

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2014

Bike Engraving

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch conducted a successful Bike Engraving Event on 25th October at the Twin Waters shopping precinct. Each engraving comprised the bike owner's birthdate plus a "Q"; which was individually recorded on our standard NHW Bicycle ID Form for Police records. These forms have now been forwarded to Qld Police (Maroochydore Station).

The objective is to assist the Police to return a stolen (and found) bike to its rightful owner. In all, 23 high quality bikes were engraved and raising \$46 in the process for our NHW coffers.

All thanks to the dedicated number of NHW members, our local "Friendly Grocer" Amit (free paddle pops and electric power), Crimestoppers (marquee) and our immediate local businesses and Conrad Guard TWRA committee member and NHW Representative.

You will be advised when this event is next taking place if you couldn't make it this time.

Carols on the 21st

Our carols are again organised for the Wandiny Room at the Novotel Resort. We have several exciting young entertainers from our local talent as well as our well

known community carollers, sausage sizzle, raffle and of course the man in the red suit.

Doors open at 5pm and carols commence at 5.30 and conclude at 7.30 followed by fireworks at 8pm on the lagoon. Come along and enjoy a great community event.

Electronic Communications

TWRA has communicated with both the Federal Communications Minister The Hon. Malcolm Turnbull MHR and our local Federal member Clive Palmer MHR in relation to our dissatisfaction with the major problems in our area relating to electronic communications. The first issue being no portals available for new ADSL connections at Mudjimba Exchange and the second problem being poor mobile reception for both voice and data.

You will recall that at our April meeting the local General Manager of Telstra spoke to us and advised that we were stuck with this until NBN rolled out our way. We have invited a speaker from NBN Company to speak at our next meeting on 8th December. We are hoping they can shed more light on our problem. (LATE NEWS: After first agreeing to send a speaker, NBN has now declined.) We have had a rote letter in reply from Mr Palmer outlining just that we do have a problem, which was why we wrote to him initially. We have not as yet heard from Mr Turnbull.

We will continue to seek answers.

Date Claimers

**TWRA General Meeting in the Mudjimba Room at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:
8 December**

**Christmas Carols at Novotel:
21 December**

Apex Camp

The Apex Camp Mudjimba has contacted the Sunshine Coast Council with a view to commencing canoeing activities on the Twin Waters lake and canal. Council has given provisional approval provided they have the support of the Twin Waters community.

The lake and waterways are public property and can be used by anyone, not just Twin Waters residents. Despite that, both Council and Apex wish to engage our community for feedback. It seems to TWRA that this will be a very healthy activity for young people. The TWRA Committee has suggested a 6 month trial take place.

We would be interested if you have any feedback, either positive or negative during that time.

Cheque Mate!

A special thanks to all who attended Twin Waters Party in the Park in October. As TWRA is a not for profit organisation, each year a charity benefits from whatever we make at the party. This year we raised \$1500 and the decision was made by the team who planned the party to donate this to the Finn Smith Appeal. Finn turned two a couple of days after our party.

It is now just a year since Finn had his first of nineteen operations after he contracted

meningococcal disease at just a few months old. He is the cheeriest little man.

Here he is with mum, Sarah, receiving the cheque.

Special thanks goes to the Party "A Team": Rob Ruskin, Conrad Guard, Max Mills, Warwick Daniels, Sarah Caddy and Dinah McCulloch. (Dinah was away when the photo was taken, whilst the TWRA Treasurer,



Jacqueline Eegdeman, also attended the presentation.)

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Sharks

Over the past 2 years there have been repeated sightings of bull sharks in the waterways. These are common in estuarine waters and when mature can be quite dangerous.



There are numerous NO SWIMMING signs around the lake and canals and also signs warning of MARINE CREATURES – this means stingrays and sharks.

Despite the signs, several children continue to jump into the water off the bridges. Please warn your children how dangerous this can be. As the lakes and canals are used by kayaks, canoes, stand-up boards and fishermen it is important that notice is taken of these warnings.

Light it Up!

As you drive round Twin Waters this month you will see how many in our community have decorated their homes to welcome the holiday season in! It looks fabulous. Congratulations to those who have made such an effort.

Midges

Midges. Sand-flies. There are 270 varieties. The type we have here are Culiocoides molestus (so it's not just a clever name!). Whatever you call them they are a pest and their attacks create pain, itchiness and for some really severe side effects. No one likes them.

TWRA and many locals have contacted Council asking if some action can be taken to eradicate these insects. It appears that these midges are amongst one of the most complicated pest species to eradicate due to their required habitats and life cycle. They are biologically linked to the lunar cycle and breed actively in the few days following the full and new moons. There is no registered larvaecide to destroy them.

"Fogging" was previously tried. This only provides short term relief as it only controls what it comes in contact with. Council does not support the application of any harmful pesticides in or near environmentally sensitive environments. TWRA are holding further meetings with Council to see what can be done.

It is said an effective homemade repellent to use at dawn and dusk is a mix of equal parts of baby oil, Dettol and an aromatic oil such as citronella or lavender.

All Systems Go!

TWRA is inviting proposals for an integrated communications system so we can both inform and involve our community. It is envisaged that the system will be a combination of a website and social media, such as Facebook etc. It will be accessible on all forms of computer and mobile devices.

The brief for the functional requirements of the system include the following: A library of informative reference material; Directory of Contact details; Membership and Payments System; Events Payments System; Notification of TWRA Events, Meetings etc; Local News; Directory of Local Suppliers; Project Progress Reports; Forum for Discussion Topics; Social Photo Gallery; Ad Hoc General Messaging for such things as a lost dog, garage sales, personal messages etc; Links to Associated Persons or Organisations; Opinion Survey Facility and Accessibility to search engines.

Hopefully most of this can be achieved, if not all, depending on complexity and cost.

Short Fairy Tale

Once upon a time a guy asked a girl "Will you marry me?" The girl said "No!" And the guy lived happily ever after and rode motorcycles and went fishing and hunting and played golf a lot and had beer and scotch and had money in the bank and left the toilet seat up whenever he wanted. THE END.

First Aid Kits

As reported in last month's newsletter Max Mills (TWRA Committee member) has arranged for a 4 hour St John Ambulance First Aid Course to be held in the North Shore Community Centre. He has also arranged for a special price for groups of 20. Just \$30 each! Furthermore a very well equipped First Aid Kit will be available for \$35 (Normally \$52) if we have 20 orders. In the new year further information will be sent to you.



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They're opening on Christmas Day from 9am till 2 (no hot food). If you wish to place a Christmas order email now on friendlygrocertwinwaters@yahoo.com.au or 5450 6860 and you can collect on Christmas Eve.

Merry Christmas

Sounds easy to say doesn't it? Try it in German (Frohe Weihnachten) or French (Joyeux Noel) or Spanish (Feliz Navidad) Italian (Buon Natale), Hawaiian (Mele Kalilumaka), Indonesian (selamat Hari Natal), Japanese Shinnen omedeto), Cantonese (Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun), Dutch (Prettig Kerst feest), Korean (Chuj Sung Tan), Maori (Meri Kirimete) If you're Zulu you'd be puffed greeting all your friends with "Sinifesela Ukhihimusi Omuhle Nonyaka Omusha."

So folks I'd just like to say have a "Merry Christmas. And a Happy New Year".

Sunshine 60 & Better

This Group is a community developed healthy ageing programme designed to meet the needs of older people in local settings.

Their activities include computer lessons (Windows, Mac and iPad), Mahjong, Scrapbooking, Art, Tai Chi, Craft, Excursions, Belly Dancing, Gentle Exercise, Cards and a whole lot more. If you're interested see www.sunshine60.org.au or call 07 5443 7281.



Christmas Mug!

Grandparents will love this personalised coffee mug! You will need two white ceramic mugs, coloured permanent markers (Sharpies are good) and your child's imagination.

Let them draw on the mug. (If you think the grandparents will have difficulty recognising the subject you can help out by writing what it is under the drawing – I know this because we have a "Monster" cup and a "Dragon" cup from our 2 year old grandson).

Write your child's name on it too (so other grandchildren don't take the credit for this masterpiece) and under the mug write "Christmas 2014".

Place in the oven at 180°C for 30 minutes. Then place on a cooling rack. Get the child to wrap it in one of their other pieces of artwork and tie with string.

Kids Riddles/Dad Jokes

Why does Santa have 3 gardens? *So he can Ho, Ho, Ho!* Why did Santa's helper go to the Doctor? *Because he had low elf esteem.* What do you call a cat at the beach? *Sandy Claws.* What kind of motorbike does Santa ride? *A Holly Davidson.* Where does Santa send his fat elves? *To an elf farm.* What do you get when you cross Santa with a duck? *A Christmas quacker.* Why does Santa come down the chimney? *Because it soots him.* Who is Santa's favourite singer? *Elf-is-Presley.* What do you call Santa's little helpers? *Subordinate clauses.* How does Good King Wencelas like his pizzas? *Deep and crisp and even.* What happened to the turkey at Christmas? *It got gobbled.* What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party? *Freeze a jolly good fellow.* Who hides in the bakery at Christmas? *A mince spy.* What did Adam say on the night before Christmas? *It's Christmas, Eve.* What carol do they sing in the desert? *Oh camel ye faithful.*

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