

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2016



### Christmas Thanks

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Carols at the Novotel this year. Voices were in fine form, many a sausage was sizzled and of course the highlight of the evening was a visit by the big man himself. Santa arrived to a welcoming chorus of "Here come Santa Claus' with treats and Christmas wishes for all. Thank you to all who assisted in making this night so successful. A great time was had by all.

### Baywater Drive Fire

We would like to extend our sympathies to the Smith family after the devastating fire that destroyed the home they were renting on Baywater Drive. Fortunately there were no injuries and no damage to neighbouring properties. At times like this the community spirit of Twin Waters really shines brightest, with offers of accommodation, clothing and home wares all being extended to the Smiths. A gofundme page has been set up if you wish to make a donation to help Rob and Penny.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2ydvjdjrd>

This fire is a confronting reminder to everyone as to how quickly a fire can take hold. Please check your smoke detectors and alarms to ensure they are all operating and set in place an emergency escape plan for your household. Smoke can be disorientating and in a fire, you may only have a few minutes from the sounding of the smoke alarm to when your life is seriously threatened by fire or smoke. For more information about escape plans please refer to the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services website.

<https://www.fire.qld.gov.au/communitysafety/home/escape-plan.asp>

### Green Waste and Illegal Dumping

Twin Waters residents enjoy a great subtropical climate, allowing a diverse range of horticultural landscape and lawn growing conditions. Many of our residents take great pride in the appearance of their properties and gardens, making the community both more pleasing to the eye, as well as more environmentally sustainable.

While we all appreciate the visual results of your hard work, dealing with the resulting green waste of prunings/trimmings, palm fronds and lawn clippings needs to be considered.

A friendly reminder that the dumping of green waste on public areas such as nature strips, roadsides, parks and bushland reserves is illegal and those caught doing so can be fined and may be required to restore the area to its previous condition.

The dumping of green waste in the natural bushland areas can effect the natural environment as well as damaging the scenic and recreational values of the area. Dumping increases the cost of routine maintenance owing to the time taken to remove the waste. This cost is incurred by the Sunshine Coast Council and all Twin Waters residents. Ongoing instances of green waste dumping could increase contract costs and potentially the levy that is paid by residents.

Please, if you have green waste to get rid of take it to the council resource recovery centre or contact Council for a green waste bin service.

### Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting

Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort

7.30pm, Monday 8 February

### Jumping Off Bridges

During the recent hot weather there has been an increase in people jumping off the bridges into waterways around Twin Waters to cool off. While it may seem like a great way to beat the summer heat and a lot of fun, there are reasons for the 'No Swimming' and 'No Jumping off Bridges' signs around our lagoon.

Recently a pack of seven Bull Sharks was spotted swimming in the Twin Waters canal system. While Bull Sharks aren't necessarily interested in eating people, they are inquisitive and the way they investigate something new is by bumping into it and biting it. You don't want to be on the sharp end of a curious Bull Shark!



Please also remember that the water in the lagoon may not be as deep as it looks and one misplaced jump can have tragic lifelong consequences from resulting spinal and neck injuries. We are lucky to be within walking distance of beautiful patrolled swimming beaches, so if you wish to cool off, head along to them.



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## Convenants in Twin Waters

The Twin Waters Convenants have caused some confusion, especially for newer residents. Here is a "non-legal" explanation. There are actually two types of Convenants in Twin Waters and the difference is very important. There are Council Imposed Convenants and there are Developer Imposed Convenants. The Council Convenants apply only to a few properties, such as those backing onto Nojoor Road and also the waterfront properties in Veerings Crescent and Tea Tree Place. These Convenants relate to sections of the blocks where original trees and shrubs must be maintained and building or structures cannot be installed. The Convenants should be incorporated into Title Deeds and will pass onto the new owner when the property is sold. Most importantly, these Convenants are enforceable by Council and in recent years Council has taken action to enforce the Convenants where breaches have occurred.

The Developer Imposed Convenants were put in place by Lend Lease during development of the estate. The main purpose was to establish standards that would mark the style and character of the development and, according to Lend Lease, protect the investment of homeowners in Twin Waters. There were Convenants relating to house style and finishes (e.g. 25 degrees pitch on roofs, exterior finish standards etc) and also to landscaping and standards for fences and pool fences (e.g. minimal front fences for most properties and all pool fencing to be black aluminium or glass). The Convenants are still in place and a copy can be viewed on the web site at [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) (in the Information tab - document archive).

Since Lend Lease completed development and left around 2005, there has been no one to administer and enforce the Developer Convenants. The Council has made it very clear that they will not enforce Developer Convenants. This has been requested on several occasions. The only option, therefore, is to rely on the community to "do the right thing" and maintain the Convenants. There is no question that the Developer Convenants were of value in establishing the higher standards that prevail here. We all benefit from this. All we can request now is that all residents take the time to become informed about these Convenants and do their best to make sure that they are followed, especially if you are adding to your property, building a pool, fences or other landscaping.

There were also Covenant conditions relating to parking of boats, caravans and vehicles in front yards or on footpaths etc. Together, this makes Twin Waters a better place for everyone. The TWRA cannot be involved in any way with covenant enforcement and all we can ask is that everyone "do the right thing".

## Did You Know About Twin Waters?

The past Newsletters are full of interesting information about Twin Waters. You can access them on our web site at [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) For example, the September 2010 Newsletter reports on the naming of Lake View Park where our annual birthday BBQs are held. The park had no name until we asked residents to suggest a name and we then asked the Council for permission to name it "Lake View Park". Council approved the name and provided the naming sign, as well as building the kayak launching site and later on providing water and power to the park.

The December 2010 Newsletter reported on the arrival of Amit and Punita Shastri as the new owners of the store at the Twin Waters Shopping Centre. Amit and Punita and their Friendly Grocer Twin Waters store have since become valued members and supporters of our Twin Waters community. Also, back in 2010, there were big developments being negotiated around the future of the Twin Waters Golf Club, which seemed likely to become the new home of the Horton Park Golf Club. As we now know, of course, that did not happen and the Horton Park Golf Club re-located to the recently opened Maroochy River Golf Club near Bli Bli. But it was a really hot issue back in 2010 with some in favour of the Twin Waters move and others opposed. It is now part of our history.

## Grass Clippings and Street Trees

We are fortunate here in Twin Waters to have beautiful tree lined streets that contribute to the attractiveness of the area. While it may seem like a convenient and helpful thing to do, please don't use grass clippings to mulch these trees. Grass clippings compact as they dry and can create an impermeable layer that stops the natural exchange of water and air. They can also attract unwanted insects and increase the risk of disease in the stem and roots of the tree.

If you do wish to place mulch around the base of the street trees it is important not to pile the material too as it restricts the airflow to the tree roots. A 75-100mm layer is ideal. It is also important to leave a small gap between the trunk of the tree and mulch layer to keep the base of the tree exposed to air and prevent stem rot.

## Buy Sell Swap

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Unwanted Christmas presents? Clearing out old things to make room for your new treasures? How about advertising your unwanted items on the Buy Swap Sell page on the TWRA website <http://www.twra.net/buy-swap-sell/>

Complete the Contact Us form with the details of the item(s) that you want to advertise and we will add it to the website for everyone to see.

## Back to School Dates

It's the phrase that kids hate and parents love...schools back! The new school year starts, for most, on Wednesday 27 January. Please take care if you are out on the roads and watch out for children heading back for the new term.

### Term, Dates & Length:

#### Term 1

Wednesday 27 January - Thursday 24 March, 9 weeks

#### Term 2

Monday 11 April - Friday 24 June, 11 weeks

#### Term 3

Monday 11 July - Friday 16 September, 10 weeks

#### Term 4

Tuesday 4 October - Friday 9 December, 10 weeks

### Staff Professional Development Days (SPDDs) 2016

- 21, 22, 25 January
- 6, 7, 8 April
- 17 October

### Year 10 and 12 finishing dates for 2016

- Year 12 - 18 November
- Year 10 and 11 - 25 November

## App of the Month: The Daniel Morcombe 'Help Me' App



The Daniel Morcombe Foundation 'Help Me' App is a great way to keep not only children safe, but people of all ages and in all sorts of personal emergencies.

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The app can be used by children, elderly people, people living by themselves, runners, shift workers, those with medical conditions the possibilities and applications for it are endless.

Download the Help Me App for free from the App store (Apple) or in Google Play (Android).

## New Year's Resolutions

It is believed that the Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions around 4,000 years ago, and people all over the world have been breaking them ever since!

The practice carried over into Roman times with worshippers offering resolutions of good conduct to the two-faced deity named Janus, the god of beginnings and endings, who looks backward into the old year and forward into the new.

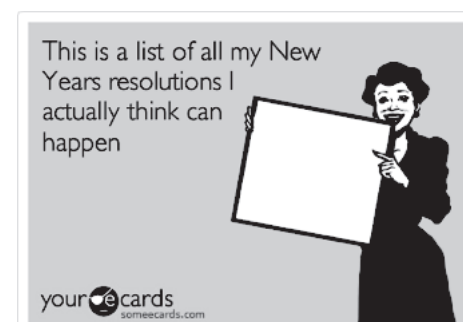
In the Medieval era, knights took the "peacock vow" (les voeux du paon) at the end of the year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry, while early Christians believed the first day of the new year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the new year.

Today, the only thing that has changed (for some) is that, rather than making promises to gods, we make promises to ourselves.

The ten most common New Year's resolutions are:

1. Lose weight
2. Getting organised
3. Spend less, save more
4. Enjoy life to the fullest
5. Staying fit and healthy
6. Learn something exciting
7. Quit smoking
8. Help others in their dreams
9. Fall in love
10. Spend more time with family.

Research suggests that only 46% of us keep our New Year's Resolutions for more than 6 months. So don't be too hard on yourself if you don't succeed this time, there is always next year!



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