

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2015

Birthday Celebrations

Everyone enjoys a birthday party and the Twin Waters celebration of their 19th in the Park was no different. The weather was kind, the food was yummy and the entertainment was enjoyed by all. We did have one slight dampener on the day and that was a visit by a shark which put an end to the kayak rides but the kids still found ways to fulfil their fun seeking with the animal farm, the jumping castles and guessing how many lollies in the three bottles.

TWRA is a not-for-profit organisation and for a day like this they depend on a lot of people who donate their time and money such as Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Councillor Jason O'Pray, Steve Sturgess Design, LJ Hooker, Jo Reilly of Century 21, Coates Hire and Lever Law. Thanks goes to those who spent months planning the event along with Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club, APEX Camp Mudjimba, North Shore Lions Club, Pacific Paradise Primary School Band & their Music Teacher Miss Druitt; Twin Waters Family Grocer and those who displayed their information booths - VIEW Club; Neighbourhood Watch, Novotel, SES and Coolum Men's Shed who were the beneficiary of any profits made on the day.



This year for the first time we held a very successful silent auction and our thanks for the donations of the framed prints go to Diane & Tony Angelides. Many donated raffle prizes such as : Novotel Resort; Mother Sue Schmidt, Conrad Guard, Pat Taylor, Dinah McCulloch, Twin Waters Golf Club, Maroochy River Golf Club, The Morecombe Family and Twin Waters Pharmacy.

And not to forget those who provided marquees & tables along with those who gave their time to serve on the BBQ, stalls, make cakes and craft goodies and assisting with set-up and clean-up.



Christmas Carols

All is in readiness for a bumper evening and we hope everyone is practicing their best singing voice to join in. The Wandiny Room should really rock when it comes to the "pop up" version of "Aussie 12 days of Christmas". There will be a great range of raffle prizes on offer so be sure to get your tickets at the door. Look for the special Daniel Morcombe Foundation display and pick up their info with important tips to keep our kids safe.

Remember to use the separate Wandiny Room entrance on Ocean Drive and NOT the Novotel main entrance. Look for the special Carols signs to show the way. *We could do with some assistance in the set up so if you help for a couple of hours please give Evan a call on 5450 5151.*

Christmas Hampers

Christmas is a time for giving and a time to remember those less fortunate than you.

If you haven't yet, please take the time to drop off non-perishable food items for the Christmas hampers to the Century 21 Offices at the Twin Waters Shopping Centre. The hampers will be distributed via the Pacific Paradise State School Chaplain after the carols and we would really appreciate your help.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting
Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort
7.30pm, 14 December
Carols & Fireworks
At Novotel Resort
5.30pm, 20 December

Novel Membership Bags

They're starting to appear in all sorts of places around Twin Waters and further afield. That's right - those shoulder bags that place Twin Waters right up there with the top tourist cities around the world. Our management committee will be visiting members to distribute them over the next month. Some have already been seen as far away as London thanks to a member who is an intrepid traveller. The bags are being provided free to members by TWRA and thanks to sponsorship from Sophie at Lever Law. All we ask when you get yours is that you consider giving a gold coin donation to purchase hampers for the needy at Christmas.

If you don't get your bag in the next few weeks please send an email to info@twra.net with the Subject line "Twin Waters Bag"

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Christmas Lights

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Farewell to Valued Committee Members

This month we say goodbye to two valued TWRA committee members, Conrad Guard and Dinah McCulloch. Both will be greatly missed by the Twin Waters community and we wish them all the best.

Con became a member of the Neighbourhood Watch committee when he moved to Twin Waters in 2003 following his retirement from a long career as an electrical engineer. He had previously been involved in NW when he lived in Brisbane. He took over as the local NW coordinator in 2005. He joined the TWRA committee in 2008 and became a Twin Waters representative on the airport forum. Con has stepped down as our airport representative and has continued to serve on the committee until he left Twin Waters to move north at the end of November. He was a member on the Birthday Party in the park sub committee for 5 years and always donated a bicycle that he had refurbished as a raffle prize. Con is known throughout Twin Waters as "Mr Fixit" as far as bicycles are concerned. Con's enthusiasm for everything he is involved in will be missed.

Dinah McCulloch has lived in Twin Waters for nearly 4 years. She has a background in advertising, chiropractic and farming. She and her husband Rod, who is a Professor at USC had advertising agencies in Sydney and Brisbane and also worked in the industry abroad. After selling their Sydney agency they moved to Bathurst with their children where they had an Angus cattle stud. It was here that she worked in Chiropractic for 16 years prior to coming to Twin Waters. Dinah became a committee member in 2011 and did a fantastic job as Newsletter Editor for 4 years, until stepping down earlier this year. She also worked tirelessly on the Birthday in the Park sub committee and was the Event Manager for 2015. Dinah is stepping down from the committee to spend time travelling with her husband. Safe travels Dinah.

Run Out of Time to Make your Christmas Cake?

If you love Christmas cake but have run out of time to make one, don't worry help is at hand. Lions Christmas cakes are available for order from local resident Bob Gavin. He will even deliver them!

- 800g pudding \$12
- 1Kg Christmas cake \$12
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Call Bob on 5450 6036 to arrange delivery.

Christmas Lunch The Easy Way

The Loose Goose are preparing a special Christmas lunch with a choice of 2 entrees, 2 mains and 2 desserts for \$115 per head. Call reservations on 5457 0887.

Novotel Twin Waters Resort Christmas Day Luncheon 25th December. To book, call 1800 072 277 or email stay@twinwatersresort.com.au

Airport Additional EIS

Sunshine Coast Airport's EIS for the East-West Runway Expansion Project has been subjected to an Additional EIS which was open for public comment during November. The AEIS addressed every point that had been raised in public submissions on the original EIS more than 12 months ago. There were more than 200 different items addressed and 58 pages of responses to them, plus substantial appendices. As a result of those submissions, further information was provided in the AEIS but no changes were required to the project itself.

At a well-attended public meeting held on 9th November, the Mayor Mark Jamieson and others made presentations and then held an extended Q&A session. There were some groups from Mudjimba and Veridale who raised questions about the need for the new runway, its alignment and related questions. Mayor Jamieson provided a robust response, pointing out that the airport (established in 1961) had identified the need for an east-west runway as far back as 1985 and the alignment has been settled for many years as part of the airport's strategic plans and Council's Town Plans. The existing runway is too narrow and too short to meet the current and future needs for economic and tourism growth on the Coast. At the meeting the Sunshine Coast Environment Council CEO also pointed out that their detailed studies concluded that there were no reasonable environmental grounds to oppose the proposed development. The public meeting was noisy, but well controlled and no new issues were raised. The Mayor encouraged attendees to make their own submissions on the AEIS (which closed on 30 November).

The TWRA has again made a submission in support of the project, noting that our community has had full engagement as the project has progressed, via briefings at General Meetings over many years and our representation on the Airport Community Forum. We strongly support the project and we are pressing for the earliest approvals (State and Federal) for the EIS and the AEIS so that the project can be "shovel ready" at the earliest time.

The Airport will be the subject of our December General Meeting when Cr. Steve Robinson (Council's representative on the Airport Community Forum) and Peter Pallot (the Airport GM) will address the meeting on the latest developments, including progress on financing studies. If you are a TWRA member and would like to hear more, we suggest that you attend the December TWRA General Meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday, 14th December at the Novotel.

Christmas Traditions Around the World

Think Christmas is celebrated the same throughout the world? Think again. Keep reading for the different ways in which different countries around the world celebrate Christmas.

Serbia

Tradition: Tying up mum and dad

In Serbia it's not tradition to give presents at Christmas, but on the Sundays before. Two Sundays before 25 December, the children tie up their mum. She then has to pay a ransom in the form of gifts to be freed. The following Sunday the same happens with dad. Probably best not to try this one at home!

Germany

Tradition: Santa's spooky helper

As a part of celebrations in Germany as well as Austria and some parts of Switzerland, St Nikolaus (the saint on whom many countries base Santa Claus) is accompanied by a scary devil-like character as a warning to children not to be bad. In France there's a similar figure called La Pere Fouettard.

Italy

Tradition: Presents on a broomstick

A good witch called La Befana delivers children's presents on January 6th using a broomstick rather than a sleigh. But if you've been bad – expect lumps of coal.

Netherlands

Tradition: Sinterklaas and Black Peter

In Holland Santa Claus is called Sinterklaas. He doesn't live at the North Pole, but in sunny Spain and arrives by steamboat with a helper called Black Peter rather than an elf.

Scandinavia

Tradition: Porridge instead of cookies and carrots

Across Scandinavia a gnome-like character – called Tomte in Sweden and Nisse in Norway – is believed to protect barns and brings presents too. Every Christmas children leave a bowl of porridge out for him.

Brazil

Tradition: Presents in shoes

Brazilians celebrate the legend that animals gain the power of speech on Christmas night while children here get their presents in their shoes rather than stockings from Papa Noel.

Iceland

Tradition: 13 Santas

There are 13 Santas in Iceland. These Yule lads, more troll like than our traditional Father Christmas, traditionally come down from the mountain one by one during the days of the festive period leaving presents or rotten potatoes depending on the child's behaviour. They have names like Door Sniffer and Meat Hook.

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Happy travelling!

*Please remember that fares are subject to availability and price changes.

Novotel Twin Waters Resort 25th Birthday Party

The Novotel Twin Waters Resort is celebrating its 25th birthday this December. Come along and enjoy the fun activities and help celebrate.

Date: Sunday 13th December 2015

Time: 1-6pm

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Wondering if your pool is compliant? Use the following checklist to see http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Pool_Safety_basic_checklist.pdf

If you are unsure if your pool complies with the standards, you should engage a licensed pool safety inspector to complete a pool safety audit.

For more information on pool compliant and registering your pool please telephone the QBCC on 139 333 or go to:

http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/Pool_Safety_Compliance_0.pdf

Nojoor Road Boat Ramp

Boaties will be celebrating with the announcement of a major upgrade for the Nojoor Road boat ramp. The new two-lane boat ramp and floating walkway on the Maroochy River are scheduled for delivery this financial year.

\$620,000 in funding for this project was announced by the LNP Government last year and the new Minister has confirmed this will go ahead. Sunshine Coast Council are also progressing with their planning works for the construction of the car park.




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