Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2012

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Your Website

See what's happening on www.twra.net - it will all be new soon!

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

10 December

Christmas Carols:

16 December

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Christmas Carols

Our carols are again organised for the Wandiny Room at the Novotel Resort. We have several exciting young entertainers from our local talent as well as our well known community carollers, sausage sizzle, raffle, light-up Twin Waters draw and of course the man in the red suit.

Sunday 16th December doors open at 5pm and carols commence at 5.30 and conclude at 7.30 followed by fireworks at 8pm on the lagoon. Come along and enjoy a great community event.

Christmas is for Giving

We have been in touch with the chaplaincy of Pacific Paradise School and intend to make up hampers of Christmas fare of non-perishable food for distribution to the needy in our area. If you would like to help please bring along your donation to the Carols night.

Light Up Twin Waters

once again the TWRA is encouraging residents to brighten their homes for Christmas with the Light Up Twin Waters event. This is a lucky draw, not a competition.

You simply put up Christmas lights, fill in an entry form and wait for you name to be called at the Christmas Carols night. It costs nothing to enter and it is a lucky draw for 4 prizes.

Every house completing a form has a chance to win. Deposit

your entry in the box at The Friendly Grocer, register online at twra.net or enter a form on the night.

Maintenance Reference Group

The hot dry weather has been playing havoc with the maintenance of our lawns and gardens and Prime have not been able to cut the grass for several weeks now and are concentrating on mulching, cleaning up dead fronds, spraying weeds and some pruning.

Council have advised that some residents have been dumping their garden tree cuttings in the parks and leaving them for the contractor to remove. This is not part of their contract – you must take responsibility for these. Check the SCC website for your nearest tip facility.

We are looking into the possibility of increasing Prime's contract to provide for more pruning of palm fronds with the hot, dry weather effecting the appearance of our many areas of palms.

Don't forget if you want to add more plants to your local park the council will provide acceptable natives and they will be looked after by the contractor. Contact your local TWMRG representative to arrange.

Newsletter Advertising

Yes, it's here again already. To those who advertised in our newsletter during 2012 we appreciate your custom and

hope that this advertising has exposed your business to the right people and that it has been a productive exercise.

In 2013 we are offering you the following at a cost of \$25 per month: Advertising space for either 6 months for \$150 or a 12 month period at \$270. This includes one advertorial and entry in the TWRA Online Business Directory. Please ring the Advertising Coordinator Robyn Boydell 5457 0665 or 0404 304 643 or email boydelltwra@gmail.com if you wish to continue your existing ad for 6 or 12 months; or prepare a new ad?

Robyn will then advise on material deadlines.

Visitors Coming?

If you call The Friendly Grocer by 4pm on a Friday they can have large chicken and medium chips for \$9.99 or their yummy curries from just \$7.90. They're opening on Christmas Day from 9am till 3 (no hot food).

If you wish to place a Christmas order email now on friendlygrocertwinwaters@ yahoo.com.au and you can collect on Christmas Eve.

Lake/Waterways Management

ATWRA Sub Committee recently met with SCRC Managers to put forward residents' concerns regarding the existing Lend Lease and future management of our waterways by the SCRC after handover.

It was confirmed that a revision of existing Management Plan

was being completed to include leases and types/specifications of structures that will be allowable. The Council has also commissioned independent valuation advice re values of leases to be apportioned in Twin Waters waterways for existing and future structures.

Your Sub Committee on behalf of residents offered strong opposition to any unreasonable future possible charges and were advised the matter would go to Full Council for decision within the next 6 weeks. We were assured that our unique Lake and Waterways access and future use by recreational craft will be protected.

Secure Your Kayaks

With the storm and cyclone season approaching make sure you secure your kayak. You would be surprised how many kayaks are blown away in storms and finish up at the end of the Twin Waters waterways. Kayaks sitting on the front verges near the water are also a tempting target for thieves. Secure your kayak – you know it makes sense!

School Holidays

Only a few more sleeps! School finishes for this year for most of you on 16th December but the bad news is it goes back on 29th January. Have a really great time! And for those of our students who have finished their schooling days – congratulations! Hope your results are what you wish them to be.

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Starting High School

This can be an exciting time for any student but it can also be a time when your child is apprehensive. There's the fear of getting lost or not being able to find their classrooms, remember they were used to being in just the one classroom before. They usually only had one teacher before too.

If your child hasn't already attended an orientation day at their new school, ring the school before term starts and see if you and your child can arrange a campus tour - find the restrooms, the classrooms, tuckshop, lockers, find out who their teachers will be for which subject. Check you have the uniforms exact. If the school offers a student handbook read it from cover to cover. It will spell out school policies and procedures and your child will feel much more confident knowing exactly what is expected of them. Remember everyone else starting that day is nervous too! Encourage your child to get involved. High school can be a great experience. There are so many opportunities to learn new skills and meet new people allowing your child to grow and mature with each new experience. Your son or daughter may enter high school as a child but watch out in a few years they will graduate as an adult. Guys good luck!

Sunshine Coast/New Zealand Flights

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The trial of these flights ran for 14 weeks and has been considered a success, so much so the plans are on the table to continue the trial from June/July to end of October in 2013. This year about 6000 passengers flew and the planes had an 80%

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The benefit to our region is the incoming passengers want to come here and being of the more mature age group feel the Gold Coast is for the younger generation. The only area where work is needed is to get a more balanced number of outbound passengers.

So start planning now – the Australian Dollar is still good and New Zealand has something to offer in all seasons. In a day's drive you can go from coastal regions, through farmlands, glaziers, snowfields, spectacular waterways – you'll thoroughly enjoy it. The food and wine is great (even the fush and chups)

More Airport News

The draft of the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) is being finalised and will be forwarded to the Council early in 2013. Then it will be available for public consultation in March/April 2013. The first flights on the new runway in operation are still on plan for 2020.

Stockland Appeal Update

About 90 TWRA members were able to attend the Special Mediation Sessions held at Twin Waters on 30 October. These sessions were part of the Mediation agreement reached between the TWRA and Stockland which has enabled some of the matters important to the Twin Waters

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community to be secured if the Stockland development is ultimately approved.

The Special Mediation sessions heard from one of the Flooding Experts and members were able to ask their questions about the flooding risks from any Stockland development. While TWRA is now excused from participation in the formal Court Hearing, Council is still involved as the Respondent in the appeal. The progress of the Appeal will be discussed in more detail at our next General Meeting on 10 December at 7.30 pm at Novotel resort.

Aged Care Facility in Twin Waters

In a major boost for the retirement and aged care industry on the Sunshine Cast, Living Choice and Padman Health Care have announced plans for 5 star 85-high and low care bed Aged Care Facility to be built on the north-east corner of the Twin Waters Retirement Village site.

Padman Health, an award winning Australian company has delivered aged care services for the past 28 years. They have 14 existing facilities in Australia They have won 3 national awards for excellence in building and at the Aged Service Australia Conference Perth in October this year the company received the National Employer of Choice Award.

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Study areas in Drama include: Performance Skills Laboratory, Dramatic Languages, Applied Drama, Directing Performance – Contemporary Perspectives and Devising Performance – Community Engagement. If you are interested in teaching Drama, you should also select a second area of speciality within your degree to qualify to teach in two areas within Drama as the major teaching area.

Wrap it Up!

Sunshine Coast Hospice in support of Katie Rose Cottage are Christmas Gift Wrapping at Kawana Shopping World from Saturday the 1st of December to Wednesday the 12th of December where we ask for a gold coin donation for each present we gift wrap. These are the funds the charity will receive at the end of this event. We require assistance on a roster schedule over this period. Please contact Debra Forbes on Mob: 0488 989 820 if you can be of help.

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