

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2012

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next General Meeting will be held at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 13th February 2012 at 7.30pm.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 13 February
- 2 April
- 4 June
- 13 August (AGM)
- 8 October
- 10 December

Clean Up Australia Day

- 4 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.

New Year Greetings

On behalf of all the TWRA Committee, I extend to all our members and all Twin Waters' residents greetings for the New Year. I hope that it brings all of you, your families and loved ones good health, success and happiness.

Let us all resolve to try make 2012 a year in which each of us does something to brighten the life of at least one person less fortunate than ourselves.

Happy New Year!

– Peter Braithwaite
President TWRA

Bulk Electricity For Twin Waters' Residents

The TWRA is delighted with the response we have received to date to the Bulk Electricity scheme. We have had another surge of responses following the distribution of the letter with the December Newsletter.

It is critical that we keep the momentum going so as can achieve sufficient numbers to have real bargaining power with the electricity retailers.

The questionnaire appears on page 3 of this Newsletter. Cut it out and drop it off at the Friendly Grocers or email the information to info@twra.net before the end of January. Thank you.



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Congratulations – 60 Years Wed

Warwick & Betty Daniels celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 8th December 2011. They met on 8th November 1950 at a Guesthouse on the main street of Terrigal in NSW where they both had gone away for a holiday.

Beautiful Betty was 19 and worked as a Legal Receptionist. It was her first holiday away without her parents. Lo and behold she meets this handsome young 21 year old soldier and marries him on 8th December 1951. Since then they have moved between the various States on the East Coast following Warwick's career as a Construction Engineer and General Manager before retiring. They then joined all the wonderful people in Twin Waters paradise in 2002.

The movement between the States had its benefits with many friendships being

made and maintained over 60 years of happy marriage and having 2 lovely daughters and 6 grandchildren.

Warwick and Betty's secret of success, if that is the word, has been the sharing of the good and bad times and the open 'discussions' on all things they do.

Congratulations and we wish you many more.

"Love brought you together as husband and wife, and gave each of you a best friend for life".



Community Garden

The community seems to have welcomed this initiative. Recently mentioned in emails sent to members, we need to form a small sub-committee to carry this forward. It will be necessary to liaise with Council to identify suitable land and make sure that we have water supply, fencing and whatever else is needed. We will call for committee volunteers early in the year but in the meantime, you may wish to forward an expression of interest to info@twra.net

New Year – New Neighbours

While moving into a new home can be exciting, it can also be awkward trying to find one's place in the neighbourhood. Moving is often a traumatic event. You can't help feeling disconnected, disoriented and just plain adrift for awhile. We have all been there at sometime.

Introducing yourself is a start to making newcomers feel welcome and an easy way to help them feel relaxed. Greet them with a smile and friendly hello at the outset. A small welcoming gift some days later is a nice gesture.

Remember, caring neighbours are at the heart of peaceful communities. You can make a difference and neighbours can become your best friends.

TWRA welcomes all new residents to Twin Waters. We trust that you will find our community a happy place to live and enjoy the benefits to be gained through new friendships, mutual involvement and participation in local activities. If you would

like to become a member and wish to join for a small annual fee of just \$10 per family, further information can be found on our website www.twra.net or complete the Application Form on the back page of this Newsletter. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact info@twra.net

Lake View Drive Bridge

Youths and even younger persons are jumping from this Bridge. Please ensure that your children are aware that this is irresponsible and can cause serious alteration to their life's circumstances. The water is not as deep as it looks! Spine and neck damage can leave them incapacitated for life. Coolum Police has advised us to ring PoliceLink on 13 14 44 or the Council Call Centre on 5475 8501 if you see this occurring.

New Flags For Patrolled Beaches

Changes at the local beaches now see that the red and yellow flags are now joined by black and white quartered flags replacing the blue ones.

Always remember to swim between the red and yellow flags and where there are no flags, it means 'no swim'.

The new black and white quartered flags indicate where the 'keep clear zone' (buffer zone) finishes. The buffer zone is there to ensure no overlap occurs between surf craft and swimmers.

If lifeguards and lifesavers can't see you, they can't save you.

Top 7 Beach Safety Message Reminders

- Swim between the red and yellow flags which indicate the supervised swimming area.
- Remember: **No flags = No swim**
- Look for, read and obey water safety signs
- Check swimming conditions and the water depth before swimming - never dive head first
- Swim under supervision or swim with a mate - never go in alone
- Never swim directly after eating or under the influence of drugs and alcohol
- Learn how to recognize rips and keep clear of these areas. If caught in difficulty stay calm, float with the current and call out HELP and wave an arm if help is nearby
- AND REMEMBER when in the sun always SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SLURP and WRAP (slip on a shirt or rashie, slop on sunscreen to protect exposed skin, slap on a hat, drink water, and wear sunglasses with a hat when not swimming)

Dog Litter

Please be considerate when walking your dog. Pick up your dog's litter and dispose of correctly. Increased sightings and mishaps are occurring.

Easy Cooking – Fantastic Figs

8 figs, split lengthways
100g melted butter
Zest & juice of 1 orange (no white pith)
50ml Cointreau (optional)
2 tablespoons honey
3 tablespoons walnuts – roughly chopped
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If you have an Easy Recipe you would like to share, please forward to info@twra.net

Cunning Phone Scams On The Rise

There has been a rise in the number of phone and email scams targeting Australians in recent times. The scammers have identified certain organisations they believe are trusted throughout the community such as your bank, the Australian Tax Office and even charities. In 2011 over \$70 million was netted by various scamming techniques.

How to identify a scam phone call:

- you are contacted out of the blue
- be alert and aware
- you are not expecting the money or know nothing of the scheme

- the caller asks you to identify yourself over the phone by providing financial details

What to do if you are not sure the call is a scam:

Chances are it is a scam, but to be sure, there is a simple way to find out.

- Ask the caller for their name, department and which contact number from the website you need to call to talk to them again.
- Never use the phone number provided, always go through the switchboard on the website.
 - Type keywords relating to the call and the word 'scam' into a search engine such as Google. For example: '\$7000 ATO Grant Scam'. Looking through the top ten results will give you a clear indication of what is occurring.

How do I report a scam and will it help?

If you are the target of a scam, it is VERY important to pass on to the Federal Government Scamwatch program www.scamwatch.gov.au all of the details you have collected about the caller, the names used, what they were offering and any contact information you were provided with.

Bulk Electricity Purchase Questionnaire

Are you interested in reducing your power bills by becoming part of a bulk purchase scheme? YES / NO

Do you currently generate solar power? YES / NO

If you do how big is it?

Are you interested in installing solar panels in the next 12 months? YES / NO

Do you have a swimming pool? YES / NO

Do you have any energy saving devices installed? YES / NO

Do you have solar hot water? YES / NO

Are you interested in installing solar hot water? YES / NO

Carbon Tax Calculator

Whether we like it or not, the Carbon Tax is here. Find out more about the cost to your current lifestyle at <http://www.carbonneutral.com.au/carbon-calculator>

Cocktails and Chatter

It's a new year and a time for new beginnings. New places... new faces. If you are a Twin Waters' single; living alone, you may wish to expand your social life and meet others to share life's experiences and interests. It is planned that this small, friendly group meet monthly for fun and laughter at different venues close to Twin Waters. If it's time for change, please call Irene on 0408 824 966 for more information.

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(I.Sunn)



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Block Co-ordinators:
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