

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - December 2022

## This Month

**Party in the Park new location scores a hit!**

**Maintenance Review for local parks and streets!**

**Sand Dredging experiment to help local beachers**

**Snakes, Sharks and Shorebirds!**

**2022 in Review from community leaders....**

## Important Social Dates for the year

**Next TWRA General Meeting:  
12th December 2022,  
7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Resort**

**Christmas Boat Party –  
new kick-off time – 4.00pm.  
Saturday, 17 December.**

**New Look Carols by the Lagoon  
at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort  
18 December. From 5.00pm.**



120 happy revellers stormed the Loose Goose restaurant on Sunday, 27 November for the revamped Christmas Party – formally the ever-popular Cocktail Party. Front and centre – President Sophie Lever and Party organiser, Kevin Lyons. Christmas Party is the precursor of the TWRA's Major Event for the year – Carols by the Lagoon at Novotel Sunshine Resort... See below for details.

## President's report from Sophie Lever

What another fabulous event the Christmas Party at the Loose Goose was!

This event is just one example of the benefits of being a member of our Association.

Thanks to Kevin Lyons and the Loose Goose for organising it on behalf of the TWRA.

This year, the Association has been involved in so many events and projects – two cocktail parties, a golf day, the Clean Up Twin Waters morning, the Birthday Party in the (car) Park, the ongoing landscape maintenance arrangements that keep Twin Waters looking as amazing today as it did 20 years ago, the reporting of the Twin Waters West decision, reporting on the Airport and its progress through the Master Plan, the production of our quality Newsletter and maintenance of our other communications platforms including the website and social media.

I wish to thank each and every one of you who have contributed to making these events such a success and for keeping our community informed in relation to the many projects affecting the Twin Waters community. I look forward to joining you all lagoon-side on Sunday the 18th December from 5.00pm for our annual Christmas Carols event.

I hope you all have a safe and happy Christmas.

*Sophie*

PRESIDENT.



This year's Carols moves outside to Novotel Sunshine Coast's Resort's lagoon. Great music.

All the Christmas Cheer and the perfect spot for the spectacular fireworks! See flyer that comes with this newsletter for details.



# Big crowds for Party in the Park new location



Burning off the energy of youth at the jumping castle. A big draw for the day, as well as the absolutely necessary – face painting! See Right.

It was hard to count, but estimates go as high as about 2,000 for the happy, shuffling 'Twin Waters-ites' who made their way through the Twin Waters shopping complex for Party in the 'P' – Sunday 6 November.



'Party' is a TWRA institution going back to the (would you believe) late 90s and the start of Twin Waters. Moving from the conventional park this year to the shops was a 'leap of faith', but paid off with a happy mix of space and extra facilities and fun!

Below: the crowds and proud parents hearing the singing groups from Pacific Paradise State School. Thanks also to Ausfunk gymnastics for their amazing displays.



Special thanks to Grant Ormrod (on the left, seen here on the day with Dempsey Ormrod) and his TEAM at LJ Hooker - for their co-ordination and support for the day. Grant's team put in a lot of time and effort.



Can it be fun to get into a police car? Lots wanted to look inside as Police and other services like Neighbourhood Watch and the State Emergency Service showed what they were about.

On the right: MC for the day, Naomi McQueen, known to many as she posts TWRA's Facebook updates.



Cakes, Plants for the Manic TW Gardeners and Fireworks filled out the day. (Thanks to all volunteers who gave their time to make it such a success.)





## Christmas Boat Party 4pm Saturday, 17 December.

Organiser, Eve van Boheemen reminds all that this year's early start at 4.00pm is to make the most of the 'good light' for everyone to see where they are going, and still be close enough to sundown to show off the Christmas Lights.

There is no organized starting place, but paddlers are encouraged to travel in a CLOCKWISE direction, making sure they pass LIVING CHOICE where residents are set up for the show. And, please wear a life jacket. Eve won't be on the water this year, thanks to a broken ankle. But joins lots of others partying on shore.

## Sand Dredging Trial to Preserve Local Beaches....

Thanks to former TWRA President, Tony Freeman for this pic of the TSHD Brisbane. (TSHD standing for Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger.) Between 16 to 24 November, the Brisbane travelled from the Spitfire Channel, in Moreton Bay, to Maroochydore Beach carrying sand collected from the seabed. Sand was placed just offshore from the beach by 'rainbowing' – a technique where sand is sprayed combined by water.

This is complemented with 'bottom placement' where sand is released directly from the hull below the water. Once dumped, water action moves the new sand to restore the beach. The operation was part of a special trial. If it works, the scheme is expected to benefit other beaches, such as those attached to Twin Waters. The public is encouraged to comment at:

[haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](http://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)



## Maintenance Committee and monitoring the performance of the new contractors.

It is Palm Frond season and falling 'leaves' as they are called from the Palm trees are falling everywhere over Twin Waters. TWRA is receiving a steady number of emails commenting on untidy streets and palm build-up. Residents should be aware that the TWRA Maintenance Committee will be doing a 'walk-around' with the new maintenance contractors on Tuesday 15 December. For any comments or feedback – email: [Info@twra.net](mailto:Info@twra.net). The new contractors, The Plant Management Company took over on 1st November. Some residents have expressed concern that the new operators are only using two people, where the previous contractor used 3. Council has assured TWRA that the new company should be able to do the job as required. TWRA will continue to monitor the situation.



**The Far Eastern Curlew is back** one of the endangered species included in the remarkable group of shore birds that fly each year directly from remote parts of the Northern Hemisphere for R & R on Sunshine Coast Beaches at this time of year.

As she did last year, Dr Simone Bosshard AV Senior Coastal Conservation and Planning Officer, Environmental Operations is encouraging people to keep their distance and not cause the birds to use up their precious energy required for the 10,000 kilometre return flight.

People should keep their dogs away and preferably only watch the birds through binoculars. Twin Waters residents can see Shore Birds at North Shore. (North Shore[4183KB])



## Sharks and Snakes...

TWRA Facebook followers were treated to the 'fin' in the lake, as one of several sightings in November, reminding all that they really are there. Something to bear in mind, as 'bridge jumping season' has already begun for the young and restless.

Former President Tony Freeman recently made the following report of snake sightings.

- Red belly black snake near the Twin Waters shops
- Carpet python emerging from bush area on Ocean Drive opposite the Twin Waters shops.
- Brown snakes in Waterside drive
- Brown snake Lakeside Drive at the western end of Warwick Daniels Park
- Brown snake in Veerings Cres
- Black snake in the Conservation Park near where the walkway comes out to join Moorings Cct
- Carpet Python in trees at the walkway from Tamarind Place to Ocean Drive.





### BONZA UPDATE AT TWRA GENERAL MEETING

Kylie Ezzy General Manager Corporate Communications. Sunshine Coast Airport is our guest at the next TWRA General Meeting. Kylie will offer a briefing on what's happening with Bonza Airlines and why it's such a big step for our region.

12th December 2022, 7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Resort

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### Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.

## TWO COMMUNITY LEADERS OFFER THOUGHTS ON THE PASSING YEAR...

### Division 8 Councillor, Jason O'Pray.



Jason O'Pray with daughter, Jay.

I love this time of year, make sure you keep an eye out for Santa on the canals Christmas morning! If you head to the beach, please give thanks to all the Clubbies volunteering to patrol this summer season, but particularly on Christmas and Boxing Days and New Year's Day. It's been a big year, with plenty of projects in progress or completed in Division 8 thanks to the balance of council funding and community spirit. I have also received loads and loads of positive commentary and support from Twin Waters residents regarding the Twin Waters West development decision. Families are the heart of our area including a number of smaller projects such as the new play equipment at Warwick Daniels Park.

There have been some great announcements for our region – the Sunshine Coast was officially recognised internationally as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and the Tourism Sentiment Index named Sunshine Coast as the world's most loved destination. I've no doubt 2023 will be another cracker year!

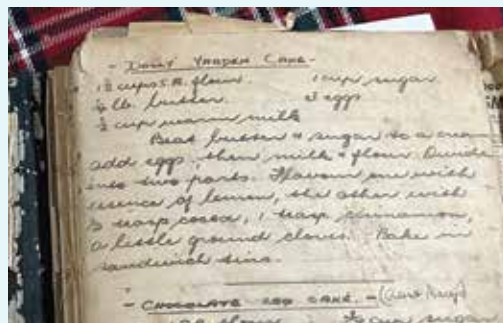
### Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson.



#### A recipe for success

2022 started with some bumps in the road with people not knowing if they could travel and see family, but now as Christmas approaches, there are many celebrations happening with added enthusiasm to make up for lost time.

If we've learned anything in the last couple of years of COVID, it's that simple pleasures, such as getting together with loved ones for meals and special occasions, are the glue that hold families and community together. That's why I've been helping my 94-year-old mother put together some home-made gifts for the grandchildren for Christmas. The grandkids don't know it yet, but they're getting copies of precious recipes from my mother's recipe book, minus the one about 'how to tan a sheep hide' which apparently was a standard for sheep farmer's wives!



The original recipe book is a humble notebook of handwritten recipes gifted from other cooks across the generation, both friends and family. However they hold powerful memories of love and laughter, and relationship.

However, you define your "recipe for success" in life, I think shared meals with loved ones ranks highly. May we never take them for granted. I wish you and your loved ones a 2023 of the shared memories, meals and much joy.