



### Next TWRA Meeting

The next TWRA Meeting will be held at Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 12th April 2010. There will be a Guest Speaker from Mercy Ships which is an organization committed to alleviating human suffering and distress by providing world-class medical and community services to the poorest nations of the earth.

### TWRA Makes Submission on SEQ Water Strategy

The TWRA has made a 10 page submission to the Queensland Water Commission in response to the public consultation process for the draft 50-year South East Queensland Water Strategy. The Submission makes a number of points. One is that more attention needs to be given to the demand and supply of potable and non-potable water. Potable (drinking quality) water is currently used for practically everything from watering gardens to flushing toilets and for industrial purposes. Future planning should take account of water qualities.

As an example of current waste, high quality treated non-potable water from the Fisherman's Road Treatment Plant is being dumped into the Maroochy River. It should be used for irrigation or other industrial purposes.

We also encourage the Government to embrace new technology solutions for rainwater and stormwater harvesting and greater use of grey water. Not surprisingly, we are totally opposed to desalination plants, whether at Marcoola or elsewhere, which are high cost and have large environmental impacts because of their high energy consumption.

You can see the whole submission on the web site at [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) Communities Against Desalination (CADI) has also made a substantial submission which can be seen on their web site at [www.cadi.org.au](http://www.cadi.org.au)



### Target 200

If someone asked you to 'Target 200', would you know what to do? It's all about securing our water supplies for the future and involves new water restrictions for all residents on the Sunshine Coast.

From 1 December 2009 residents have been asked to 'Target 200' litres per day when permanent water conservation measures were introduced across the region, bringing us in line with the rest of South East Queensland.

Currently, residents across the Coast use an average 255 litres per person per day.

Main points to remember include:

- Watering gardens and lawns can occur any day prior to 10.00 am and after 4.00 pm except Mondays. This is to avoid watering over the hottest part of the day, when evaporation is at its highest level.
- Use a hand held hose with a trigger or twist nozzle, bucket, or water efficient irrigation can be used for watering. All irrigation equipment must also comply with the QWC irrigation guidelines (available from the QWC website).
- New gardens and lawns can be watered in on the day of establishment.
- Washing vehicles is permitted at any time using a bucket of water, hand held hose with a trigger or twist nozzle, or a high pressure cleaning unit.
- Driveways and similar hard surfaces are not to be washed down, unless for health and safety reasons or if there is significant soiling.



### Clean Up Australia Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who offered their time and resources for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday, 7th March. The rain held off for the morning clean-up making it a dry and happy event which started with a BBQ breakfast.

### Disposal of Garden Waste

A reminder to residents that dumping domestic garden waste in the public gardens and parks of Twin Waters is an offence under the Environmental Protection Act. These rules are enforceable by Council and also by the State Government's Environmental Protection Agency. Please be thoughtful when disposing of your garden waste by ensuring that it is taken to one of Council's waste collection centres. Council has said that from June this year it hopes to introduce optional fortnightly collection of green waste at a cost of around \$76 per year which could be a great service to take advantage of.



### Canal & Waterway Speed

Twin Waters is proud of its pristine waterways which are about to be handed over to Council by the Developer Lend Lease. As all residents would know, each of us is responsible for the revetment walls on the border of our property and the canal or lake. The speed limit on the water is restricted to 4 KPH, which is a brisk walking pace. The reason for this limit is to reduce the wash and possible damage to our revetment walls, as well as considering other non-power craft using the waterways. Generally most boat owners respect this restriction with only a few ignoring the speed limit and creating possible damage to walls, so for these people, "Please consider others if using our waterways".

Look behind at your wash and be aware of the impact this can have on the shorelines of the Twin Waters' canals and property. Travelling at the speed shown on a speed restriction sign does not guarantee you are not creating excessive wash. Water Police and Boating & Fisheries patrol the area and on-the-spot fines of \$200 are payable. Call Warwick 5450 5148 for a copy of the Canal Resident's Handbook.

### Party Safe Program For Parents

Here are some ways to ensure your child enjoys a safe party experience.

- Speak with the party host and find out how many people will be attending the party; who and how many will be supervising the party; will alcohol be available; will food be served and what time is the party expected to finish.
- Get the phone number of the house where the party is being held and the mobile phone number of the host.
- Drop your child off at the party venue and arrange to pick them up at a certain time.
- Talk to your child about how to have a good time at a party without coming to any harm.

To obtain additional practical information for host and guests so to avoid unwanted persons and to ensure a safe party is had by all, visit: <http://www.police.gov.au/programs/personalSafety/situationalAdvice/partySafe.htm>

There is also a Party Safe Registration Form available online or from any police station. Party hosts are requested to register their party (at least two weeks beforehand) with the local police. Source: Qld Police Service



### Rainfall in Twin Waters

Rain gauge watchers in Twin Waters have been kept busy over recent weeks with many consecutive days of rainfall. In February, we had 15 days when rain fell, including 5 consecutive days of rain. Surprisingly, though our February total was only 236 mm which is actually below the five year average of 273 mm.

March has been a different story. The five year average for March is 148 mm and we had more than that in just one day, 2nd March, when 164 mm fell.

So far in March (to mid-March), we have had more than 350 mm of rain and most days have had some rainfall. The forecast (at time of writing) was for rain to continue, so it looks like we will have a very wet March.

Thanks to Len Gamble for these Twin Waters stats.

### Dogs Unleashed

A well-exercised dog makes a happy and contented pet, so responsible pet owners need to make time to regularly exercise their animals. While Council provides several "off leash" areas, dogs must be leashed at all times in other public places to help you control them and to increase the safety of other animals and people. Check with Sunshine Coast Regional Council for locations.

Twins Waters is an area where dogs must be on a leash. Please be aware of the signs requesting that dogs be leashed as they are there for a purpose. A growing number of dogs are not on leashes which may lead to dog fights and frightening some people.

A reminder also that dog registration provides safety and security for dogs, owners and the community. All dogs must be registered every year and wear a council-issued registration tag when in public.



### Maroochy North Shore Lions Annual Cent Auction

Your Local Lions Club will be holding its Annual Cent Auction on Easter Saturday 3rd April at the Mudjimba Community Hall Cottonwood St. Mudjimba starting at 6pm. Local businesses have been very generous with almost all of them providing us with vouchers and goods for the Auction.

Funds raised support Qld. Medical Research as well as Local Projects and worthy causes. There will be a BBQ from around 6pm with the Auction starting at 7pm.

If you have never participated in a Cent Auction before why not come along and have 2 hours of fun and assist your Local Community along the way.

### TWRA'S "Welcome Wagon"

TWRA now has its own "Welcome Wagon" for welcoming new residents to Twin Waters and passing on information about the area. If you are aware of anyone who has just moved into our community, please call Irene on 54488734.



### Newsletter Delivery

Thank you to the staff at LJ Hooker Twin Waters for delivering this Newsletter.



**Further information  
on newsletter items and the  
meeting minutes are available  
online at [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net)**

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**Neighbourhood Watch: [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net) Coolum Police: 5440 2777 Crimestoppers: 1800 333 000**

**SCD Police Communications Centre: 5475 2444 (for police to attend or report an incident)**

**Block Co-ordinators: Check Community Notice Board for co-ordinators contact details**

# Twin Waters Residents Association

## Community Business Directory

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