

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2013

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Date Claimers

TWRA Meeting:

11 February

Clean Up Australia Day:

3 March

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Waterways

Structure Update

The SCRC has advised that a Standard Terms/Lease Document has been developed which outlines the terms and conditions that need to be followed with respect to pontoon/structures on the Twin Waters lake/waterways. (A copy has been posted on TWRA website.) SCRC has also advised that the independent valuation for proposed lease fees has been completed. Both the Standard Terms/Lease content and proposed lease fees are subject to endorsement/ratification at next full Council meeting this month. Your sub-committee is planning to meet with both Lend Lease and SCRC to review all major matters and concerns prior to Council meeting.

Safe Waterways

A reminder to canoeists, paddle-boarders, fishermen and all – the shark is STILL in our waterways. It has been sighted recently on the west side of Karinya Island and south of the bridge onto the island and again at entrance to the weir where people have been standing waist deep fishing and their children and dog paddling. It is a bull shark and appears to be about a metre in length.

In checking with 'those in the know' I am advised that young sharks who have been guided by their mother through feeding areas when very young, when fending for themselves as teenagers are not fully aware of what is on their diet and are likely to have a bite first to determine if it's of their liking. Be aware!

Dogs and Beaches

There is some concern about dogs disturbing migratory birds around the river mouth. The discussion has been prompted by an article in the Sunshine Coast Daily on December 22nd. It is clear that many people from Twin Waters use this area on a regular basis. We want to ensure that the views of our community are given due consideration. Cr Jason O'Pray said in The Sunshine Coast Daily on January 11th and in further communication with TWRA that Maroochy North Shore off-leash beach won't go.

Dogs in Twin Waters

We have no "Dogs-Off-Leash" areas in Twin Waters and have no suitable areas for making one. This has been considered a number of times over the years and we do not envisage that any circumstances have changed here. The Maroochy North Shore area is our closest such area.

While we're on the doggie subject: in walking around our beautifully landscaped street ways and parks it is obvious that some dog walkers are not cleaning up after their beloved pets. Remember it is the law.

Twin Waters – an Estuarine Village

There are a number of reasons why Twin Waters is the jewel of the Maroochydoore coastline, the most prominent is of course its ties with the ocean. Twin Waters and its beautiful waterways are not only a fantastic playground and

spectacular backdrop but they are our gateway to the Pacific and all its life.

The estuaries of Twin Waters are in fact vitally important marine environments and havens for marine biodiversity. But what is a marine estuary, why are they so important and what roles do we play in protecting them?

An estuary is simply a waterway that provides a transition between the sea, the land and the fresh water which flows from it. But they are more than that - they are havens for life and naturally rich with biodiversity and life.

Estuaries are vital habitats for many varieties of marine species and are often called "the nurseries of the sea". They are protected environments and abundant in food, providing an ideal location for fish and shellfish to reproduce.

Over the next few editions of the Twin Waters Residents' Newsletter a Project Support Office from the Salinity and Water Quality Alliance is going to introduce us to our estuarine environment and some of the animals that call it home. We will look at the simple things that we can all do to protect their homes and protect our own back yards.

Thank you to Christopher McCulloch from the CMA.

Support Our Local People

In 2013, let's all do what we can to support our local businesses. After all, if we want them here for our convenience, we need to support them. In the Twin Waters Shopping Village

there are lots of products as good as, if not better, than many other places. Let's start at The Friendly Grocer with Amit & Punita. They have most groceries, cold foods, fruit and vegies. They still have the best hot chickens. Have you tried Punita's home cooked Indian classic meals? Lynette & George at the Twin Waters Takeaway do great fish and chips and have excellent coffee plus lots more.

We have our own Family Medical Practice and Pharmacy with special attention from Ruth, Allan and staff. We have not one, but two real estate offices – LJ Hooker and Century 21. They both know Twin Waters property market very well. Then there is the Loose Goose Restaurant – still going strong with excellent food, friendly staff and competitive prices. In the adjacent area we have our local solicitor Lever Law and account Keating & Associates.

We all have choices about where we spend our hard-earned dollars, but we encourage everyone to "think local" whenever we can. It is in all of our interests to do so.

We Need You!

If you have an hour to spare each week, Pacific Paradise State School would like to talk to you. They are desperate for volunteers to sit with children and provide the one-on-one time and attention that will lead them to success in reading. It is very rewarding and you would be making a difference to the children's' reading ability. A Blue Card is required but the School will help you through this process. If you can help please call Chris Patteson at the School on 5457 2333 or email her at cpatt29@eq.edu.au

Landscape Maintenance

The cleaning up of all the dead palm fronds was not completed prior to Christmas but the outstanding areas will be attended to very soon. Mulching should be completed by now also. The Landscape contractor's contract is being extended at the moment with the contract being extended by 11% due to the rise and all provisions in their contract. We are investigating what effect this will have on our Landscape Levy.

Found: Pool Toy in Canal

If you have lost a large pool toy in the canal – wind may have carried it there from your poolside. Please ring 0431 373 789 as this family is very kindly minding it for you.

Boardriders History Makes Waves

New book on the market as from February 2 "should've been here yesterday" outlines the history of North Shore Boardriders 1969-79. Outlined in this book are the foundation years of the Club and is the first in a series compiled by Kristen Jones, (mother of professional surfing star Nic Jones) and designed by Twin Waters graphic designer Steve Sturgess and University of Sunshine Coast tutor Max Hornibrook.

It takes us from the birth of the Club when a group of surfers from Redcliffe travelled every weekend to surf the beaches from Caloundra to Noosa – and camped and surfed many times at the north shore during their sojourns out of Brisbane. Maroochy's North Shore was part of the

inspiration in the club's naming. The book is packed with photographs, competition results and anecdotes about the surfing life three decades ago. Funding for the book came from private sponsors and Sunshine Coast Council's Heritage and History grants program and ultimately will take us through the North Shore's forty-five year history. It is great read and the pics are priceless. It is available at \$25 from Surf Moto Skate at Maroolia, Bryan Weir's Inside Edge, Cotton Tree, DaBomb, Maroochydore, Beachbeat shops at Alex and Caloundra, Alex Surf Shop and Dicky Surf, Surfware at Caloundra, Wirreanda News Buderim or directly from Kristen Jones on 0417 786 100 or northshoreboardriders@bigpond.com



Clean Up Twin Waters Day

Get ready for the annual "Clean Up Twin Waters Day" Sunday 7 March 2013. This begins with a free breakfast in the park in Baywater Drive at 8am and will be finished by 10am. Bring some gloves and we will supply the bags.

If you are interested in cleaning up the waterways – bring your canoe. If you are able to provide a utility or trailer please contact Ed on 5448 9414.

Street Parties

Thank you to all who organised their Street Party over New Year. From reports these were very well attended and enjoyed by all.

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Centenary Bonsai Collection

To mark the centenary of the declaration of Canberra as the National Capital, the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia is conducting a competition for the best bonsai in Australia. This competition will be conducted each decade until the bicentennial in 2113.

Twin Waters resident Margaret Roberson, has been selected as one of three Queenslanders to display a tree in this collection which will be housed in the First Garden of the Canberra International Arboretum and Garden. The display will be officially opened on Saturday 2nd February after the judging by two Australian and one International Bonsai artist. Margaret is a member of the Sunshine Coast Bonsai Society Club which meets every fourth Saturday from February to October at the Woombye Community Arts Hall.

Margaret's tree is a 56 year old Ligustrum lucidum, a native of China. A tree of this type usually reaches 12 metres in height.

Her 50cm high tree was styled on the famous Anthony Horden Tree which was located on the Razorback Mountain just outside Sydney. The Anthony Horden family crest carried the words "while I live I grow". Sydneysiders may remember this tree which was made famous by the truckies blockade in the 70's. This tree was then poisoned and soon afterwards the company went out of business. But a bonsai version lives on.

For more information on this exhibition see the new website www.nbpca.com.au



Valentine's Day at The Novotel Resort

"Want to celebrate Valentine's Day in style? The Novotel Resort Twin Waters has two romantic venues for you.

Lily's on the Lagoon 6pm - 10pm - \$70 per person for a 4 course plated dinner, a glass of sparkling on arrival and a gift of handmade chocolates or **Valentines on the Beach** 6pm - 10pm \$70 per person for a seafood dinner - on the beach, a glass of sparkling on arrival and a gift of handmade chocolates. Make the most of February 14th!

For bookings please call 1800 072 277.



Twin Waters Rainfall 2012

"Whether the weather be cold, or whether the weather be hot, we'll weather the weather whatever the weather whether we like it or not".

We may think last year was dry, but in fact our total annual rainfall in 2012 was 2052mm, which is almost the average we have had over the past five years of 2060mm. The problem was that 2012 was a year of two halves - wet and dry!

Our wettest month was March, when we had 582mm and our wettest day was March 23rd when 203mm of rain fell. There were 14 wet days in March. In August, not a drop fell, the first time in 5 years when we had a month with no rain at all.

In December we had only 40mm of rain compared to 289mm in December 2011. Even Twin Waters is a land of contrasts! Thank you to Len Gamble for providing these Twin Waters rainfall stats.

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