

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year!

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2015

Midges

Recently a TWRA representative met with Council to further discuss the midge epidemic we have in Twin Waters. The Twin Waters subdivision was designed and developed without the environment being modified with open areas and solid barriers along the perimeter of the development to allow effective chemical controls to occur for midge. These cannot be retro-fitted.

Council is required to comply with the relevant Queensland Government's Code of Practice where environmental damage can be caused. Killing adult midges with Ultra Low Volume Misters (known as "fogging") can affect the health of some residents. Any insects, spiders and crustaceans and fish that come into contact with the chemicals either die or become distressed. Fogging can only be used when a public health risk (e.g. Dengue Fever outbreak) is occurring or in a disaster situation.

The safety data sheet from the manufacturer of the product used states it should not be used near waterways and aquatic environs due to it being toxic to fish and other organisms.

The alternative is use of a barrier spray where chemicals are sprayed onto the water's surface and remains active for 6 weeks. This is considered to be more effective but again it will kill insects walking on the water's surface.

Bottom line is: use insect repellents, cover up with clothing, don't venture outside at dusk and install midge-proof screens. Licensed Pest Technicians can undertake a barrier treatment of vegetation on one's property and structures.

Electronic Communications

As mentioned in the December newsletter the TWRA has written to both our local Federal member and the Communications Minister about the problems we have in Twin Waters because of the lack of ADSL ports at Mudjimba Exchange and the poor quality of mobile reception.

We have had a disappointing response from Mr Palmer and no response to date from Mr Turnbull.

It was our intention to invite a NBN representative to speak at our December meeting but they have contacted us to advise that our suburb is not currently on their list for connection to their network so it appears that there will be a long wait until more ports are available.

On the other hand both Optus and Vodaphone will be upgrading their towers on Godfrey's Road and at the Novotel Resort for 4G. This will be undertaken in the near future and will hopefully go some way to improving the mobile reception for some in our suburb.

Date Claimers

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

Repainting of Precinct Walls

Some of the walls have been repainted and the sign at the corner of David Low Way and Ocean Drive has been repaired. The repainting had brought a number of comments in particular about the colour. When this project was looked at, thanks to the generosity of Lend Lease, it was felt that a change of colour was needed because the blue/green colour was fading.

A sand colour was suggested but the signwriter pointed out that the silver lettering on the walls needed a darker colour to stand out. So the robust sand colour was chosen.

SC Public University Hospital

Most of you would by now have driven past the Sunshine Coast University Hospital and seen its construction progression. It won't be too long now until we see it open to

Unity Water

On Monday 8 December, Unity Water staff attended the Twin Waters Residents' Association meeting to talk about the recent collapse of a sewage pipe. To get to the broken pipe the repair team had to work very close to a house, with limited access for an excavator. The pipe that needed repair was five metres ground level in soggy, sandy soil.

The sewer pipes in Twin Waters were built

in the late 1900's and early 2000's, using a clay pipe buried deep in the ground, which was standard at the time the estate was constructed. Today Unity Water insists that plastic or PVC-u pipes be used instead of clay pipes as they are more flexible and less likely to break.

Unity Water did not install the original clay pipes in Twin Waters but took on their ownership and operation in 2010. Unity

Water did video camera inspections along nearly 70 sewer mains around the estate to find out how much clay pipe is there. They identified 11 mains made from clay pipe and over the next few months a special liner will be fitted to make them stronger.

For more information please contact Unity Water's Customer Service Centre on 1300 0 UNITY

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the public. TWRA committee member Evan Flower is also a member of the community consumer groups giving input to the final design of the hospital and he has provided some interesting facts about this magnificent construction:

The first of the two portable water tanks reached its full height of approximately 12 metres in early August 2014. The two Thermal Energy Storage tanks that will be visible from Kawana Way have five times more capacity than the potable water tanks, standing at almost 23 metres high as well as having much bigger diameter. Around 40 concrete trucks were required to supply the concrete to form the bases for the TES tanks.

Carpark 1 is equivalent in size to Brisbane Domestic Airport carpark.

Each day a Lend Lease foreman walks approximately 12 kms whilst supervising the work.

Over 31,000m² of carpet (equating to about five football fields) and approximately 92,000m² of vinyl (equivalent to around 15 football fields) will be laid.

There will be 2,200 stairs.

There will be 5,933 doors – if it took you 2 seconds to open a door, it would take you 8 hours to open every door in the hospital.

Award Design to Local

Lucas Salton, is the successful local artist selected as the winner of the prestigious 2015 Sunshine Coast Australia Day Award trophy.

The trophy, made of glass will sit upon an anodized alloy base and will include vibrant colours set inside a sphere to represent the unity of our coast line, hinterland and everything in between. The beautifully designed award will be presented to the winners at The Australia Day Award Ceremony on 23rd January.

Comms Review

We have made good progress in our review of the Twin Waters information and communication systems, which include our website, Facebook page and so on. We know where we are and where we would like to go. Our vision is to provide active, useful and accessible information about all things Twin Waters for everybody who lives here: owners, renters, young and old and everyone in between! The technology around websites and social media is no longer a limiting factor and building an information platform is relatively straightforward and low cost.

A key factor to determine the success of such a platform is what we choose to do with it, particularly the content that we display including news, current activities, reference/historical material, photos and so on. There is no point building a great system if we cannot provide interesting and useful content and, most importantly, keep it current with news, activities etc.

Having a person or persons who are willing to take on being the "Content Coordinator" will be very important. This is a task that could be readily accomplished by anyone who has good organisational and creative skills and the time to contribute on a regular basis. Importantly, the Content Coordinator would need to have a love of all things Twin Waters, to seek out stories and other activities that could be featured on our website to keep it relevant and interesting for everybody.

Perhaps you are a former journalist, teacher or other person who would like a challenge to make a difference to our Twin Waters community.

If you think this role could be of interest, then we would like to discuss it further – give you more details, answer your questions and so on. If you are the one, you could also be involved in shaping the development of the new system. Please make contact with us by responding to us at info@twra.net and we can talk further. We would love to hear from you.

TW Resident in Uganda

Luana Courtney, along with 10 others, has volunteered to travel to Uganda with Watoto. Watoto brings together orphaned children and women who have lost their families and organise a 'new' family for them. This can be one woman with up to 7 children in a household. Some of these people have lived through devastating circumstances – some are stolen children who have been forced to become sex slaves or children soldiers. Some of these women will never see their own families again.

Some of the groups on previous trips as well as now have been involved with the construction of dwellings, while Luana will be helping care for orphans. Luana's quilting group at Kimz Sewing and Patchwork have made 31 blankets for the babies.

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Grub Organics (located at Pacific Paradise) is a health food store with heart and soul. Founder Nikki Brown opened the store in February this year, after working in the organics industry on the Sunshine Coast for the past 10 years. Nikki is a Naturopath who completed her training at Southern Cross University in Lismore in 2002.

Nikki is passionate about real and whole foods. Her store is a reflection of her belief that everything we eat and think, shapes and creates our health and happiness. Grub Organics is a hub for like-minded locals who want to know where their food is coming from!

Grub Organics source as much of their produce locally as possible (about ¾ of all produce is sourced from local Sunshine Coast growers), and also support a large number of small local whole food businesses. Grub is open 7 days a week and is located on Timari St, opposite the new North Shore Tavern.



Aussies



There is so much unrest in the world at the moment we are lucky to be living in a land where we are relatively free.

You Know You're Australian When:

You believe that stubbies can either be drunk or worn. You pronounce Melbourne Mel-bin. You believe that the letter "L" in the word Australia is optional; and it is perfectly ok to call it "Straya". You think Woolloomooloo is a perfectly reasonable name for a place. You're secretly proud of our killer wildlife. You believe it makes perfect sense for a country to have a \$1 coin that's twice as big as a \$2 coin. You understand that Wagga Wagga can be abbreviated to Wagga but Woy Woy cannot just be Woy. Beetroot on a hamburger... of course! You wear ugg boots outside the house. You believe that the more you shorten someone's name, the more you like them. You understand that 'excuse me' can sound rude, but 'scuse me' is always polite. You know what it's like to swallow a fly, on occasion via your nose. You know it's not summer until the steering wheel is too hot to handle and the seat belt buckle becomes a pretty good branding iron. You know how to abbreviate every word, all of which usually end in 'o': arvo, condo, garbo, lezzo, metho, milko, muso, servo, smoko, rego, speedo, righto, etc ... you know that there is a universal place called 'Woop Woop' located in the middle of nowhere, no matter where you actually are! And you can understand all of this and tell all your Aussie and friends from OS "I love Australia".

This is the wattle, it's the emblem of our land – You can stick it in a bottle. You can hold it in your hand. Amen.



Large Vehicles in Residential Areas

The TWRA have received several enquiries in relation to commercial vehicles parking in residential streets and heavy trucks over a certain size and length which restrict vision. We have been supplied with the following information by Sunshine Coast Council:

In short, if a vehicle is longer than 7.5metres or heavier than 4.5 tonnes it should not be parked within a residential area for any longer than 1 hour. Exempt vehicles include emergency vehicles, vehicles delivering goods or materials, vehicles involved in public utility works (i.e. Council, Telstra, Energex, Unity Water etc) and vehicles that have broken down. If the commercial vehicle abides by the weight/length restrictions is currently registered and it is not advertised for sale then there is no reason it cannot be parked on the road in a residential area.

Recycling

Between Christmas and New Year Australians produce more rubbish than any other time – here's a few hints on recycling.

1. Know the Facts. Some of the no-nos to go in the recycling bin are broken glass, Pringles tubes and biscuit packets. 2. Do It in the Bathroom. Empty aerosol cans and shampoo bottles are OK. 3. Don't Bag it. Plastic bags and anything in them are immediately withdrawn at sorting and put into landfill. 4. Do It in Public. There are bins at parks, beaches and shopping centres. Use them. 5. Take it to Work. If you recycle at home arrange for it to be followed at your workplace. 6. Think Outside the Bin. Electronics, mobile phones, inkjet and cartridges can go to Planet Ark or Officeworks for recycling. 7. Buy It Back. Buy products such as writing or office paper, carpet underlay and recycled wood all are recyclable products.

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