

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2016

#### *TWRA Candidates Forum*

The TWRA Candidates Forum was very well attended. There were approximately 200 attendees at the Candidates Forum arranged by TWRA on 7th March, ahead of the Council elections on 19th March. (A huge thank-you to Novotel Resort who kindly donated the use of the Wandiny Room for this Forum). The purpose of the Forum was to provide the opportunity for Candidates to present themselves to the Twin Waters community and to facilitate our community making informed decisions when they were voting in the election. Decisions were required for both our local (Division 8) councillor and also for the Mayor of the Sunshine Coast. We were very fortunate to have three of the four mayoral candidates attend as well as both of the candidates for Division 8. The mayoral candidate who could not attend did provide information to the forum that was read out on his behalf by a Committee member, so we actually heard from all of the mayoral candidates. Having the mayoral candidates attend was something of a coup because they were in high demand to make appearances across the whole of the Sunshine Coast. The candidates provided brief opening and closing statements, as well as responses to specific questions that had been submitted beforehand by TWRA members. We believe the Candidates Forum was a success in providing a platform to facilitate informed decisions by our members. By the time you read this, the election will be over and you will know who the successful Mayor and Division 8 Councillor are. We congratulate them both. We hope our Candidates Forum assisted to ensure that the "right" candidates were elected and we thank all who attended, especially all of the mayoral and division 8 candidates. We wish the new Council every success as the new term of Council commences.

#### *ANZAC DAY 2016*

On 25 April 1915, in the First World War, the armies of Australia and New Zealand entered into battle at Gallipoli, Turkey. At the time, Australia had only been recognised as a federal commonwealth for thirteen years. Many Australians were sympathetic to the United Kingdom, which they regarded as the motherland. So the volunteer armies of Australian and New Zealand, eager to fight the good fight in the war, bravely landed on the shore of the Gallipoli Peninsula with the intent to capture and secure a safe passage for Allied navies.

At Gallipoli, the Anzacs faced off with one of the fiercest armies history has ever known. Despite landing under the cover of darkness, the Anzacs were met with immediate bombardment and gunfire. On the shores of Gallipoli, the Australian and New Zealand armies fought for eight months forcing a stalemate. Eight thousand Australian and New Zealand soldiers lost their lives before the Allies called for an evacuation.

Anzac Day not only recognises the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is a day on which we remember all those who have served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

This year the Mudjimba RSL Sub Branch will only conduct a Dawn Service on the 25th, but intend to reintroduce the midmorning service next year. The service will take place at the Cenotaph, Power Park, Mudjimba. Please assemble at 0520 as the service starts at 0530. All residents are welcome to attend.

#### *Date Claimers*

TWRA General Meeting  
Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort  
7.30pm, Monday 11 April

#### *TWRA Membership Hits 400*



For many years the TWRA Committee has aspired to reach a membership number of at least 400. Despite considerable effort by many people over many years, that goal has proved elusive, until now.... We are pleased to report that we now have 400 paid up members of the TWRA. This is fantastic. We are thrilled. It would be unfair for us to "name" our 400th member as every member is valued. Actually the number understates our real member total as many memberships actually represent a family residing at a single address. We probably have in excess of 800 people in Twin Waters who are our members, when all family members are counted. There is strength in numbers and, in particular, Sunshine Coast Council listens to us and respects our views when we speak on behalf of the Twin Waters community. Let's not stop at 400! We think every household in Twin Waters, whether an owner or a renter should be a member of the TWRA. We try to represent the interests of everyone here. Get with the strength and join today! There is a membership form in this Newsletter. As a special incentive, if you join now, we will make your annual membership valid until 30th June next year. Thank you to everyone for your support.



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## Clean Up Twin Waters

Thank you to Merryl and Ed Berry for organising a very successful "Clean Up Twin Waters" again this year.

Every year they donate their time and effort to this very worthwhile event that helps keep Twin Waters the beautiful place where we all love to live.

Thanks to Ed and Brent for their Masterchef skills, with sausages and onions done to perfection and to Merryl for supplying the drinks and also for her organisational skills. Thank you to Dave and Brent for supplying their trailers so the rubbish bags could be collected.

And of course a big thank you to everyone who turned up and enthusiastically got behind the cause. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Looking for Something to Do

Sunshine Coast Libraries host many special events throughout the year for people of all ages. Storytelling, children's holiday activities, community displays, visits from authors, illustrators, and guest speakers as well as art activities for the whole family. A complete calendar of events run by the Sunshine Coast Libraries can be found by following the below link.  
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## April Fools

It has become tradition on the first of April to pull jokes of the harmless variety on those near and dear to us. We plot and we scheme, and often the jokes are funnier in our imaginations than in reality, but that doesn't stop us. Even the most staid among us have been known to indulge in a practical joke or two, so beware of trusting anyone on that day.

How the custom of pranking on April 1 came about is a mystery. But there are a few theories.

In 46 BC when the Julian calendar was implemented, the New Year began on March 25. Festivals marking the start of the New Year were celebrated on the first day of April because March 25 fell during Holy Week. The adoption of the Gregorian calendar during the 1500s moved the New Year to January 1.

One of the most widely-believed origins of April Fools' Day, was the fooling those who could be tricked into believing April 1 was still the proper day to celebrate the New Year, earning them the name of April Fools. French peasants would unexpectedly drop in on neighbours on that day in an effort to confuse them into thinking they were receiving a New Year's call. Out of that one prank supposedly grew the tradition of testing the patience of family and friends.

But that's only one theory. Others are:

- The Country Diary of Garden Lore, which chronicles the goings-on in an English garden, says that April Fools' Day "is thought to commemorate the fruitless mission of the rook (the European crow), who was sent out in search of land from Noah's flood-encircled ark."
- Others theorise it may have something to do with the Autumn Equinox.
- It is sometimes tied in with the Romans' end-of-winter celebration, Hilaria, and the end of the Celtic New Year festival. Wherever and whenever the custom began, it has since evolved its own lore and set of unofficial rules. Superstition has it that the pranking period expires at noon on the 1st of April and any jokes attempted after that time will call bad luck down onto the head of the perpetrator. Additionally, those who fail to respond with good humour to tricks played upon them are said to attract bad luck to themselves.

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