

Twin Waters Residents' Association

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next TWRA Meeting will be held at Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 23rd April 2012 at 7.30pm (please note date change in your diary). A forum will be held for Division 8 candidates.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

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

Dine Out:

- 13 April

Council Candidates Forum:

- 23 April

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.

Next TWRA Meeting & Candidates Forum

The next TWRA Meeting will be held in the Mudjimba Room at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 23 April 2012 at 7.30pm.

Don't miss this Meeting as the three candidates who are standing for Division 8 will be attending and making their pitch as to why you should be voting for them. They will also answer questions from our members. Make sure this date is in your diaries and come along.

Direct New Zealand flights from SC Airport

Sunshine Coast Airport has announced that direct flights to/from New Zealand will commence in July for a three-month trial period. Air New Zealand will operate two flights a week to and from Auckland direct into the Sunshine Coast.

This is very good news for the Sunshine Coast. It is only a trial so it is in our interests to support the service as much as possible. Invite your NZ relatives and friends over here or why not plan to go over there for a skiing holiday or to transit through Auckland to "the world"?

We want a permanent link to be established so we must all do what we can to support this trial. (Air New Zealand has a code share arrangement with Virgin Australia so bookings can be made through the websites for either airline or through your travel agent).

Energex Pacific Paradise Substation

The site preparation for the proposed Pacific Paradise Substation near the Sunshine Motorway has been completed. The site has been over-filled to assist compaction for the foundations.

The construction timeline is for the station to be operational by the summer of 2014/15 to cater for electricity demand growth on the North Shore. Actual site construction will not commence for a few months. The buildings are scheduled to be completed by mid 2013 with the equipment fitout to take a further 6-8 months. The substation will be supplied by a 132 kV power line (on poles, not towers) entering from the west-side.

If you would like to see what the final substation will look like, there is a similar 132/11KV substation at Currimundi on Creekside Bvd near Snapdragon St, Currimundi (UBD ref. 100 B1). We will continue to keep you advised.

Spot the Pothole

The heavy rain may have left the Sunshine Coast, but potholes are now appearing on roads around the region. The Sunshine Coast Council is committed to repairing the damage and Civil Works Services Manager, John Nethererton, said locals could also help by letting us know where problems are located.

You can call Customer Service on 5475 7272 or visit the Council's website and fill in a

quick and easy online form. When completing the online form, residents are urged to provide as much information as possible to assist Council in identifying the location and urgency of the work required. Council will prioritize any items reported and work with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to repair potholes on local and State Government controlled roads.

Supporting Talking at Pacific Paradise State School – Help Needed!

If you have a few hours to spare each week, why not help out in Prep at Pacific Paradise State School?

The program called Support-a-Talker is designed to provide children experiencing language delays the opportunity to interact regularly with a supportive adult to enhance the child's language learning and get them ready for the reading and writing process.

Support A Talker (SAT) is a school oral language programme for prep students. Volunteer tutors facilitate oral language practice through games and activities in four areas including conversation, talking about books and playing barrier games and oral language games (which assist vocabulary, grammar and language effectiveness). Selected students attend two or three 30 minute sessions per week with tutors.

Volunteers attend two training sessions at Pacific Paradise State School to learn how to support students talking at

school. The school will pay for your blue card enabling you to work with students.

Sue Walsh, the school's Speech-Language Pathologist said "There is strong evidence to show that the children who come to school with good vocabulary, grammar and knowledge of how language works are more successful in literacy, learning and social interactions. At Pacific Paradise SS we are committed to giving our students the best start possible in these important areas." Gail Chalmers is the school-based coordinator who supports the tutors to implement the programs.

If you are interested in helping out at school or finding out more about the Support-a-Talker program, please contact Gail at Pacific Paradise SS on 5457 2333 or gchal7@eq.edu.au

Local Businesses Getting Ready For The NBN Express

With the National Broadband Network (NBN) on the horizon, it will be essential for local businesses to be able to participate in the digital economy in order to succeed – and now a program is available to help Sunshine Coast businesses get up to speed.

A new 12-week course offered at minimal cost will help local businesses – particularly micro to small businesses – leap into the digital age and give them a sound footing on which to succeed.

This program is being hosted by BroadbandToday.com.au – which was inspired by Sunshine Coast Council with

funding from Skills Queensland. The cost is \$250, but participants will be able to claim \$175 back, as long as they purchase a PC, laptop or tablet. For more information visit www.getuptospeed.com.au or facebook.com/getuptospeedprogram

Dine Out

The next Dine Out will be on Friday 13th April at the Headland Golf Club. It will be a 2 course meal with tea or coffee at a cost of approximately \$30.

If you are interested please phone Ed on 5448 9414 before April 3rd.

Bowls Days 2012

TWRA residents are usually lucky enough to be invited to a Bowls Day in May and October at Twin Waters Retirement Village. We had hoped to have a date for all our residents to put in their diary for this Newsletter but unfortunately they are preparing to upgrade their rinks and possibly extending them. At this stage they are uncertain as to when they will be available.

Our good friend Ron Boxall from the Village will advise us later in the year when we may be able to play. We look forward to the upgraded new facilities and will keep you informed.

– Bob & Warwick

Lake View Park Shelter

Twin Waters now has a new shelter with table and bench seats at Lake View Park for families to enjoy their picnics in the park or just sit and relax!

New 2012 / 2013 Entertainment Book

The Entertainment Book contains hundreds of valuable offers and up to \$15,000 worth of 50% off, 25% off and 2 for the price of 1 offers for the most popular restaurants, cafes, attractions and sports in Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds and is valid to the 1 June 2013.

They make perfect gifts and are great value for \$65.00 each with \$13.00 from the sale of every book going to assist in fundraising with the TWRA. Books are available at the Friendly Grocer or phone Malcolm and Cynthia on 5448 9164.

Clean Up Australia Day

A great big "Thank You" to those who took part in the Clean Up Day on 4th March. We had 42 starters which was a very good roll up. A 3cubic metre skip was once again managed with rubbish collected from the roadside and lakeside edges of Twin Waters.

Special thanks to chefs and all those who collected by way of watercraft and foot soldiers. Your assistance in leaving the rubbish beside the road to be collected by the 2 people with trailers and utilities was greatly appreciated by all residents who like living in a clean neighbourhood.

To continue to keep Twin Waters a clean and tidy place, please don't leave it bin it!

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No Camping - No Fires

Campers have been spotted overnighting, fishing, lighting fires, and cooking in and about Lake View Drive. If you do spot any incidents like this occurring in the future, Council has advised to report it to the Police as these people would be regarded as loiterers.

Easy Cooking - Fig Jam

- 200g "Verity" Figs (juicy and tenderised in a packet)
- 1/3 cup Sugar
- 1/3 cup Balsamic Vinegar
- 1/3 cup Red Wine
- 3 Sprigs of fresh Rosemary

Chop figs finely, simmer all ingredients gently over a low heat for 20mins. Remove rosemary and cool. Store in an air tight container in the fridge.

(Supplied by Julie Stalker)

Living Thoughts

"The responsibility of tolerance lies with those who have the wider vision."

- George Eliot

Out and About

I recently had the opportunity of dining at Thai Aroma Cafe with some friends. I have been in Twin Waters for 3 years and had never eaten there.

It had a lovely energy and the food was a delight. We all found the owner and her daughter friendly and the service given was excellent. You can also order Take Away but feel the meal better enjoyed when you dine in and share the hospitality.

The Café is located at 658 David Low Way, Pacific Paradise and is BYO. Phone 5450 6677 to try some fabulous Thai cuisine. It was a great evening.

- Irene



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