

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2016

We Are Nearly 20! Tell Us Your Story

Back in 1996, when Lend Lease started their development at Twin Waters, few could have imagined what a wonderful community was to become established here. The Twin Waters development was officially opened by the then Premier of Queensland, Rob Borbidge, in late 1997. In the early days, only a very small part of the area we know as The Landings was developed. The first display homes were east along Lakeview Drive and around the corner up Tamarind Place (there was no walk bridge then). The sales office was in the Golf Club initially until the on-site office was opened with its unique over-water balcony and tower in Lakeview Drive (now a private home). There are many stories from those early days. If you were here in, say, the first five years (up to around 2001), and have a story you would like to share as we celebrate our 20th birthday, we would love to hear from you. What do you remember most? Please share your story with us. We will publish a few of them in our October Newsletter. Just send your story - funny, sad, event, significant moment, whatever - to us at info@twra.net. If you like, we will even arrange for someone to talk to you and write the story for you. Those early days are an important part of our relatively new history, but they are still important. We look forward to hearing from you.

Birthday Auction

We are once again planning a fabulous party in the Lake View Park on 16th October to celebrate the birthday of the wonderful community of Twin Waters. This year is even more significant as it is 20 years since the suburb first began in 1996. At last years celebrations we had wonderful success with the silent auction on framed prints that were kindly donated by a local resident.

We would love to be able to run another auction this year, so we are calling all residents to comb through their homes for quality items they no longer use or need. If you have some items that you have been thinking of getting rid of - out with the old, in with the new - we would love to hear from you. Go ahead and have a good clear out! Please note, we are not looking for brick-a-brack, we are looking for quality items that may be of value to others.

If you have something that you think will be suitable give Liz a call on 0422 494 686 and she can have a quick chat with you about your items.

This year's beneficiary of the birthday party are the Mudjimba Surf Life Savings Club, so your items will be going to a most worthwhile cause.

20 Years On - looking back to 1996

Looking back, you might be surprised at what happened in 1996 - before you look at the list below see if you can recall what happened. You might be surprised.

Here are a few things to jog your memory.

On the world stage:

- In the UK Prince Charles and Diana, Princess of Wales get divorced and Mad Cow Disease (BSE) hits Britain causing the mass slaughter of herds of cows, new laws were introduced to stop beef being sold on the bone. (Perhaps it has reappeared in the Brexit vote in 2016)
- A severe Meningitis Epidemic occurs in West Africa.
- Bill Clinton was elected President in the USA and Mohammed Ali lights the flame at 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. The O. J. Simpson civil trial begins in Santa Monica, California.
- Osama bin Laden writes "The Declaration of Jihad on the Americans Occupying the Country of the Two Sacred Places," a call for the removal of American military forces from Saudi Arabia.
- In technology DVD's are launched in Japan and the number of users on the Internet exceed 10 million.
- The General Motors EV1, the first production electric car of the modern era is launched and becomes available for lease.

Date Claimers

TWRA AGM

at Novotel Resort

7.30pm, Monday 8 August

- This is also the year Ebay and Ask Jeeves is started and the first ever cloning of a mammal with Dolly the sheep created in a lab.
- The world population reached 5.8 billion in mid-1996, an increase of more than 80 million over the previous 12 months; in 1990 the increase was 87 million. Life expectancy at birth was 48 years in 1955; 59 years in 1975; and 65 years in 1995

Meanwhile in Australia:

- We see the First National Reconciliation Week and the High Court's Wik decision recognises that native title and pastoral leases can coexist.
- There is a massacre of 25 people at Port Arthur, Tasmania by Martin Bryant.
- In Politics John Howard begins his record term as Prime Minister taking over from Labour's Paul Keating. Independent Federal MP Pauline Hanson makes her maiden speech to Parliament, reigniting the race debate, attacking Asian immigration and calling for a tougher line on Aboriginal welfare. (Brings to mind the Peter Allen song "Everything old is new again" in 2016).
- Australian television celebrates its 40th birthday with celebrations lasting throughout the year. The actual birthday was on 16 September.
- And who can forget what happened in our national pastime Sport. Super League's challenge to club loyalty contracts signed with the ARL is ruled out of order & orders banning Super League until 2000 are made.
- The Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles defeat the St. George Dragons 20-8 to win the 89th NSWRL/ARL premiership
- The Fitzroy Lions defeat the Fremantle Dockers in what would be Fitzroy's final ever victory as a stand-alone club. The AFL teams endorse a merger between the Fitzroy Lions & the Brisbane Bears.

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- In the 100th AFL/ VFL premiership The North Melbourne Kangaroos defeat the Sydney Swans and are presented with the only gold premiership cup to mark the centenary season.
- Sri Lanka win the Cricket World Cup, defeating Australia in the final
- Saintry wins the Melbourne Cup giving Bart Cummings his 10th win as a trainer.

Photograph Your Valuables

Break-in's happen everywhere, all over the globe, and as hard as we try to prevent them here in our community, there will always be a criminal element in society who will commit them.

It's not until you've been broken into and have a police officer standing in front of you asking for a description of a piece of jewellery that you can't quite remember, that you wonder why you haven't just photographed all your valuables.

At times, police find property in an offender's house or vehicle that they believe may be stolen. Although there are computer systems which assist in trying to marry up property with victims of crime, it's far easier to identify a stolen item when the owner has a photo.

Police are trying to get the message out for everyone to take a little time and photograph their valuables. Hopefully you never have to use them, but if you do, it may increase the likelihood of having your stolen property returned.

If you have jewellery, lay it out a plain cloth, line items up and photograph each piece. The same goes with phones, electronic tablets, cameras, and anything else of value.

If tools are your valuables (particularly if you are a tradie and your tools are your livelihood), line them up and photograph each one and don't forget to make a note of the model and serial numbers too.

A final step is to check your insurance policies and make sure that all of your valuable possessions are listed.

Brightness and Youth at the Twin Waters Carols

Just as TWRA members were first to hear about the innovations of the new CBD, this year we plan to add some of our own in staging the Carols.

Each year the Carols Committee try to increase the opportunities for local young people to participate. Planning and running "The Carols" has many of the elements of a major stage production. This year we are seeking more input from our Twin Waters school students in both planning and performing. We would like at least one item on the program to be based on their ideas and input.

So we are calling all budding Performers and Event Managers out there to contact us for a fun experience that would also read well on your CV.

Whether it be producing an item, helping with the sound and lighting or managing logistics, there is an opportunity to both learn and test your creative ideas.

In another "first" or so we believe, this year we plan to include a live connection via internet to some overseas families and friends to exchange Christmas greetings. We need some bright students to help put the technology together to make this happen. We also want to hear from any members who have family around the globe who could possibly "join the show". Please help us match "Maroochydoore - the BRIGHT City" with "The BRIGHT Carols at Twin Waters".

Planning starts in July and if interested please contact Evan and Lois Flower to find out more. Email lois.flower@bigpond.com

An Appeal to the Dog Lovers of Twin Waters

Even though it has been raining in some parts of outback Queensland, don't be fooled, the drought is far from over and the farmers are still in a very bad place. Drought Angels (two enterprising ladies based in Chinchilla) have been doing their utmost to assist and have raised more than \$500,000 in the past financial year for struggling farming communities distributing care packages, donations of hay, stock feed and the like. They are planning a run out to Cunnamulla during August and would like to take with them a couple of pallets of dog biscuits for the working dogs. This is approximately 96 x 20kg bags and as you can imagine this does not come cheap even with generous discounts arranged with manufacturers.

It would be lovely if the dog lovers of our community could donate to their appeal through either Drought Angels web site <http://cfsc.org.au/drought-angels/> or facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/Drought-Angels-519529671494691/>

Please help their precious working dogs!

Twin Waters: A Fishy Story

A big thank you to Dr Travis Dutka for the following article.

Estuary and canal systems such as Twin Waters function as critical nurseries for a diverse range of marine species. Larval crustaceans, mollusks and fish etc. are carried in and out of these systems by the tide and large rainfall events. The winding nature of these systems slows the flow of water, allowing small juveniles, time to settle and seek shelter in the mud flats or amongst the rocks. The slow-flowing water and relative shallow depths increase the water temperature, which facilitates rapid growth. Additionally, this makes the water clearer and acts like a giant aquarium. The Sunshine Coast is a region in which the distribution of cooler temperate fish species and warmer tropical fish species overlap, and hence explains the high level of diversity.

On a recent trip to my mother's and step-fathers apartment (Sue and Barry Schmidt), my children and I encountered 9 species in just a short time. I also observed at least 10 other species which we did not manage to get a photograph of and I would estimate that this is only a small fraction of the actual population. I strongly encourage you to wet a line (white bread, peeled prawn or chicken for bait) or simply sit on the rock retaining wall and put some food in the water and appreciate what you have right in your own backyards. I wonder what the tide will bring on our next visit...

If you would like to know more feel free to drop me a line.

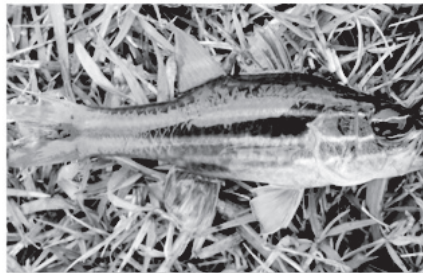
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List of fish photographed:

Stripey (*Microcanthus strigatus*), Narrow-lined Pufferfish (*Arothron manilensis*), Reef-flat cardinal fish (*Apogon taeniophorus*), Diamondfish (*Monodactylus argenteus*), Rabbitfish aka 'Happy Moment' (*Siganus nebulosus*, venomous dorsal spines), Moses perch (*Lutjanus russellii*) Southern yellow-fin bream (*Acanthopagrus australis*), Senator Wrasse (*Pictilabrus laticlavus*, funnily enough caught on Election Day!), Tarwine (*Rhabdosargus sarba*)



Diamondfish (*Monodactylus argenteus*)



Reef-flat cardinal fish (*Apogon taeniophorus*)



Stripey (*Microcanthus strigatus*)



Southern yellow-fin bream (*Acanthopagrus australis*)

To look at all the photos Travis has taken please visit the TWRA website and click on the Flora-fauna link <http://www.twra.net/flora-fauna/>

*All fish photographed in this story were released unharmed.

The key is to use a very small hook (ask the tackle shop guys for a garfish hook) and a tiny piece of prawn or chicken on the tip and under a float. The fish come off very easy.

The McKenzie Clinic

The McKenzie Clinic is a family run physiotherapy and exercise physiology practice located in Twin Waters and Maroochydore. The clinic is run by the brother and sister team of Andrew and Jen McKenzie, both qualified physiotherapists and accredited exercise physiologists.

Andrew and Jen have been involved in the health industry for a number of years treating a range of clients from elite athletes to senior members of the community.

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