

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2014

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### Your Website

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### Date Claimers

**TWRA General Meetings at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:**

- 10 February
- 14 April
- 16 June
- 11 August (AGM)
- 13 October
- 8 December

**Clean Up Twin Waters Day:**  
23 February @ 7.30

### Like to Lend a Hand?

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### Stockland Decision

Stockland's appeal against the Sunshine Coast Council's rejection of their application for a change in the zoning of the Canelands site to allow them to undertake a residential development on the site was dismissed in a decision handed down by Judge Rackemann in the Planning & Environment Court on December 13, 2013. Our understanding is that the decision is final and may not be appealed, which would mean that the matter is now closed.

The appeal process, which started in 2009, culminated in a Court Hearing in February 2013. The TWRA was a Co-Respondent with the Council in the appeal. The judgement delivered on 13 December ran to 58 pages and addressed the matters which could not be resolved between the two principal parties, Stockland and Council. Expert witnesses from both parties presented their arguments in Court and were subject to cross-examination and also incisive questioning from Judge Rackemann. The main areas of contention included conflicts with relevant

town planning schemes, flooding (and evacuation from the site in the event of severe flooding); land use and proximity to other residential development i.e. Twin Waters, visual amenity, landscape character and need. The onus was on Stockland, as the appellant, to make the case that the appeal should be upheld. In the end, the Judge found that there was not a sufficient need for the development and dismissed the appeal. The land will remain zoned for "rural" uses.

As reported to our TWRA members following the decision, this is a very pleasing outcome for the TWRA and for our Twin Waters community. We should acknowledge that due process was followed; that Council was well represented and the Council's original decision was strongly defended in Court. The fact that the adjacent communities (i.e. Twin Waters) did not want the development also weighed into the decision. Our organised opposition from the outset, including the more than 800 objections, mostly from Twin Waters residents, was a factor in the case – directly by our participation as

a Co-Respondent and indirectly by keeping Council's "feet to the fire". We express our appreciation for the support from our Divisional Councillors, currently Councillor Jason O'Pray and also our former Councillor, Debbie Blumel.

On behalf of the community, we express our thanks to the Sub-Committee who managed our involvement in the case – Geoff Billard, Peter Braithwaite, Dennis Kyling, Warwick Daniels, Ken Vaughn, Rob Fletcher, Ken Taylor and Ian Landreth. We also thank everyone who provided their initial objections to the Council and those who have maintained their interest and support throughout this lengthy process.

The TWRA's involvement in this case definitely made a difference and is manifest evidence that a strong local community association can achieve good results for the community. Our strength is in our numbers and if you are not currently a member of the TWRA, we strongly encourage you to join, using the Application Form below.

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## First TWRA Meeting for 2014

The first TWRA General Meeting for 2014 will be held at Novotel Resort at 7.30 pm on Monday, 10 February. The Guest Speaker will be Carl Jackson, Chaplain at Pacific Paradise State School. The agenda will include an opportunity to discuss the Stockland decision. All members are cordially invited to attend. If you are not presently a member but live in Twin Waters, you are welcome to attend. Dates for future meetings in 2014 are shown in the left hand column.

## Taking Care

There were five reported break and enters in Twin Waters reported at Christmas. Houses in Starfish Way, Baywater Drive and three in Oceanic Ct were broken into. Most involved entering through slightly ajar or unlocked sliding doors. Reported thefts included wallets and also cars entered whilst parked in the garage. Subsequently there were also break-ins of cars in Esperance Drive with wallets and keys stolen. So, while we are fortunate with a low crime rate in Twin Waters, it is not a perfect record and we must continue to take care.

## Crime Map Online

The Queensland Police Service has introduced a web based system whereby crime statistics can be viewed via the new Crime Map Online facility. Just go to: <http://www.police.qld.gov.au> where you will find a link to "Crime Map Online". In Part 1, select the Area of your Interest e.g. postcode 4564 and then in Part 2, select a

relevant Time Period. It is also possible to gain data concerning Offence Types (in Part 3) and to Analyse Data (in Part 4). This is a worthwhile addition to public crime reporting by Queensland Police.

## Concerns About the Lake

There have been a number of recent confirmed sightings of shark(s) in the Twin Waters lake. There will probably always be some sharks in the lake and waterways as they would enter when they are juvenile. This is one of the reasons that there are prominent NO SWIMMING signs around the lake. Inquiries made with government departments have told TWRA Committee that bull sharks are not dangerous to humans until they are over 2 metres in length. However, we doubt that the sharks have been told that they are not allowed to bite until they grow up. They are not a protected species. The lake is connected directly to the river by large pipes under the weir. We cannot stop any marine creatures entering the lake. Bull sharks are known to frequent estuarine waters and survive quite well in brackish water. Eventually mature sharks will pose a very real threat to users of the lake and canals.

The lake and waterways are still owned by Lend Lease. They are in the process of being handed over to the Council, but that process seems to be extremely drawn out. It appears we may have to have to wait until the lake handover is completed and then lobby Council to remove the most dangerous sharks. In the meantime, we all have to take care in using the lake and waterways and, in particular, be careful for our children and pets.

## Light Up TW Winners

It seems a while ago now, but our 2013 Light Up Twin Waters was possibly one of our best ever. Many homes participated in sharing the Christmas spirit and there were some really outstanding displays. Thank you to everyone who put up lights. The lucky draw for those who participated was made at the Carols on 22 December, with the lucky winners being Malcolm & Cynthia Smith, Franca Cooke, Ruth & David Law and Warren Ellis. Thank you to our sponsors for this event, Lizard Restaurant, Aussie World and Mudjimba News. Your support is appreciated.

## Generosity at Christmas

Congratulations and thank you to those people who provided gifts for the needy at our Carols. We were able to help double the number of local families we assisted last year. Those who delivered the gifts were really impressed with the quality and thoughtfulness of the gift givers. Thanks to Jenny and Gail for organising delivery and thanks also to those people who made Christmas a special time for someone less fortunate.

## Warwick to Step Down from Carols

After heading our Carols Committee for 10 years, Warwick Daniels had decided it is time for him to step aside. We sincerely thank Warwick for the great contribution he has made to the outstanding success of this event over many years. He leaves behind a well organised sub-committee group with a tried and true formula in place. We are now

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looking for someone to join our group and keep Carols rolling along. If you would like to put your hand up to assist with the 2014 Carols, please reply to info@twra.net.

As you know, the Twin Waters Carols at the Novotel, just before Christmas 2013, was an outstanding success. Well in excess of 500 people attended this joyous occasion. We would like to thank the presenters Fiona Simpson & Vicki Larkin, the chaplaincy at Pacific Paradise School and our generous sponsors Novotel, Sunshine Coast Council, Bendigo Bank and North Shore Realty

### Take a Bow, Council

Still on Christmas, the Christmas / New Year holiday season was one of the busiest for years. Apparently, across the Coast, Council's rubbish contractors collected three times the normal holiday weekend amount of rubbish. Mudjimba Beach and Power Park were extremely busy with two daily collections barely keeping pace. But a report to Council of an overflowing bin was quickly acted on and additional bins were placed as well. Good work by Council and contractors. Great to see so many people here enjoying our magnificent beaches and facilities.

### Clean Up Twin Waters

Clean Up Twin Waters will take place this year on Sunday February 23. Note that this is earlier than the normal date for Clean Up Australia – we will have Twin Waters cleaned up ahead of the rest of Australia! The assembly point is the park in Baywater Drive at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast and then we commence collection at 8 a.m. We will be

finished by 10:00 a.m. at the latest. There will be a Lucky Draw for those who participate. We would like to Clean Up on the water so if you have a kayak your help would be appreciated. We have always managed to fill a skip so let's make sure we keep the tradition alive.

### 2013 Rainfall was Near Normal

Twin Waters rainfall in 2013 totalled 2019 mm, not far below our regular average of around 2050 mm. plus or minus 2.5%. The wettest month was January and the driest was August (we went from mid-July to mid-August without any rain at all). All in all, a pretty regular year as far as rainfall was concerned. Thanks to Len Gamble for the stats.

### Great App for Everyone

The Australian Bites & Stings app is free and a 'must have' for everyone. It contains clear details about all those nasties and what to do in the event of a bite or sting from one of them. Developed as a public service by bioCSL, makers of anti-venom, it contains details of a range of bites and stings you might encounter, including snakes, spiders and other crawlies, aquatic creatures and jellyfish. It includes a photo to assist identification and the recommendation for specific emergency treatment plus what to do next. The instructions are easy to follow. This unique app will be of use to anyone planning to be out in Australia's great outdoors – whether it be on the beach, camping, bushwalking or just gardening in the back yard! Just search for the "Australian Bites & Stings app" and download it for free (for Apple and Android)

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## Valentine's Day

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. The most popular martyrology associated with Saint Valentine was that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid.

## Library Lovers Month

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