

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - JULY 2012

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Next TWRA Meeting

The next TWRA Meeting (our AGM) will be held at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday, 13th August 2012 at 7.30pm. If you would like to be involved in our community and help make it a better place to live, consider joining the TWRA Committee. At the AGM, the Committee is proposing that a new simplified constitution be adopted. A copy of this proposal will be circulated to all members prior to this meeting.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 13 August (AGM)
- 8 October
- 10 December

Christmas in July:

29 July

Birthday Celebrations:

14 Oct

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.

At Our June Meeting:

You Can Bank on It

Judy Blackall, the Manager of Marcoola Community Bank (a division of Bendigo Bank) gave an interesting talk on how the bank operates in our area. She outlined a program of the bank's whereby they give away 50% of their profit each year. They certainly are very different from the Big Four.

When the Bendigo Bank started in 1990 it had 5 branches. They now have 583. Their customers own them. Not the other way around. This year they will give away \$1 million on the Sunshine Coast and local projects are ear-tagged as places of interest: two in Twin Waters/Pacific Paradise, one in Marcoola, one in Coolumb and one in Peregian.

A survey has been conducted on how that money should be spent in the future and it seems the idea of an indoor velodrome - a multi sports complex at the end of David Low Way just before the airport got a serious look in. Local, State and Federal Governments are being consulted now. Also the Marcoola branch will continue to support our annual fireworks.

New Councillor Visits

Councillor Jason O'Pray, our newly elected Sunshine Coast Regional Council representative for Division 8, was welcomed and congratulated on his election win.

Despite only being in the job a few weeks, he briefly outlined some of the plans for our area. He also commented on the

Council's commitment to their budget of \$638 million and their desire to reduce costs for ratepayers. One project that was of interest was the desire to develop an area at the end of Nojoor Road and construct a boat ramp and car park along with the necessary amenities.

A very approachable bloke and if you have any queries he is more than happy to receive emails from you and will get back to you asap. Jason.O'Pray@sunshinecoast.gov.qld.au

Thanks and Hello

A special thanks to Irene Sunn who for the past three years has given up her time as editor of this newsletter. She now moves on to other projects and we all offer our gratitude for keeping us up-to-date on the goings-on in our area.

Thanks also to the folk who deliver the newsletter to every house. If you'd like to assist please call Ed on 5448 9414.

Our new editor is Dinah McCulloch. She and her husband moved here in February having come from a cattle property near Bathurst in NSW. They're thoroughly enjoying living on the Sunshine Coast and certainly the winter weather. Hopefully you can catch up at some time.

Twin Waters Maintenance Reference Group

Prime, the contractor responsible for the landscape maintenance of Twin Waters, has with some encouragement from Council,

been making a special effort in looking after garden beds and bushland areas and Twin Waters, we are sure you will agree, is looking great. Mulching is due to commence soon and mulch will be stored in a fenced area as was used last year.

Council has advised us that there has been some unauthorised plantings in some parks (Rhoea) and have asked that this does not continue. As previously advised if you want to take an active part in plantings in your park please contact your TWMRG representative who will arrange for the Council Liaison Officer to contact you and supply acceptable plants and arrange the planting.

If you have any problems in your area first ring the Council Customer Call Centre 5475 8501 and then if you do not get a result ring your TWMRG area co-ordinator.

The Shores

Warwick Daniels 5450 5148

The Sounds

Max Mills 5450 7289

The Links

Malcolm & Cynthia Smith 5448 9164

The Banks

John Geitz 5450 7046

The Landings

Con Guard 5450 5012

Power to Lake View Park

We have been advised by the time you have received this newsletter Council will have completed the laying of electrical cabling to the park and will be waiting on Energex to make the necessary power connection. The park was protected from damage by

drilling rather than excavating to install the cabling. We are now looking forward to the next stage which is of course the installation of the barbecue.



Maroochy Waterwatch Inc is a not-for-profit community organization, based in Nambour, acting to protect and enhance the Maroochy River catchment and region. The office has few paid workers, operating with a large volunteer component of local people who actively promote improving the health of the Maroochy River. River Patrol has about 30 volunteers go out on the river weekly to collect rubbish. About 60 volunteers are involved in scientific testing for river water quality.

MWW Inc also operates two commercial entities; Maroochy Catchment Services and the Coolum Community Native Nursery, as well as hosting the Sunshine Coast Earth Smart Schools Initiative.

The Catchment Services offer vegetation works, fauna surveys, and water testing. The Nursery, based on a Lend Lease developed site at the Palmer Coolum Resort, operates under a partnership between MWW Inc and Coolum District Coast Care Inc. It is focused on propagating and promoting local sun-hardened coastal plant species for the maintenance of functional bio diverse ecosystems in the Coolum area. Seed collection and propagating at the nursery is assisted by many volunteers.

The Schools Initiative, funded by State Government, is a science program for primary state schools encouraging whole-of-school approach to wisely managing school resources, focusing on reducing waste, conserving water, being energy efficient

and teaching biodiversity and sustainability values to children.

The Team at MWW Inc. hope you enjoy the insert of our latest newsletter.

Merry Christmas in July!

While you may have jotted 29th July in your diary for the Christmas in July luncheon at the Novotel Twin Waters, have you remembered to notify Malcolm and Cynthia Smith at malcyn@bigpond.com or by phone on 5448 9164 letting them know name, contact phone number & number of guests? Join your friends and neighbours at midday for \$36.50 per head.

July Calendar

30th June–22 July

Tour de France

3rd July

American Independence Day Concert 2pm
CCSA Hall Nutley St Caloundra \$9

4th July

State of Origin Round 3 at Suncorp Stadium
or 7.30 on Channel 9

7th July

Winter Wonderland at Novotel's Lily's on the Lagoon at 6.30 – 5 courses \$115 per person

10th July

Back to School. Monday 9th is a Pupil Free Day

14th July

Bastille Day (Look on our website for some French recipes)

29th July

TWRA Christmas in July Luncheon \$36.50

31st July

National Tree Day (sponsored by Planet Ark & Toyota)

2012/13 Membership

If you have not yet completed your membership Application Form for the new membership year you can be in the draw to win \$100 voucher for a meal at the Loose Goose; provided your form is received before 31st July. The draw will be held at the AGM on 13 August.

We are really keen to boost our membership, so please encourage all your neighbours to join. Who knows, you or they, might be sampling the excellent food on offer at the Loose Goose for free. Forms can either be hand delivered to the Friendly Grocer or sent by post to PO Box 9351, Pacific Paradise 4564

New Mayor to Speak at October Meeting

October 8th – The new Mayor, Mark Jamieson has accepted an invitation to be guest speaker. This is a great opportunity for our members to hear the new Mayor and voice any concerns to him in question time.

Real Estate Insight

Grant Ormond, Senior Sales Executive for LJ Hooker at Twin Waters, gave us an insight into the current real estate situ in our suburb acknowledging that the downturn in sales/purchases for the Sunshine Coast as a whole has reduced by 20% in the last two years but is only 15% for Twin Waters.

In the last 12 months 105 homes have sold in Twin Waters by LJ Hooker averaging at \$615,000.

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Revetment Wall View Point

The Council have advised us that the raising of the low section of the wall at View Point will be carried out as a matter of priority in the next budget.

Community Vegetable Garden

We have had discussions with Council regarding suitable land for our scheme. The most suitable land which we think would be big enough is currently owned by Stockland.

The Council have indicated that if we wanted to use this land we would have to enter into negotiations to lease the land. Because of our position in opposing Stockland in their appeal process on the redevelopment of the cane lands we would find negotiations with them inappropriate at this time. Even if we did secure some land there are other hurdles to jump. We have been told that in order to get the scheme up and running we have to provide insurance, toilet facilities and a first aid station.

Due to the difficulties and the costs involved it would not seem to be a proposition at this time. Let's see what the future brings. Thank you to those who have expressed interest.

Time to Plant

FLOWERS: Amaranthus, cosmos, phlox, portulaca, salvia, sunflower, torena and zinnias.

VEGETABLES: Beetroot, broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, celery, beans, garlic, leeks, peas, silverbeet and tomatoes.

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