

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2016

### Making Twin Waters Safer

We are hoping to discuss with the Qld Police Service how we can assist them to achieve better policing results by co-operating more closely with our community. We have an active Neighbourhood Watch setup and we have well-established communications here via our TWRA emails, TWRA web page and Facebook account. We are, in modern terms, a "connected community". When police incidents occur that affect Twin Waters, we believe we can assist by providing very quick communications of key details so that prompt assistance can be provided to police. Obviously, this can only happen with the support and co-operation of the police. But if someone goes missing, or a crime occurs, then getting all of our community quickly informed and on the lookout seems like a good idea. We are hopeful that protocols can be established with police to give us better police outcomes and security in the future.

### Bike Engraving Day

Our Twin Waters Neighbourhood

Watch is conducting

another BIKE ENGRAVING

DAY outside The Friendly Grocer, Twin Waters Shopping Village, on Saturday 20 February from 9 am to noon.

Bring along your bike to be engraved with a secure code so the Police can trace it back to you should it be stolen.

All welcome. Children, we need Mum or Dad to sign a permission note.

Gold coin donation.

### Dumping of Rubbish

A gentle reminder that the dumping of green waste on public areas such as nature strips, roadsides, parks and bushland reserves as well as in the canal is prohibited. Please put any garden waste in bins or take it to the local waste management and resource recovery facility.

### Candidates Forum for Council Elections

As you know, Council elections will be held on Saturday, 19 March. The TWRA is planning to host a forum for candidates who are standing in Division 8, which is our Council Division. The Forum will be held on Monday, 7 March at Novotel Resort Twin Waters. All Division 8 candidates will be invited to attend and to make a short presentation and then answer questions from the audience. We have held the forum in previous elections and it has been an excellent opportunity for Twin Waters voters to get informed about who is standing and what they stand for. We will provide more details in the next Newsletter, but we suggest you make a note of the date, time and place now and plan to attend. It should be very informative as we head into the Council elections on Saturday 19 March.

### Clean Up Twin Waters

On Sunday morning March 6 the TWRA is organising a Clean Up of Twin Waters. This is part of Clean Up Australia Day.

The event begins with a Free BBQ breakfast provided by the TWRA at the park on Baywater Drive at 8 am and is over by 10 am. All you need bring is a pair of gloves.

If you can help by cleaning the waterways it would be appreciated.

If you have a utility or trailer we could use for a few hours please contact Ed on 54489414. Watch the next newsletter for more information.

### Newsletter Delivery People

Many thanks to the group of residents who faithfully deliver the TWRA Newsletter each month. We now have a few vacancies so if you would like a walk each month and meet some fellow residents call Ed on 54489414.

### Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting

Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort

7.30pm, Monday 8 February

### Date Claimers for Meetings

Wondering when the next TWRA meeting is? Lock in the below dates so you never miss a meeting. You could even arrange to meet for dinner at one of the restaurants at the Novotel beforehand.

#### *General Meeting*

Monday 8 February 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *Special Meeting*

Monday 7 March 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *General Meeting*

Monday 11 April 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *General Meeting*

Monday 13 June 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *AGM*

Monday 8 August 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *General Meeting*

Monday 10 October 2016 at 7.30pm

#### *General Meeting*

Monday 12 December 2016 at 7.30pm

### Leap Year

Have you noticed that February has an extra day this year? That's right, this year is a leap year. A leap year occurs every four years to synchronise the calendar year with the solar year. If you are not sure when the next leap year is a handy trick is to remember that years that can be divided evenly by 4 are leap years. Century years are NOT leap years UNLESS they can be evenly divided by 400.



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## Canine Caper

There has been an increase in the number of dogs being walked off-leash around Twin Waters.

A reminder that we have no "Dogs-Off Leash" areas in Twin Waters and have no suitable areas for making one. The Maroochy North Shore beach or the Dog Park on Keith Royal Drive are our closest off-leash areas if you wish to let your dog run free.

Having dog that is off leash come running up to you can be confronting for many people and other dogs. Even the most well trained dog can react unpredictably when faced with strange dogs, passing traffic or wildlife. While you may be able to control your dog you cannot control the reaction of other people or their pets. Please, when walking your dog keep it under control by having it on-leash at all times. Council dog rangers do make regular patrols of the area and you risk a fine by not compiling with the on-leash requirements.

While on the dog walking subject, please remember that it is the law for you to pick up after your canine companion. Take plastic bags with when you leave the house and place all waste in the bin.

We live in a beautiful safe area for walking our beloved pets, please help us keep it that way.

## The Twilight Bark

Keeping with the doggie theme, do you know what your dog gets up to while you are at out and about or at work? There have been reports recently of dogs continually barking while their owners are away from home. This can be distressing for both the dogs and those living nearby.

While the Council can issue fines for excessive barking, it is better if these situations can be dealt with before it gets to this stage. If barking dogs are a problem for you, please, firstly let your neighbours know that this is happening while they are out, they may not be aware of the situation.

The Sunshine Coast Council website offers useful fact sheets for both owners and neighbours who are dealing with barking dogs.

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Animals-and-Pets/Barking-and-Roaming-Dogs>

## Best Dog Off Lead Areas

Want to take your dog for an off-leash walk without the risk of being hit with an expensive fine?

Below is a handy list of some of the Sunshine Coast Council's approved off-leash areas for dogs on the Coast.

**Remember: If there's no sign, your dog must be on a lead at all times.**

**BEERWAH PARK:** Mill Park, Simpson Street (fenced area). Off-leash at all times.

**BLI BLI PARK:** Muller Park (Reserve 375) as designated on signage provided in the park. Off-leash at all times.

**BUDDINA PARK:** Point Cartwright Reserve, off-leash and on-leash areas. At times and locations indicated on signs. Timed areas 4pm to 8am\*.

**BUDDINA FORESHORE RESERVE:** Eastern side of Point Cartwright headland, south to Gulai Street. Beach access 198 to 201. Off-leash at all times.

**BUDDINA BEACH:** Mawarra Avenue to Talinga Street Beach access 210 to 217, Off-leash at all times.

**BUDERIM PARK:** Elizabeth Daniels Park, Syd Lingard Drive (fenced area) Off-leash at all times.

**COOLUM BEACH:** Northern end of Coolum Beach Caravan Park extending 1km north of Stumers Creek. Beach access 67 to 72. Off-leash at all times.

**DICKY BEACH PARK:** Coochin Park, Cnr Beerburum and Cooroy streets. Off-leash at all times.

**LITTLE MOUNTAIN PARK:** Little Mountain Common (fenced area): Off-leash at all times. Meridan Downs Park, Winchester Road: Off-leash at all times.

**MALENY PARK:** Maleny Showgrounds: Off-leash at all times.

**MARCOOLA PARK:** Reserve 2481, Keith Royal Drive, as designated on signage provided in the park (fenced area): Off-leash at all times.

**MAROOCHYDORE PARK:** On the riverside of Bradman Avenue, commencing at the traffic lights at the intersection of Fishermans Road and Bradman Avenue and extending 500 metres towards the Maroochy River mouth: Off-leash at all times.

**MINYAMA PARK:** Jessica Park - Western end, Nicklin Way: Off-leash at all times.

**MOUNTAIN CREEK PARK:** Quota Hideaway Park, Cootamundra Drive: Off-leash at all times.

## NORTH SHORE BEACH, TWIN WATERS:

North Shore Beach, Twin Waters between the low water mark and the base of the dunal area, extending from the Maroochy River to a point 500 metres south of the safety flagged bathing area, Twin Waters Surf Club beach access 132: Off-leash at all times.

**SHELLEY BEACH:** Russel Street to Victoria Terrace. Beach access 276 to 281: At times indicated on signs 4pm to 8am May to October\*.

**SIPPY DOWNS PARK:** Chancellor Village Park (fenced area); Off leash at all times.

**TOWN OF SEASIDE BEACH:** From beach access 97 to beach access 98: 5am to 8am and 5pm to 8pm.

**WARANA PARK:** Dog Park opposite Rata Street on Nicklin Way (fenced area): Off-leash at all times.

**WURTULLA BEACH:** Maloga Street, Buddina to Wurley Drive, Wurtulla Beach access 226 to 247: Off-leash at all times

## Lost Your Phone?

The police recommend that everyone consider downloading an app to help locate lost or stolen devices.

There are many free apps available for smart phones or tablets that can assist in locating your device if it is ever lost or stolen.

A quick look in the Google Play and the Apple App Store brings up many free options. It is worth looking to see which will be suit your needs best and for ease of use. Some examples are:

- Android - Android Device Manager, Find my Android Phone, Lost Android.
- Apple - Find my iPhone, Prey Anti Theft, SecureIT Anti theft.

Police urge not to try and recover the device yourself that in the instances where it is stolen and you are able to locate it via these GPS tracking apps. Report it to police and let them know that you've got information about the location of your stolen phone.

The more information you have, the more likely police are able to recover the phone for you.

Police also recommend that you password protect your phone and record the IMEI number for future reference.

If your phone does get stolen, report it immediately to Policelink by calling 131 444.

## 100 Years Ago

As we get settled into 2016 take the time to consider how things were just 100 years ago.

- The average life expectancy for men was just 47 years.
- Only 14% of households had a bathtub.
- Only 8% of homes had a telephone.
- The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.
- More than 95% of all births took place at home.
- Most women only washed their hair once a month. They used Borax or egg yolk for shampoo.
- Crossword puzzles and canned beer hadn't been invented yet.
- There was neither a Mother Day or a Fathers Day.
- 20% of adults could not read or write.

Imagine how things will be in another 100 years!

## Street Parking

As everyone is aware of our streets here in Twin Waters are very narrow in places. An increase in the number of vehicles owned by residents and a trend for adult children to stay in the family home for a lot longer has resulted in households often having more vehicles than the standard two-car garage can accommodate. As a result an overflow of vehicles are being parked on our narrow streets.

This can make the streets difficult to navigate when there are multiple cars parked on the roadside. Please consider all residents choosing your parking spot. There must be a minimum of 3 metres between cars parked in narrow streets. If it is found that parked cars are obstructing a roadway the council could issue a fine.

## Helping Hand Needed

The TWRA has a tradition of raffling a child's bike at the TWRA birthday celebrations and the Christmas Carols.

The bikes are usually second hand, but in excellent condition.

We are looking for volunteer who could recondition a bike to a state where it would be a prize a child would enjoy winning.

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## Community Corner – For Sale or Wanted

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