

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2013

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Your Website

See what's happening on www.twra.net

Date Claimers

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

- 12 August AGM
- 14 October
- 9 December

Birthday Picnic:

13 October

Like to Lend a Hand?

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

Memberships

Please don't forget that subscriptions for membership became due on 1 July. At present the current year's membership stands at around 170, so we are on target to produce record membership numbers this year. Please encourage your friends and neighbours to join, the larger our membership the more we can be heard and the more we can progress with our growing village.

Apex Activity Day

Our neighbours at Apex Camp Mudjimba in Nojoor Rd are willing to assist us offer an Activity Day (or half-day) for Twin Waters children aged from 9 years to 14 years. They will assist with supervisors and instructors and make available facilities including their ropes course and their climbing wall.

A similar event a few years ago was popular with young people. However, we need two or three people to volunteer to plan and organise the event. If you would like your child to participate, perhaps you may be willing to help organise the activities day – liaise with ACM to find a suitable

date, plan the activities and manage the events on the day.

If you can assist, please contact us at info@twra.net. We hope an event can be organised for later this year but we need assistance to do so.

We are grateful to ACM for their willingness to make their facilities and staff available. Maybe this could lead to bigger and better things at a later date we could offer a 'Kids Camping experience' of 4-5 days for same age bracket during school holidays.

School's Back!

While we're talking school holidays – do you know where your kids were? I know boredom is a BIG downside of school hols and it's hard to find things for them to do all the time without spending a fortune.

Last holidays we were hit by graffiti and it is still etched into sections of our village, both expensive and a nuisance to repair.

This time there has been a series of "eggings" along some of our streets to both houses and cars. Eggging is a criminal offence, considered as vandalism as it

has the capability of it causing damage. Egg whites can degrade certain types of paint on houses and vehicles. If left too long, because of the protein compound of an egg, it has to be removed by abrasives which in themselves cause damage. This is not a practical joke!

Joining Our Neighbours

The TWRA are again supporting the Mooloolaba TAFE by organising a Dine Out at 12 noon on Friday 23 August at Cartwright's Restaurant. It will be a 2 course meal at a cost of \$22.

If interested in attending call Ed on 5448 9414. By supporting this event you are helping the future of the Hospitality Industry.

First Half Rainfall at Twin Waters

We seem to be having a wet winter, but the rainfall stats for the first half of 2013 have been relatively normal.

From January to June 2013, we had total rainfall of 1,655mm which compares with 1,446mm for the same period in 2012. Our wettest day was 27 January,

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Membership is valid until 30 June each year and entitles you to the discounts available at local businesses.

The Annual Subscription is \$10 per family plus \$2 if you require an additional card

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when 157mm fell in 24 hours. January was also our wettest month (447mm). The longest stretch of rainy days was 7 days from 14 to 20 February while the longest stretch of dry days was 17 days from 12 April to 2 May. Thanks to Len Gamble who checks his rain gauge every day at 7.00am and shares his stats with us.

Dogs In Twin Waters

There seems to be an increasing reluctance from dog owners to clean up after their pets. To do so is surely only common courtesy. Many householders are left to clean up their nature strips and lawns from dogs defecating on them. Some of this problem is caused by dogs not on leads.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE NO OFF-LEAD AREAS FOR DOGS IN TWIN WATERS.

The Queensland Plan for the Future

Have you responded yet to the government's call for comments and input to "The Queensland Plan"?

The government is saying the Plan will "outline our shared vision for the next 30 years and identify local and state-wide priorities for Queensland". They are seeking input from all Queenslanders. If you would like to know more about this, you can go to the web site at <http://queenslandplan.qld.gov.au/>

There is a questionnaire there where you can express your views on a number of topics, including how we: move our focus from 'me' to 'we'; teach skills and values to meet

global challenges; embrace responsibility for an active and healthy lifestyle; structure our economy to ensure a resilient future; achieve sustainable landscapes; attract and retain the brightest minds. These six topics were developed out of the first public consultation held in Mackay recently. Now we can all provide our thoughts about them and we encourage everyone to do so. Just go to the web site and follow the links.

Hear more about it: When: Friday 9th August **Time:** 1pm-3pm **Where:** Mike Ahern Centre, (Ground Floor Meeting Room), 12 First Avenue, Maroochydore **RSVP:** By Wednesday 7th August (Tel: 5443 7995 or Email: Maroochydore@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Cycling

Most Twin Waters pathways are intended to be used by both pedestrians and cyclists. The law requires that cyclists have bells on their bikes and use them when they are approaching pedestrians to warn them. However it is difficult to get people to always be considerate of others and do the right thing. There is room for both pedestrians and cyclists as long as we all show care and respect for others. A bike bell costs as little as \$7 a fine for not having one is \$40.

Birthday Bash!

We're nearly 17! Come to our party 12noon till 3 on Sunday 13 October at the park. There'll be – a Sausage Sizzle! Cake Icing Comp! Face Painting! School Band! Canoe Rides! Child's Art Competition! Jazz Band! Jumping Castle! School Choir! Clown! Art Display! More... more... more.

Thank You Folks!

Newsletters don't just automatically find their way to your letterbox there are a number of dedicated people who walk through all 4564 suburbs delivering them.

Special thanks goes to: Ed & Merryl Berry, Karen Painter, Terry Hamilton, Rob Fletcher, Ron Clark, Gordon Pitt, Brent Ambler, John Geitz, Jenny Masche, Barry Smith, Nicola Crutchley, Julie Glover, Michelle Pemberton, Bob Teggins, Sue Andrews, Malcolm Smith, Desleigh Sorensen, Sandra and Jeff Wheeler.

Twin Waters Landscaping

The cold winter weather has slowed all growth in our Gardens and Parks (except for weeds) and our contractor Prime are now working on clearing and trimming where needed. Mulching is due to commence shortly with areas to be topped up to the specified level to allow air and moisture to reach the soil below.

If residents have any concerns with their area they should first contact the Council Call Centre 5475 8501 and if they do not receive attention then contact your area reference group member. The Shores, Warwick Daniels 5450 5148; The Sound, Max Mills 5450 7289; The Links, Malcolm & Cynthia Smith 5448 9164; The Banks, John Geitz 5450 7046; The Landings, Con Guard 5450 5012.

Congratulations

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We are interested to find out if any of our residents have accepted their offer and if so have they lived up to their promises. If you are using or have used their services we would appreciate a call to Judy Cody at codyjr@bigpond.com or phone call to 5450 5038.

What's On at the Coast During August

Billy Cart Grand Prix At Noosa Christian College Cooroy on Sunday 4th. Build your own cart and join in the racing. Register at 8.30 \$25 per team. Side show alley, various stalls, hot food, face painting, petting zoo, kids zone, face painting, unlimited rides for \$30, book sale, food court & garage sale. Phone: 07 5447 7808.

Optus Gympie Muster 22nd till 25th at Amamoor Creek State Forest Park Phone: 07 5482 2099.

Getting Financial Control Sat 24th at Beerwah Library. More businesses fail from a lack of cash rather than a lack of profit. Learn how to be better prepared for the peaks and troughs of the economic business cycle. This session demonstrates how to prepare a cash-flow forecast & provide you with tips to increase cash-flows in your business. You'll be provided with some simple methods to implement better systems & controls to

minimise the risk of fraud. Due to the content covered in this presentation, business owners who are registered for GST who prepare a complete set of financial accounts in-house, or are comfortable reading and understanding their financial statements should attend. 10am-11.30am Free. Bookings Essential 07 5494 0221.

Possum Magic, The Final Farewell Tour 26th & 27th At The Events Centre, Caloundra. Based on the book written by Mem Fox and illustrated by Julie Vivas and first published in 1983. In 1990 the musical stage adaptation had its world premiere, which was sold out before it opened.

PJ Party Mon 26th 5pm/6pm Start, Tues 27th 10.30am start. Tickets: Full Price \$16.00 / Group 10+: \$14.00 – 07 5491 4240.

Shaping Your Career Wed 28th at Noosa Library 54 Eumundi Rd Noosaville. Find out what type of work or career path suits you best! Gain valuable insight to enable yourself to find a job you will truly enjoy. Julie Lusk from the University of Sunshine Coast gives you the opportunity to perform a character assessment, determine your occupation type and identify transferable skills. Participants will be supplied with a workbook containing useful exercises, career planning tips and advice on how to research career paths. 2pm Free. Bookings Essential.

Easy Home Harvest 29th at Kawana Library, Buddina. Michele Sternberg demonstrates how you can grow your own vegetables in just 10 minutes a week! Discover the importance of growing food dense in minerals to improve the health of soil, plants and our bodies. Receive tips on how you can take a natural, chemical free

soil, plants and our bodies. Receive tips on how you can take a natural, chemical free approach to gardening in your own backyard. 10am FREE!

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Fun Facts

Scallops have as many as 100 simple eyes. They're frequently blue.

The ocean is 12,080.7 feet (3,682.2 meters) deep on average. That's about eight Empire State Buildings, stacked one on top of the other. The deepest part of the ocean, however, is about 36,200 feet down (11,030 m). That's more like 25 Empire State Buildings.

Seahorses don't have stomachs, just intestines for the absorption of nutrients from food. Food passes through their digestive system rapidly, so they eat plankton and small crustaceans almost constantly.

Gravity on the moon is a sixth of what it is on Earth. Someone who weighs 150 pounds (68 kg) on this planet moves the scales at only 25 pounds (11 kg) on the moon. Its gravity is so much lower because the moon is just 1 percent the mass of Earth.

As of 2011, Twitter users sent 200 million Tweets per day, according to the social media website. That's the text equivalent of 8,163 copies of "War and Peace."

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