parts of the year are more demanding than others. In the meantime, the group made a detailed review of individual locations and concerns raised by residents to be followed up in the coming weeks.



Audit Details		
Anchorage Cct Park ID: 1520		
Auditor: Craig Connelly 0427 541 494 Audit Date: 16/02/2023 03:07 PM		
Criteria	Score	Performance Indicator
Litter	4	Is the site free from litter, waste or green waste?
Grass Length	4	Has grass been mowed to an acceptable height?
Evenness of Cut	4	Has grass been mown with a uniform finish with no missed areas?
Line Trimming	4	Edging or brush-cutting must be carried out wherever turf adjoins garden edges, pathways and/or other hard surfaces in a way to ensure turf presentation is high.
Site Blown Down	4	Clippings, vegetation and other debris shall be blown from all hard surfaces including: public amenities, paved areas, footpaths, gutters drainage waterways and roads
Garden Bed Maintenance		
Free of Weeds	4	Gardens to be free of weeds or treated with herbicide.
Comments: Site well maintained. Garden edges better defined.		



Audits of Work Done

On the right, an example of the Audit Reports that contractors submit to council confirming the detail of the work required. These are also backed up by photos taken on the day of work. The TWRA will continue to follow these closely in the coming months. Members are encouraged to keep us informed. Photos are always helpful where there are issues to discuss.



State Emergency Service Talk at General Meeting – Handy Reminders.

Guest speakers at the February General Meeting, Twin Waters residents, Wayne and Liz Clarke, both represented the local SES – which is based at Coolool on the corner of Elizabeth Street and Sunshine Drive immediately behind the Fire Station. Liz highlighted the importance of preparing for the storm season well before it arrives and strongly suggested residents read the SES's 4 step plan. Details are in the SES's "get ready guide" seen on the left.

The guide is also downloadable as a PDF at:

<https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-05/GetReadyGuide.pdf>



Liz also reminded residents that in emergencies, the SES could not go on roofs containing the ever-popular solar panels – unless they had been disconnected by an electrician.

Another reason to be prepared and have all your numbers ready.

Scooter Trial – The Device That’s Both A Blessing And A Curse!

In his talk to the General Meeting, Councillor O’Pray also highlighted the Council’s attempts to bring some control to the use of the electric scooters that some like, and others think a dangerous menace. Councillor O’Pray acknowledged the good and bad and noted that the challenge was to establish an effective framework for commercial firms to hire scooters that were often wanted by tourists, while learning how to effectively regulate behavior. Some firms like OGGY are already operating in the Maroochydore area, but the Council has put out an Expression of Interest for companies to take part in a trial.

Applications were to close on 7 March for permits valid for 18 months to operate their e-Bike and/or e-Scooter business on council-controlled land in Maroochydore/Mooloolaba.

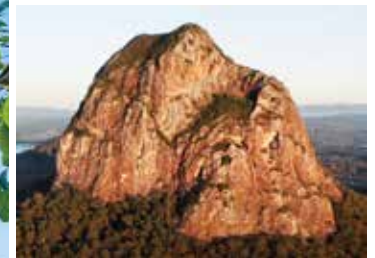
Lessons learnt will then be applied across the overall Council area, including Twin Waters. Under Queensland law, individual scooter riders must be over 16. Speed limits are 25 kph on the road and 12 kph on footpaths. No licence or insurance are required for riders, so if accidents occur injured parties are legally on their own. The only option: civil action through the courts – if they can afford it!



Come See The New City Hall!

It’s both of our region and shaped by all the imported ideas of architecture and what modern local government is supposed to be. Not everyone will agree.

But in his talk to the General Meeting, Councillor O’Pray invited residents to come and have a look now that the 700 or so workers based there have moved in.



It cost 100-million dollars. Its design was inspired by the lines of the Glass House Mountains.

Designed to meet the needs of at least a century, the building is the physical realization of the 2008 Council amalgamation that abolished local Councils (against their wishes) and created the Sunshine Coast Region – at first including Noosa – and then later, without. Now the 4th largest local government authority in the country, it works in a local council world where picking up your rubbish every week is big business. Now there is the befitting headquarters to match.



The building is even power neutral – as the Council’s Solar Farm (see pic on Left) provides 109% of electricity needs, allowing extra to be sold to the grid. Aggressively open plan, there are no individual offices, except for Councillors who need confidentiality. Not even individual desks. Workers go to a different one every day. O’Pray told the meeting, the building breathes: blinds go up and down based on temperature and sun. And lights are activated by motion sensors. The last one leaving the building doesn’t need to worry about the lights; they turn off all by themselves.

(Link Council video on design: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/cityhall>)

Another Court Appeal – after Council rejected proposed Service Station on road to Bli Bli

After Council last December rejected an application for a new Service Station and Food Outlets near the Bli Bli exit of the Sunshine motorway, the proponents have exercised their right to appeal to the Qld Planning & Environment Court. The proposal, on 2.7 hectares of land, would be accessed from David Low Way which would be widened to four lanes with traffic lights to facilitate access and egress. (See picture on Right) It is opposite the residential homes on David Low Way, after leaving the motorway at the Bli Bli and Twin Waters roundabout. Council’s reasons for rejecting the application included that it is within the flood plain, that it would change the amenity of the area and concerns about stormwater management. TWRA did not make any submission on this proposal but we know that some residents did. We will keep you advised.



2022 – Rainfall Review.

Twin Waters rainfall last year was just over 2,500 mm and easily the wettest year in the last five years, by more than 500 mm. Most of the rain fell in the first four months (our wettest months are typically February or March). But this year, so far, has been dry - as our parks are showing! In January, we had only 32 mm, compared with 182 mm last year. Let's hope we see a lot more rain between now and the end of the so-called wet season at the end of March. Thanks to Mark Garner for the rainfall stats. Mark has kept rainfall records since he moved here in 2016 from the Southern Highlands of NSW, where he ran his farm breeding Alpacas for around 15 years. Farmers like to keep accurate rainfall stats! Thanks Mark!



Bits & Pieces

Former Local Team Open New Eatery



Long term Twin Waters residents, Ed and Merry Berry (below on the right) pulled together 20 friends for a Saturday breakfast to road test new coffee shop and eatery – the MESSY HEN at Merchants Parade, Marcoola. If the name seems familiar, the team behind the counter had many happy years running the local coffee institution, the Cock and Hen at Twin Waters shopping area. A good time was had by all.



Residents wanting an update on management of flight paths from the Sunshine Coast Airport can drop into the North Shore Community Centre – 701 David Low Way, Mudjimba QLD 4564 Saturday 4 March between 12.00 pm and 5.00 pm. Information will be provided by the Noise Complaints and Information Service on behalf of the Community Engagement Team Airservices Australia. The information is from the Sunshine Coast Airport Flight Path Changes Post Implementation Review (PIR) Draft Report – which has been developed after community and industry feedback. The full report is also available at:

<https://engage.airservicesaustralia.com/sunshine-coast-airport-airspace-changes-runway-1331>

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SES Emergency 13 25 00

Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.



TWRA Facebook editor and keen Aero Club member, Naomi McQueen – having a Bonza moment at the recent inaugural flight with Aero Club Chief Flying Instructor, Quentin. Flight Club members even made their own mini version as Bonza-mania gripped the coast.



Excitement spread even further afield, when the event was given special treatment in the august publication

The BETOOTA ADVOCATE

with the headline: **PASSENGER ON BONZA'S INAUGURAL FLIGHT WAS FEELING OK UNTIL HE NOTICED THE PILOT ISN'T EVEN WEARING SHOES** – Followed up with – (And) “I’m pretty sure he was wearing boardies! But yeah. \$50 is \$50!” All with photos to match:



And yes – it was a joke!

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