

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER - JULY 2013

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#### Your Website

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#### Date Claimers

**TWRA General Meetings in Wandiny Room at Novotel at 7.30pm:**

- 12 August AGM
- 14 October
- 9 December

**Christmas in July at Lily's on the Lagoon:**

28 July

**Birthday Picnic:**

13 October

#### Like to Lend a Hand?

Great exercise! Deliver newsletters on your walk – call Ed on 5448 9414.

#### Bus Shelters – Feedback Needed

We have had a project going for some time to have at least one bus shelter erected in Ocean Drive to provide refuge in adverse weather for school children. At one stage we thought that this could be a shelter to be used by commuter bus patrons as well as school children but, as you are probably aware, the bus service to Maroochydore is to end shortly because of lack of patronage.

We have liaised with council officers and looked at the pickup points for children in Ocean Drive. It appears that the two major pick up points are just north of the Twin Waters Drive roundabout and at the existing bus shelter west of Wattlebird Drive. Lesser numbers are picked up opposite the Twin Waters Shopping Village and at the bus stop just south of the Prestwick Drive roundabout.

The problem for the council with the area near Twin Waters Drive is that it would cost in the vicinity of \$50/60,000 to build a bus shelter there. The regulations under which the council operates mean that they would have to build up the area off the

existing bitumen road surface so as an extended bitumen apron could be built. The area for the bus shelter would also have to be built up because the regulations state that disabled access has to be provided. We are told that a shelter cannot be built unless these conditions are met. At this cost council would not build a shelter.

The alternative site suggested by council is at the bus stop just south of the Prestwick Drive roundabout. This is about 250 metres from the Twin Waters Drive site. At that location there is already extended bitumen and the surface is more level and would require less building up. There is also sufficient area off the roadway where parents can park and drop off their children. A bus shelter at that site would probably be affordable.

We need feedback, in particular from parents of school children, as to whether they and their children would use the bus shelter if one is built near Prestwick Drive.

We ask you to respond with your views and ideas to [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net)

#### Landscape Maintenance

Twin Waters is looking pristine thanks to Chloe's team from Prime and Stephan and Darren from the Council for all their work and making us "The Pride of the Coast". We are working with Council to determine the best way to rectify the washaways behind the revetment walls in some of our parks. The final handover of the waterways by Lend Lease to Council is still being determined and the latest requirement is for some dredging to be carried out.

#### Family Fun Day

Katie Rose Hospice Doonan are holding their Charity's inaugural "Family & Community Fun Day" at on 20th July and are hoping for a bumper crowd to make it a huge fundraising success and one they can emulate in the future years.

Taking on the genre of an old English fair, there will be jumping castles, face painting, food stalls, sausage sizzles, fairy floss and Devonshire teas, along with many more plus entertainment.

#### **TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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## Birthday Picnic

Organisation for a great picnic is now underway. This year there'll be more to do... Competitions. School band and choir. Clown. Face painting. Birthday cake. Sausage Sizzle. More surprises.

Do you have a hobby or in a Club which would like to have a display on the day? Contact Rob on tututeddy@gmail.com

## Drivers Licence Changes

It is noted that the laws for drivers and motor bike riders are being tightened with our older drivers being required to get a medical certificate from their doctor every 12 months, however they are not required to sit for a driving test.

## Home Assist

The Home Assist program has been a great help and is to continue through 2013/14. The program provides subsidised assistance for people over 60 and those with disabilities to help with minor home maintenance, repairs and modification in relation to health, safety and security.

## What's Your Opinion?

Neighbourhood Watch has received a suggestion that the speed sign (40) when entering Prestwick Drive, from Ocean Drive roundabout be moved 30 metres onwards. Drivers often exceed the speed limit possibly due to not having seen the sign whilst executing the left turn. In the interests of safety do you feel it should be moved? Email your thoughts to the TWRA info@twra.net

## Stockland Appeal

The judgment still has not been handed down. We are aware that the judge who heard the case has been busy in the criminal jurisdiction. As soon as the judgment is handed down members will be notified of the outcome by email.

## Bicycle Riders Note

By the end of this year exemptions will be in place so that anyone wearing religious headdresses can ride a bike in Queensland without a helmet on.

Studies conducted in Queensland show that those wearing a helmet have a 69% reduction in the likelihood of brain injury when involved in a bike crash. Wearing a helmet remains compulsory for any other cyclists who don't have an exemption, with the penalty for failing to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle being a \$110 on-the-spot fine.

According to CARRS (Centre for Accident Research & Road Safety Qld), each year an average of 35 Australian cyclists are killed and over 2500 are seriously injured.

It is timely that we be aware of the associated dangers that exist. There are 33 rules for bike riders so if you are just starting out, have children riding or need to brush up on these you might like to refer to [www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-Road-Rules/Bicycle-rules.asp](http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Queensland-Road-Rules/Bicycle-rules.asp)

## It's Back!

Beware in our waters the shark is back and has brought two friends along!

## Golf Day

The Twin Waters Golf Day is being revived after lapsing last year. A booking has been made at Twin Waters Golf Club for Sunday 3rd November. Further information will be sent in due course.

## Entertainment Book

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## Heartmoves

The Heart Foundation hold a Heartmoves programme each Friday at 9am at Millwell Rd Community Centre, Maroochydore. Sponsored by the Sunshine Coast Council \$8 a session or Concessions \$3.

## Viva la France

The long lunch! Oui s'il vous plait! The Loose Goose is celebrating Bastille Day on Sunday 14th July. For bookings ring 5457 0887 or [www.theloosegoose.com.au](http://www.theloosegoose.com.au)

## Bit of Trivia

When Stanley Kubrick wanted to make the rogue computer in 2001: Space Odyssey an IBM, the company pulled out their sponsorship. So he just moved the letters back one space and the rogue computer became HAL.

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## Feeling a Little Chilly?

Our average July temperature ranges between 9.5°C and 20.8°C. But imagine if you lived in the Russian village of Oymyakon which has lowest recorded temperature for any permanently inhabited location where temperatures can hit -71.2°C. Nothing grows so locals live off diet of only reindeer meat and horse meat but never suffer malnourishment. Locals keep their cars running all day for fear of them not starting again if turned off. Digging graves for a funeral can take up to three days as ground has to be thawed with a blow torch. Mobile phones don't work... and homes still have outside toilets!

## What's on in July!

**2nd** at 2pm "Virtual Supermarket Tour" at Kawana Library Buddina. Sunshine Coast Libraries & Diabetes Qld have joined forces for a 2 hour session to guide you through making sense of nutritional information on food labels. It's FREE!

**5th-7th** Qld Gardening Expo at Nambour Showgrounds. Free lectures and demos. Live stages covering a vast array of gardening topics. Expert advice in a Q&A session. Landscape Garden Displays. Gardeners & Gourmets. The Plant Clinic. Giant Kitchen Garden. Living Backyard. Floral Art Display. Even a Just for Kids section. FREE! See [www.qldgardenexpo.com.au](http://www.qldgardenexpo.com.au)

**7th** 10 till 2 at Maleny Showgrounds "Muscle on the Mountain" For a gold coin entry see Muscle cars, Street machines, Vintage & Classics and motorbikes too. Breakfast & Lunch available as well as camping. All proceeds go to raise awareness of Prostate Cancer Foundation.

**12th-14th** International Rally of Queensland. The main event under lights at Nambour showgrounds. See 50 competitors from Malaysia, New Caledonia, China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia on a high speed, 2km sprint around the precinct and there's a thrilling jump. There's car displays, fireworks, Market stalls, children's rides, food, drinks.

**16th-17th** See a re-imagined version of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein". Nambour Civic Centre. It's not for the faint-hearted! 7.30 on Tues and 11am Wed. Adults \$39, Seniors \$35, Schools \$15.

**27th-28th** Quilt Show at Caloundra Arts Centre (behind Caloundra Woolworths) 9-4 Entry \$5.00

**EVERY WEEK:** 9am-3pm a Justice of the Peace Service at various libraries around the Coast Mon-Fri & Sat 9 till noon. Call your local branch for locations near to you.

## Share a Famous Birthday?

**24/7/98 Bindi Sue Irwin** – Actress from Crocodile Hunter Diaries, Bindi the Jungle Girl, Free Willy and daughter of the famous Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin.

**27/7/53 Greg Pead** (know him?) It's Yahoo Serious – Movie director, composer, actor – Young Einstein, Reckless Kelly & Mr Accident.

**31/7/51 Evonne Goolagong Cawley** – Tennis champion, first indigenous Australian woman to achieve international sporting fame. In 1971 she won both the French Open & Wimbledon. The same year she was Australian of the Year. She is a member of the Wiradjuri people.

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<b>PoliceLink (not urgent):</b>	13 14 44
<b>Coolum Police General Enquiries:</b>	5440 2777
<b>Block Co-ordinators:</b>	Check Community Notice Board for contact details

## Aussie Trivia

The mining town of Coober Pedy in Australia got its name from the local Aboriginals. It means something like "White fella down a hole".

The first Australian Aboriginal word in the English language was "kangaroo" and was used by Captain James Cook. The original spelling was "kanguaroo".

Australia has possibly the lowest population density of any country in the world, ie, 2 people per square km. Japan has 327 people/2km.

Some bad news about Australia - 21% of the world's gambling machines are in Australia. We have a mere 0.003% of the world's population!

The so-called 'dingo fence' in Australia is the longest fence in the world, and is about twice as long as the Great Wall of China. It has a gate every 19kms along its length.

The first life-saving club in the world was founded in Australia, Bronte, Sydney, in 1903. It has since saved the lives of many surfers.

The famous Aussie Akubra hat is named that, from the Aboriginal word, which means 'head covering'. They are made from rabbit fur.

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