

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2015

## *History of Twin Waters*

Many of our long standing residents would have already heard our history which was prepared for Lend Lease by Berenis and Leeann Alcorn in 2006.

There have been many new arrivals to our community since that time who may find it interesting to know our beginnings. In the near future on our website [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) you will be able to read in detail the well-prepared history.

This history takes us from the time of the Toombra indigenous clan's existence in the area; through early European settlement and how the land was initially used for agriculture. It goes on to describe how the initial application to form this community's establishment was originally rejected by Council but after an appeal it was given the nod by Local Government Court. Then, after many hiccups, in 1997 the name Twin Waters was approved and in 1998 the project was underway.

You will read of the construction of the Novotel, the Golf Club and the preparation of the whole site which was a massive undertaking. Importantly it outlines the respect shown to natural flora and fauna and the introduction of aquatic life into the canals. It will come as no surprise that awards were bestowed on Lend Lease for the construction of Twin Waters.

See plans, photos and meet some of the people who paved the way through the building of the Village Shopping Centre, the formation of the Twin Waters Residents' Association, the Retirement Village and beautiful parks which surround us and even the birth of the APEX Youth Camp. We can be grateful that the Alcorn's made such a magnificent job of their research and we can be proud to live here.

## *Clean Up Australia Day*

In 1989 an 'average Australian bloke', Ian Kiernan had a simple idea to make a difference in his own backyard - Clean Up Sydney Harbour. The event received an enormous public response with more than 40,000 Sydney-siders donating their time and energy to clean up the harbour.

The next year Clean Up Australia Day was born. Ian and his committee believed that if a capital city could be mobilised into action, then so could the whole nation. Almost 300,000 volunteers turned out on the first Clean Up Australia Day in 1990 and that involvement has steadily increased ever since. In 2014 there were 572,406 volunteers in 7140 sites. We can ALL make a difference. Every year the event encourages and inspires thousands of Australians to take to their local park, beach, bushland and streets and really help make a difference to their local environment. This year is the 25th Clean Up Australia Day!

## *Date Claimers*

TWRA General Meeting in the Mudjimba Room at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:  
9 February

The previous article outlining what a magnificent place Twin Waters is to reside in should be encouragement enough for us all to get out and about and Clean Up Twin Waters on **1st March**. You don't sunscreen, a hat and grab a bottle of water and meet us at 8 a.m. at Baywater Drive Park and the TWRA will provide a quick BBQ brekkie so we can be on our way by 8.30. We'll also provide gloves and bags to collect the rubbish.

We do need people in kayaks to collect rubbish from the waterways and a couple of trailers or ute to collect it from the side of the road.



## *TWRA Position Vacant*

Dinah McCulloch has been editor of the TWRA newsletter since July 2012 and now will move on to another committee position of planning the 2015 Twin Waters Birthday in the Park celebrations. The TWRA produces a Newsletter each month which is delivered to all 1400 homes within Twin Waters. The Newsletter provides information for residents about current activities and items of interest affecting the Twin Waters community. Contributions of news items are welcome from all resident members. As Newsletter Editor you can become the voice of your own community. Skills required are liaising with Committee members, members of the community, Council members, local clubs, schools etc; researching what is happening in our area and having the organisational capability to write 2000 words and meet a deadline and of course, have a love of words. If you are interested please contact Dinah on [rodmcculloch@bigpond.com](mailto:rodmcculloch@bigpond.com) or Peter on [info1@twra.net](mailto:info1@twra.net).

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## Qld's Australian of Year

At time of going to press we are unaware of who is **2015's Australian of the Year** but we certainly have some very prominent Queenslanders nominated for the position. Such as Hetty Johnston AM who has been named 2015 Queensland Australian of the Year for her work as a leading child protection activist for Queensland and the nation. As the founder of child protection charity, Bravehearts, Hetty is determined to make Australia the safest place in the world for children. She has dedicated her life to creating awareness that child sexual assault is largely preventable and encouraging the nation to prioritise the safety of children and now has a team of more than 70 employees who provide therapeutic, educational and advocacy services across the nation. Hetty has worked tirelessly to bring attention to a topic that was once taboo and her work has resulted in major policy and legislative changes, as well as numerous inquiries across the nation.

While most people slow down when they retire, 94 year old Fred Hyde is **Qld's Senior of the Year** and has devoted the last three decades and all of his resources – personal, physical and financial – to rescuing and educating abandoned children in Bangladesh. A World War II veteran, Fred has spent his life working hard to help others. After seeing the plight of children left orphaned after a tidal wave on Bhola Island in 1970, Fred later sold his house and poured all his savings into his not-for-profit organisation, Co-operation in Development.

Now 23 years old Sudan born Yassmin Abdel-Magied has been nominated as **Qld's Young Australian** has devoted her extraordinary energy and talents to making Australia a better place. At 16, Yassmin founded **Youth Without Borders**, an organisation that enables young people to work together to implement positive change within their communities and internationally.

A role model to many, Yassmin has been recognised with many awards. Her achievements across a number of fields provide positive proof that hard work, resilience and self-belief can reap rewards, regardless of gender, faith or cultural background.

**Local Hero Nomination**, is to Juliette Wright who was on a mission to alleviate the effects of poverty across Australia by establishing **GIVIT**. This internet portal ensures quality goods get to where they are most needed. In 2011, when Queensland was hit by devastating floods, **GIVIT** became the state government's official website for matching donors and recipients – with 1.8 million hits resulting in 33,500 goods matched in three weeks. Juliette's positive 'can do' attitude inspires others to embrace philanthropy and she has just launched **GIVIT Kids**, a safe online platform for children to give new or pre-loved belongings.

## Happy Valentine's Day

As we all know Valentine's Day is celebrated on 14th February but the City of Loveland, also known as the "Sweetheart City" is the Home Rule Municipality that is the second most populous municipality in Larimer County, Colorado, United States. Loveland is situated 74 km north of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver. Loveland is the 14th most populous city in Colorado. The Loveland Chamber of Commerce has now unveiled its 2015 valentine card and cachet. The cachet will be printed on all valentine cards that come through Loveland. In addition to the re-mailing program, the Loveland Chamber of Commerce is selling a special Valentine's Day card. They've also partnered with Grimm Brothers Brewhouse to create "The Bleeding Heart," a beer only available in Loveland. Loveland has been sending valentines since 1947.

For more information, visit [www.loveland.org/ValentineProgram/](http://www.loveland.org/ValentineProgram/) and you too can arrange for a Valentine's Day card to be sent from there to your loved one.

## What's on at The Coast

**2nd Feb – 30th Mar.** "Little Seed Junior Integrated Performing Arts Classes – Term1" at Nambour Civic Centre. Classes for under 8's to high school age. Contact: [namcc@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:namcc@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)

**4th & 11th Feb** – Business Cycles Networking Ride. Starts from the Giant shop in Mooloolaba. It's free. See: [info@businessccycles.com.au](mailto:info@businessccycles.com.au).

**7th & 14th Feb** – Asian Cooking Classes at 51 Malone's Rd, Kiel Mountain. Contact [amytis@bigpond.com](mailto:amytis@bigpond.com)

**21st Feb** – Stomp The Grapes at Flame Hill Vineyard, 249 Western Ave, Montville. Flame Hill Vineyard, 249 Western Ave, Montville \$30. See more at: <http://www.hinterlandtourism.com.au/event/flame-hill-vineyard-grape-stomp>.

**25th Feb** – How about a rockin' night at The Events Centre, Caloundra with "Suzi Quatro's Final Australian Tour" Call 5491 4240.

**27th-28th Feb** – The Ultimate ABBA Show at The Events Centre, Caloundra Call 5491 4240.

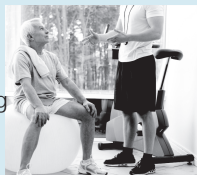
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## World Cup

The 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup is set to take place in Australia and New Zealand from February, with the final to be held at the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground on 29 March. The initial matches will be played in Christchurch, with various venues in both countries playing host to teams competing to take home the title of World Champions. It's the first time the prestigious global tournament will be played in Australia and New Zealand in 23 years, with the competition consisting of 49 matches over 44 days and at 14 different venues.

## 2014's Weather in TW

Last year was our driest for five years, with only a total rainfall of 1,286mm. This was well below the annual average for the last five years of 2,065mm and only about half of our wettest year in that period when we had 2,338 mm in 2010. During 2014, our wettest month was March (with only 279mm) and our driest month was July with (10mm). Our wettest day in 2014 was on 27 January (157mm). We had many dry days! We went from 4 July until 8 August without a drop – our longest dry period. While Unity Water no doubt likes to sell us water during dry periods, there is no need for us to panic about water supplies. At 1 January 2015, SEQ dams were at 81% of capacity, which is a very healthy level and a safety margin for any extended dry period. Our Twin Waters stats for rainfall are recorded very diligently by Len Gamble, who has maintained daily rainfall records from his home in Twin waters since he arrived here more than 15 years ago. Incidentally, Len recently celebrated his 95th birthday. Well done, Len and thank you!

## Off to Africa

Fifteen year-old Olivia Eccleston, a resident of Twin Waters and a student of Nambour Christian College is one of several students, teachers and parents going to Malawi; a tiny country surrounded by Mozambique, Zambia and Tanzania in south-east Africa.

In 2005 the College Board Chair and her husband travelled there and were moved by the poverty in the area, especially involving the children. This led to Nambour Christian College partnering with Neighbours Aid Community Stores and a local Pastor in Samuti to construct a Children's Home for the 56 orphans and a school for 106 children of which 60 are locals. Here the children receive meals and medical care. As well there are now several classrooms, a dormitory, a medical centre and there is also a well and hand pump producing good quality water.

Several hours drive away there is a second school in Chikhwawa which Olivia will also visit.

The intention is that in the future more land will be purchased, crops planted to help feed the children and fish farming and mushroom growing developed with the view that the Home will become self-sufficient. During the time Olivia will be there she will help with the building of a chicken coop at the orphanage. At the end of their trip the College students will visit a wildlife park.

Olivia has been busy washing cars and doing odd jobs to raise the \$5000 needed to finance her trip. What an experience and such a great goodwill gesture and learning curve for our local young girl.

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