

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2011

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next Meeting will be held at Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 11th April 2011.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 14 February
- 11 April
- 6 June
- 11 July (AGM)
- 8 August
- 10 October
- 12 December

Paddle Boarding Demo:

19 February

Dine Out - The Loose Goose:

2 March

Clean Up Australia Day:

6 March

Newsletter Delivery

Thank you to the TWRA Committee and volunteers for delivering this Newsletter. If you would like to help with future deliveries, please call Ed on 5448 9414.

SEQ Floods – Local Information

During the floods in SEQ, TWRA members were kept advised about the immediate situation at Twin Waters by broadcast emails. Up to twice a day, members received information about expected peak levels in the Maroochy River and were reassured about the potential for flooding of homes in Twin Waters. Important information from Council on local road closures and the like was also passed on in the broadcast emails. Members appreciated the regular flow of the latest information. An unexpected benefit was also the reassurance provided to members who were travelling during the floods. We received emails of appreciation from all

Canelands Appeal

In mid-December, we were contacted by Clayton Utz, the solicitors acting for Stockland in their appeal over their proposed development of the Canelands. They considered that we were in breach of implied undertakings to the Court by providing certain information to the Twin Waters community in our Newsletters and, in particular, putting the Newsletter on our website. Any

alleged breach was unintentional on our part and we advised them accordingly. We also pointed out that the TWRA was a Co-respondent in the case on behalf of its members and we needed to keep our members informed. We proposed that we continue to inform our members via broadcast emails and that we include only generalised information in the Newsletter.

SEQ Floods – Community Response

Everyone has been horrified by the extent and damage caused by the recent floods. While many, if not most, individuals have made some direct donation to the Relief Fund, the TWRA Committee wanted to do something on behalf of the whole community. A direct donation was made on a community-to-community basis to the Laidley Community Centre from the TWRA. This

immediate donation was much appreciated by the recipients. A plan to offer short term respite accommodation for families affected is being developed and will be implemented. A longer term project to provide support for equipment for the local SES, possibly in association with other local community associations, is being considered. We were fortunate at Twin Waters that we were not adversely affected by the floods. The Committee wanted to take action to show that, as a community, we care about what has happened and we wanted to help those who have suffered such distress and losses. We encourage everyone in Twin Waters to continue their individual support and to also support our community initiatives.

We invited them to provide a status report, noting that no information to stakeholders has been provided from them so far, as far as we were aware. No response has been received. We have removed the alleged offending information from the Newsletters on our website and will restrict future information in the Newsletters. The case is continuing.

Twin Waters Maintenance Reference Group

November last year the Council called tenders for the maintenance contract to look after the landscape maintenance of Twin Waters. This is the first time since the initial contract was let that they have been out to tender. In the past the initial contract was varied by the CPI.

In October 2005 the TWRA and Maroochy Shire Council signed a Charter to set up a levy arrangement to make sure that the Landscaping standard of Twin Waters was maintained at a high level. This arrangement was presented to members as the best way to have a uniform set of standards for all areas.

The proposal was presented and approved at a TWRA meeting prior to the signing of the Charter. Further details are available at our website at www.twra.net

The specification and schedule of work being carried out by the Contractor is being constantly

reviewed as we try to make sure that all areas are looked after at a satisfactory level.

An area of concern to the Reference Group has been the numerous pocket parks that were left by Lend Lease as 'au naturel'. In setting the specification for this new contract we have tried to improve the standards for these parks whilst trying to keep the levy at a reasonable level.

The new contractor is Prime Facility and Asset Management who submitted the most competitive price and while in excess of the last contract was the best price available. They will commence work on 1st February.

The increased cost of the contract will have an effect on the levy. However, at this stage we do not have the extent from the Council Finance people although present indications are that it will be minimal.

If you have any problems with the landscaping near you then first ring the Council Customer Call Centre on 5475 8501 and if you do not have a response within a reasonable time then ring the Reference Group member in your area.

Reference Group Members:

The Shores	Warwick Daniels	5450 5148
The Sounds	Peter Braithwaite	5448 7246
The Landings	Conrad Guard	5450 5012
The Links	Tony Mark	5450 5147
The Banks	John Geitz	5450 7046

Tough Pool Laws Spark Warning

Pool owners have been warned to be wary of "rogue" inspectors hoping to cash in on Queensland's strict new pool safety laws.

Coast-based inspector Bruce Adams said pool owners needed to be on the lookout for unlicensed operators who might offer cheaper services, but were not properly accredited. Queensland's official pool safety inspectors are licensed by the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

Some of the new laws include the need to certify all pool fences when a property is sold or leased and a requirement that all swimming pools be registered with the Pool Safety Council by May 4 next year.

Residential pool owners must ensure their pool complies with the standard within five years (by November 30, 2015, unless sold or leased earlier) or face on-the-spot fines between \$750 and \$16,500.

Ensure your pool inspector can produce a Queensland Government-issued pool safety inspector's licence and an official Certificate of Compliance (lodged with the Pool Safety Council) and is willing to provide you with a complete quote for the cost of the entire process.

Twin Waters Has Been Wet!

Our total rainfall in Twin Waters for 2010 was 2,338 mm; well above any reading and the average for the last 5 years of 1,936 mm per year. During December, we had 20 wet days and 635 mm of rain, which was our highest monthly rainfall in five years. Just to round out the rainfall stats for 2010, our wettest day for December was only 81 mm, but the wettest day for the 2010 year was 164 mm recorded on 2 March 2010. Of course, as we all know very well, the rain didn't let up in the new year. In the first two weeks, we had 9 wet days and 369 mm of

rain, with the highest day on 11th January when 157 mm fell. Thank you to Len Gamble for providing his Twin Waters rainfall stats.

Clean Up Australia Day

Twin Waters has been a great supporter of this event in the past. We have always managed to overfill our allocated Skip full of rubbish. On March 6 we will assemble at the park in Baywater Drive for a "Free" breakfast at 7.30am and at 8.00am we will "Hit the Road" to gather as much rubbish as possible. It will finish by 10 a.m. It's a great opportunity to get the children involved and meet other residents. Please bring gloves.



Can You Help?

We are in need of 2 trailers or utilities to collect the rubbish from the side of the road on the day. If you can help between 8 and 10am, please call Ed on 54489414.

Novotel's Barossa Valley Wine Dinner

On Thursday, 24th February, Massena Wine Maker, Jaysen Collins brings the heart of the Barossa Valley to the Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

If you would like to attend this five course dinner at 7.00 pm and experience Massena's high-class wines which received a coveted five star rating from James Halliday, please phone 5450 9537. Novotel offer a rate of \$85.00 pp for residents but you must quote "Twin Waters' Resident" when booking to receive the discount. Book a table of 10 and one person will be free.



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Sudoku

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1	7							
2	9			4			6	1
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9	4		3	6		1	7	
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Easy Cooking

Scones

Sift twice 4 cups of SR flour and 1 teaspoon baking powder and a pinch of salt. Add 1 x 300ml carton of pouring cream and cut through with a butter knife. It will need some more water (add cold water to the empty carton and add little by little). Keep cutting through. The mixture should still be a little dry and powdery. Tip onto baking paper and knead until it comes together. Flatten to 2-3cms. Cut. Put on baking paper on oven tray, a couple of cms apart. Brush with milk. Blow a kiss then put them in a preheated 200° (fan forced) oven for 12 to 15 minutes. Serve with fresh cream and jam. Sit back and wait for the compliments!

If you have a favourite one-bowl/pot recipe, let us know.

Farewell

At a recent Farewell Dinner, the Xmas Carols Committee thanked Faith and Angelo Giovas (NorthShore Baptist Church) for their huge commitment to the Twin Waters' Community.



Left to right:
Angelo, Betty & Warwick Daniels, Faith

Paddle Boarding

Ocean Addicts in Maroochydore is offering the residents of Twin Waters the opportunity to experience the fun and fitness of this great new sport. They will be hosting a free demo/introduction lesson on Saturday, 19th February at 9.00am at Lake View Park. Come along and have some fun. See you on the water!

Social

There will be a "Dine Out" at the Loose Goose on Wednesday, 2 March at 6:30 pm with a 2-course meal costing \$35 per head. If you would like attend, please contact Ed on 54489414 before 26 February.

TWRA's Message Board

If you have a message/request you would like to put on the TWRA's Online Message Board, just go to www.twra.net click on Message Forum and place your notice/advert etc. 'For Sale' items will be removed after one month.

We invite our community to use this avenue of communication for items of general concern and comment etc.

Living Thoughts

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. Take time to look for the rainbow!

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Community Corner – Have Your Say!

If you feel you would like to contribute an article or news item for the Newsletter that may be of interest to the residents of Twin Waters, please email info@twra.net and mark it "Newsletter". Feel free to include a photograph with your article.



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