

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2011

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 10th October 2011 at 7.30pm.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 10 October
- 12 December

Birthday in the Park

- 9 October

Bowls Day

- 16 October

Golf Day

- 23 October

Christmas Carols

- 18 December

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.

Annual Report on the Web

The TWRA President's annual report for 2010/11 has been posted on the TWRA website. It provides a summary of the activities that the TWRA was involved with during the last year. You can see it at www.twra.net and click on Meetings. It's worth a read to see the scope of the TWRA's issues and activities as well as thanking those who were involved and contributed to our success last year.

Membership Incentive

Members were greatly encouraged to complete their Membership Forms early this year, by the incentive of a draw for a \$100 Loose Goose dining voucher. It resulted in a total of 315 new or renewed memberships as of 31 July, compared with only 144 the same time last year. The draw was made at the last General Meeting and the winners were Mark and Cheryl Craighead.

We believe it is very important to continue to increase our Membership and urge all of you to encourage any neighbours or friends to join if they have not already done so. We will report on membership levels in each Newsletter.

We would like to thank the Loose Goose for their continuing support as well as that of the Friendly Grocer who, as usual, donated door prizes at the General Meeting.

Canelands Appeal Continuing

The Stockland appeal to the Planning & Environment Court against the decision by Sunshine Coast Council to knock back their application for development (technically for approval for a "Material Change of Use") of the land between Twin Waters and the Sunshine Motorway is continuing. The Joint Expert Reports phase has been in progress for most of this

year and should be completed soon. Mediation will be required before the matter can go to a Hearing, if the Mediation is not successful. At this stage, no future timeline for the case can be forecast. The TWRA is a Co-Respondent in the case and a small sub-committee is monitoring progress and managing our involvement.

Lend Lease Handover of Lake and Canal Waterways

The Council's Development Control Section has informed us that Lend Lease has handed over most areas of the foreshores and have completed the restoration of the weir. However they will withhold acceptance of it for a further 6 months to make sure that it is satisfactory; final acceptance now expected in January next year.

We have been told that the weir was designed with the intention of releasing water build up in the lake and water system to prevent flooding and having 4 levels of release, being:

1. The two large pipes under the concrete section of the weir allow water to flow in and out with the tide.

Landscaping Maintenance

Prime is continuing to keep our parks and gardens looking good and during the next few weeks they will be continuing to mulch the gardens and spray with herbicides to reduce the weeds etc.

Over the past month or so they

2. The concrete section of the weir allows the first release of excess water and probably the greatest flow.

3. The western gabion wall which is 200mm above the concrete wall allows for the next level of water release.

(The Council has advised that it has have instructed LL to place sand over this section to encourage marine grasses etc to grow over it.

4. The Eastern gabion wall which is a further 200mm above the East wall is the final level of release.

We hope to determine the effectiveness of the rectification over the next 6 months.

have also been working on the Pocket Parks pruning and planting native plants to beautify them and placing some mulch.

If you have any concerns with the maintenance of Twin Waters, first ring the Council Call Centre who will give you a reference

number and then if you have not received a response within a reasonable time then contact your area Maintenance Reference Group Member.

Peter Braithwaite, with his new position as President, has passed over his role as area representative for the Sounds area on the Twin Waters' Maintenance Reference group to Max Mills who lives at Viewpoint.

Have Your Say About Local Laws

Sunshine Coast Council is reviewing its suite of local laws – the laws govern topics such as parking, animal management, permits and bathing reserves – and is inviting the community to make comment between 15 August and 11 September.

Local laws are statutory instruments of law and are ultimately enforceable through the Courts. Local laws provide for the good governance of the many diverse communities in the Sunshine Coast region.

Council has developed a suite of proposed local laws and subordinate local laws – reducing the number from 99 to only 13 – with the aim of achieving one functional, easy to understand, enforceable and contemporary suite.

There are a number of overarching principles upon which all local laws are based. These include a requirement that a local law should not duplicate State legislation and should be necessary and enforceable.

Types of local laws:

Model local laws are prepared by the State Government and cover issues that

are common to many local governments. The model local laws have been used as the basis for the majority of the proposed local laws.

Interim local laws are adopted for a limited period (usually six months) while council conducts public consultation before introducing the law permanently. Council does not propose any interim local laws at the current time.

Local laws are laws independently made by council to deal with issues in the local government area. Council proposes to make seven local laws.

Subordinate local laws provide the detailed information required for the operation of a local law. For example, a local law may allow a local government, by subordinate local law, to specify the number of animals (e.g. chooks) allowed without a permit. Council proposes to make six subordinate local laws.

To follow the progress of the proposed local laws and to have your say, visit the Council's website from Monday 15 August until Sunday 11 September. You can also get information from Council's Customer Contact Centres, libraries and website about the proposed local laws, as well as details about information sessions to be held at libraries across the region.

The Local Government Reform Implementation Regulation 2008 requires Council to consolidate its existing local laws by 31 December 2011.

Father's Day Luncheon at Twin Waters Novotel

Sunday, 4th September. Top off the day with a great feed at Nouveau Restaurant at 12 noon and chill out to some live tunes at Aqua Lounge! Cost \$45 per person, kids' prices available, and includes a buffet lunch, a kid's entertainment corner, PLUS Dad receives a complimentary beverage of choice! For information contact the Nouveau Restaurant on 5450 9521.

Dine Outs

Twin Waters 15th Birthday Dine-Out will be held at the Loose Goose on Wednesday 12th October at 6:30 p.m. If you wish to attend please contact Ed on 5448 9414 before 30th September.

Twin Waters' 15th Birthday Celebrations

Come have fun in the sun! Commencing at 12 noon at Lake View Park, there'll be lots of fun activities and entertainment for the kids, a fund-raising sausage sizzle to support the Mudjimba Surf Club and great music to sit back and relax to for the rest of the family. Further info about the event is available on the website and in future newsletters. Mark it in your diary now ... Sunday, 9th October 2011.

Bowls Day

The next TWRA Bowls Day has been arranged with the Twin Waters Retirement Village for Sunday, 16th October commencing at 2.00 pm and followed by a BBQ dinner at about 5.30 pm. Cost is \$12.50



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Chat to Paul to see if he can help you, simply call him to arrange the best time to meet on 0432 248 939.

each. It is a mixed day and spectators are also welcome. It will be part of the Twin Waters' Birthday Celebrations so don't miss it. Please register your attendance by sending an email to info@twra.net or phone Bob Gavin on 5450 6036.

It is a great day and always enjoyed by participants who have attended in the past. We look forward to seeing you there. Come roll the bowls!

Golf Day

Our next Golf Day at Twin Waters Golf Club has been booked for 80 players on Sunday, 23rd October with a two tee start from 11.00am to 12.07pm.

Cost will be 18 holes green fees of \$48.00, which includes \$3.00 for TWRA insurance. Fees must be paid by Friday, 21st October. Entry forms will be available on the TWRA website www.twra.net or at the Friendly Grocer.

This event will be part of the October Birthday Celebrations so put it in your diary now. If you have any queries please contact Margaret Braithwaite at braiths@spin.net.au We are now living at 38/20 Baywater Drive. Look forward to seeing you on the 23rd.

Good Neighbours – There For Each Other

As well as being concerned about the safety of property, NHW is also concerned about the residents and their wellbeing.

The wellbeing of our community depends absolutely on whether we, as individuals, are willing to care about how life is for other people. It is important to get to know your neighbours, particularly when new people move in.

If you are new, why not introduce yourself to your street co-ordinator for NHW. Contact details can be found on the noticeboard, in the NHW newsletter or at www.twra.net These small acts help us to keep Twin Waters safe and friendly.

Can You Help?

North Shore Soccer Club is nearing the end of the season and their AGM will be coming up shortly. They are in desperate need of a President as the current President is unable to carry on next year and no one is keen to take his place.

They are also seeking a Treasurer and Registrar as these people will be leaving as well after a long dedicated service to the club. In order to keep the Club going, they need someone who has some spare time once or twice a month during the season to help out as President.

If you are interested in this voluntary position and would like to help the local soccer club out, please call Sean Hanna on 5450 6423 or 0412 365 765.

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