

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2014

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Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting in the Mudjimba Room at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:
11 August (AGM)
13 October
8 December

Like to Lend a Hand?

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

AGM 11th August

All positions on the TWRA Committee have been declared vacant as at 11 August 2014. It is hoped that some new faces with new forward thinking will join those who wish to stay from the existing team.

The positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer and up to 6 Committee members and are for people who wish to see Twin Waters progressing as a community, maintained as a pristine Sunshine Coast domain to live, raise our families, promote and instill a feeling of camaraderie in the community.

Consider the prospect, contact any existing committee if you would like a job description and contact the Secretary if you wish to nominate. Also our monthly meetings are now at 1.30 on the last Wednesday of the month so it will be more convenient for those working and school pick-ups.

Guest Speaker

Discussions on Safety at home & workplace, medical emergencies, shock, poisons, spinal injuries and a CPR demonstration will be the centre of the talk by our guest speaker from St John Ambulance Qld Division, Faye Gledhill who has been a member of St John since 1986 when she was a First Aid Services volunteer.

She has risen through the ranks up to Divisional Manager in charge of the Brisbane Central Division 2004-2006 when she transferred to the Caboolture Division from where she retired in March 2014.

At this time she reached the qualification of an Advanced Responder and Commander within The Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, Pro Fide and Pro Ultimate Hominum (for Service to Mankind).

Faye has worked with people from many walks of life including medical professionals, Qld Governors and high profile community leaders. She has worked at rock concerts, sporting events, the EKKA, the Abbey Medieval Festival, the 2011 Queensland floods and many events too numerous to mention.

She has now "semi" retired to her home in Maleny but is now a volunteer with Sunshine Coast Animal Refuge & is a Casual Senior First Aid Trainer and a Member of the History and Heritage Committee. Time permitting there will be a question time.

Council's Budget

At our last meeting, both the Mayor and Councillor Jason O'Pray hinted that the new Council budget would benefit Twin Waters residents in many aspects.

While some of the changes such as the rate increase of 5%, a 7.5% increase in waste collection charges affect us there are plusses to be seen for our area. Much of these increases have been attributed to rising costs and loss of de-amalgamation efficiencies but the budget was introduced as a plan to investing in the region's future with such projects as the Airport expansion and the development of the Maroochydore City Centre.

Particular benefits to our area are \$55,000 upgrade

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for Nojoor Road boat ramp; \$100,000 for North Shore Districts Sports Complex upgrade; \$50,000 plus for the North Shore Lions Park and \$325,000 of minor capital works.

TWRA Small Project

While attending our AGM, Councillor Jason O'Pray will outline a request for TWRA to consider a project residents would like to undertake in the area which would be funded by Jason's Council Discretionary Fund to the value of \$20,000.

Stone Wall Request

At our last meeting a request was raised by a TWRA member in relation to repairs required to sections of the stone wall collapsing into the canal. Councillor O'Pray promised he would look into whether it was Council's or Lend Lease's domain and he reports Council has made an inspection and will be embarking on repairs in the near future.

Christmas in July

While numbers were down on last year the feasting and fun was not. All who attended had a great time and the food was delicious. Many got to meet neighbours they had not known before. If you were unable to attend this year pop it on your calendar for 2015. Thank you to Malcolm and Cynthia Smith who organised the event with the Novotel management.

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Hooning

This still seems to be a problem. We are investigating ideas around using CCTV to monitor incidents and provide evidence to Police.

The cameras would need to be stand-alone with solar powered batteries and able to download images remotely. It seems technically feasible at a reasonable cost but there are public policy issues and also secure management protocols that would need to be resolved before we can finalise a proper project to discuss with the authorities and also have it formally considered by the TWRA committee. It is still a work-in-progress but we will keep you informed.

Birthday Picnic

Planning is underway for the 18th Birthday Picnic/Market Day scheduled for 19 October. The organising committee are meeting regularly and will make this year's bigger, better and different. Plenty of entertainment, food, fun, games and a few surprises. Keep the date free.

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Travellers

Are Twin Waters residents per population some of the most travelled in Southern Qld? According to the Bureau of Statistics we could be.

Whether it's the grey nomads trekking our wide brown land or others buzzing off to Europe, US, NZ or Asia there always seems to someone on the move. Would you like to hear of others travels and recommendations?

Here's one:- A couple in their mid-60's who experienced overseas and local travel during their working life, always mulled over a road trip to Victoria. So to their children it was "your babysitters/cheap labourers are off, we'll see you when we see you." They hooked up the van and headed for the Newell Hwy.

At Echuca the mindboggling scenery of the Murray River with its restored steam boats and Sovereign Hill – a step back in time showing how our ancestors worked, lived and survived early settlement offered enjoyment and a history lesson. The Great Ocean Road was the highlight of the trip. Having the opportunity to appreciate what nature has constructed over time is amazing.

In seven days they admired, walked on beaches, relaxed and only drove 243 kms on that road – but they'll go back for sure. And like all travellers, the trip is fantastic... but it is great to return to loved ones and your own bed.

Bit Sleepy?

What a time it has been for sports fans! Staying up half the night to watch FIFA World Cup from early June to mid July, the Rugby World Cup, along with Wimbledon

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from mid June to 6 July, then who feels like they've travelled the whole 3664 kms on the Tour de France? The Commonwealth Games in Glasgow started on July 23 till 3 August with 6500 athletes from 71 countries taking part in 17 sports. Third time they've been in Scotland. Amid all this there's been plenty of action in the Formula 1. Now we can get some rest!

Something to Think About

A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government.

A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by dictatorship.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years these nations always progressed through the following sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From great courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to complacency; From complacency to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back to bondage. The source of these words is not clear, but have been attributed to a Scottish Professor who studied the rise and fall of civilizations from the Athenian empire to the 1880's. Food for thought.



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Dune Protection

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All you need is a hat, sunscreen, sunnies, water and enclosed shoes. So if you can spare a couple of hours a month contact Sue on 0402 113 375 or twinwatersduneprotectiongroup@hotmail.com

Mobile Reception

Having the Telstra Regional General Manager speak at our April meeting unfortunately did nothing to reassure residents who have poor mobile reception. The poor reception is a particular frustration for those who rely on mobile data reception as it's not easy to take your laptop outside to get reception. This is a problem for people running a business from home and is compounded by the lack of ADSL portals at Mudjimba exchange.

We have been told that the problem would not be overcome until the arrival of NBN cabling. TWRA intends to pursue that and have further discussions with Telstra in an attempt to improve Twin Waters black spots. Sunshine Coast Council's Nov 2013 press release indicates that in liaising with NBN that Twin Waters, Mudjimba and Pacific Paradise cabling will be completed in 2016.




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Did You Know?

Everyone knows Captain Cook named them, but a less known fact about the Glass House Mountains is that the area generates a lot of reports of alien activity. UFO research Queensland began compiling data in 1956 and has many reports originating from the Glass House area.

Sean Connery once owned Mudjimba Island. Between 1962 and 1973, the suave Scot was married to Mooloolaba born actress

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Diane Cilento, best known for her role in British horror film *The Wicker Man*. They spent time on the island during their marriage. Mudjimba Island is now publicly owned and is part of the Maroochy River Conservation Park.

The Sunshine Coast covers an area of 3,127 square kilometres making it roughly the same size as California's world famous Yosemite National Park. Sadly, the Sunshine Coast Biodiversity Strategy states that of our region's native habitat only 42 per cent remains.

Mount Coolum is the world's second largest rock behind none other than world famous Uluru. There's an old Aboriginal legend that says a couple that climbs Coolum together breaks up because of an ancient curse. Ever wondered why it went wrong with the ex?

Not only is the Ettamogah Pub a Sunshine Coast icon – apparently it's the most photographed pub in Australia. Ettamogah is an Aboriginal word meaning "place of good drink".

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