

# Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2011

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## ***Next TWRA Meeting***

The next General Meeting will be held at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 12th December 2011 at 7.30pm. The Speaker for the evening will be Sue Storey; one of the founders of Katie Rose Cottage, a Community Palliative Care Nursing Service.

Raffle Tickets for the Carols will be available at this Meeting. Bring along some Xmas cheer and buy yours now!

## ***Date Claimers***

### **TWRA General Meetings:**

12 December

### **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.

## ***Twin Waters' Carols 2011***

A reminder that the Twin Waters' Carols are on again this year in the Wandiny Room at the Novotel Resort on Sunday December 18th.

This year, as well as our local entertainers, we have added some new talent and also included a couple of new features. Children will be able to bring along letters for Santa to the Carols and post them in Santa's Post Box.

## ***Light Up Twin Waters***

Join in with Twin Waters Residents' Association again this year and light up your house with Christmas lights for Christmas. This is a lucky draw, not a competition, and there are a number of prizes for the event. The winners will be drawn at the

## ***How You Can Be Kept Up To Date***

It is not possible, via newsletters, to keep you fully informed in a timely manner on the many issues that can affect you, the residents.

To be kept fully informed, have input into issues that affect your lifestyle and amenity, you need to join the TWRA Association.

Emails are sent to members informing them of matters that could affect them and some may be urgent. Membership is only \$10 p.a. per household. There is a form on the back of this Newsletter or go to [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) to download one.

In the spirit of Christmas we would like to help those less fortunate in our local community by encouraging everyone to bring non-perishable items and toys to our Carols and Santa will take them away to distribute.

Our wonderful Carol's Raffle is on again and we would appreciate any items which you could donate beforehand. The raffle tickets will be available for purchase early at the General

Meeting on 12th December or at the Carols - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

We are also looking for helpers for the night to set up the room, direct parking, welcome people as they arrive, act as ushers to guide people to their seats, assist Santa, guide people to the fireworks on the Lagoon and finally to clean up and stack chairs at completion.

If you would like to help, please contact Warwick on 5450 5148.

Christmas Carols (by lucky draw) on Sunday, 18th December.

Simply put up some Christmas lights, fill in the entry form and during December deposit your entry in the box at The Friendly Grocer or submit it through the

TWRA website [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net) - Entries close by delivery/email at 12 noon on 18 December, 2011.

Our TWRA photographer will be around the area at night trying to capture the light displays.

## ***Christmas Greetings From TWRA***



*The TWRA extends warm Season Greetings to all residents of Twin Waters. We trust you have a safe and enjoyable time over the Christmas period and that 2012 brings fulfilment of all that you and your family wish for. Thank you to everyone who has helped make 2011 a great year for the TWRA and all residents of Twin Waters.*

## **Opportunity To Help Your Community – Secretary Required**

Residents have varied backgrounds and many talents. The TWRA Management Committee now urgently seeks a willing person to take on the Secretary role.

If you can assist it would be very much appreciated. Please register your interest with [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net)

## **New Pathway**

The Department of Transport and Main Roads advises that work is due to commence on the construction of the new Pacific Paradise shared pedestrian and cycle path on the Sunshine Motorway.

The 2.3km pathway between the Maroochy River Bridge and Ocean Drive on David Low Way is a vital connection between existing cycles and pedestrian facilities and has been eagerly awaited by North Shore residents.

Work is scheduled to start in late October and is due for completion in early 2012, weather permitting.

Residents may experience some disruption during construction, although the majority of work will be undertaken between 6am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, with the possibility of some weekend work.

## **Have Your Say**

If you have a story, poem or any other news or information which you think may be of interest in a future edition of the Newsletter, please send to [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net)

## **Turtles Need A Home**

Quite by chance in the 1980s, I bought a carved, wooden turtle when I was in Vanuatu; I now have about forty five of them, each with its unique reason for being. It's an interesting "hobby" because everywhere I travel it gives me a purpose to be there. I seek out turtles in little shops, markets, galleries, roadside stalls and anywhere else appropriate to my quest. The turtles have also been of assistance to my friends and family, for they now have an easy option for gifts and know that they will not be returned or replaced.

Each of my forty five little turtles has its own story, but what intrigues me most are the different shapes, sizes and substances that constitute each of these objects. Two of my most treasured pieces were a gift and are from "The DeRosa, families collection", which are hand-carved and hand-painted ceramic pieces, decorated with platinum, 18 karat gold and enamel glazes, from Montevideo, Uruguay. Other favourites are crafted from jade, opal stone, soap stone, Venetian glass, Swarovski crystal and pewter, to name but a few. The more realistic pieces were carved by locals in Papua New Guinea, Hawaii, Pitcairn Island, Australia and Fiji out of local timbers. The objects are delightful and each tells its own story through the colours and grain of the timber and the attention to detail by the carver.

Seeking out objects like this creates many stories, the most amusing of which comes from Hawaii, where an over enthusiastic merchant wanted to sell me all of the turtle ornaments in his shop. I bought most of them but balked when he showed me a fluorescent turtle. There it was, grossly green

lying on its stomach looking up at me with its green and lifeless turtle eyes. "No" I said, "Not that!" "But Madam", he said, "It is truly beautiful, come I will show you", and before I knew it, my travelling companion and I were shoved into a very dark and tiny store-room with the little man breathing down my front all hot and sweaty, and the little green turtle glowing beautifully in the dark – I bought it!



My treasured collection needs a home so if there is anyone out there who is a cabinet maker and can make me a display cabinet for my collection please let me know. If you are interested in finding out more about the real thing, please visit my website/blog - [www.turtleornaments.com](http://www.turtleornaments.com) or phone Robyn Boydell 54570665

## **Living Thoughts**

### **Merry Christmas**

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## Snake Warning

A few snakes have been spotted and it's again a timely reminder to residents to be careful when walking dogs or to check gardens before letting dogs/cats out in the morning. Walk with awareness as the snakes are out and moving about.

Visit [www.snakecatcher.com](http://www.snakecatcher.com) to read about the precautions to take and what to do if you find a snake on your property. The snake catcher for Maroochydore area is Joel Keady 0406 869 715

## Health & Wellbeing

Do you ever find yourself taking on stress or unnecessary anxiety? Or perhaps you find yourself slipping in to old habits that no longer serve you. Today's tip will help you let go in a few short moments, with just a flick of the fingers.

Raise your arms sideways to shoulder height.

Breathe in as you bend the elbows and draw the shoulder blades towards each other.

Bring your thumb to your fingertips.

Breathe out forcefully through your mouth as you push your arms out sideways and open your hands with palms facing downwards.

Repeat 5 times, letting go of whatever you no longer need with each out breath.

That's it. You have the ability to let go right at your fingertips. We do a lot of holding on with our hands; it's great to let go as well. Enjoy flicking away your stresses and tensions this week and let us know how you go.

## Celebrate Christmas and New Year at Novotel Twin Waters

Enjoy a gourmet Christmas buffet luncheon in the Wandiny Room, Nouveau Restaurant or 4 course plated lunch in the tranquil surrounds of Lily's on The Lagoon Restaurant.

Celebrate New Year's Eve at a Parisian Cabaret at Lily's. Be entertained by a Can-Can Showgirl performance and indulge in a 6-course plated meal. Celebrate in style and enjoy two spectacular fireworks displays.

Enjoy a night of fun filled entertainment under the stars including live bands, fireworks, rides, sideshow attractions, traditional carnival food stalls and drinks at our New Year's Eve Beach Carnival. Fun for all the family with attractions to suit all ages.

For further information on times, menus, prices and reservations, call the Christmas Co-ordinator on 1800 072 277 or email [stay@twinwatersresort.com.au](mailto:stay@twinwatersresort.com.au)

## Sudoku

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