

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2016

Councillor & Mayoral Candidates Forum for Council Elections

Council elections will be held on Saturday, 19th March. The TWRA will host a forum for both the Mayoral and Division 8 candidates. The Forum will be held on Monday, 7th March at Novotel Resort Twin Waters, commencing at 7.30 pm. Mayor Mark Jamieson is standing again and will be opposed by three other candidates. Cr Jason O'Pray is also standing again for our Division and he has one candidate running against him. All Mayoral and divisional candidates have been invited to attend our Forum. Mayor Jamieson and Cr. O'Pray have both confirmed that they will attend. In view of this, the other candidates are expected to also agree to participate (not completely finalised at time of writing for the other candidates). The Mayoral and Division 8 candidates will each be invited to make a short presentation and then answer questions, which will be targeted to key policy areas for the mayor and the councillor positions. This will be a very important forum for our community. All TWRA members are strongly encouraged to attend and hear the candidates. Don't forget to vote on 19th March!

Election Information

All eligible electors are required to be enrolled on the electoral roll and vote at the upcoming election on 19 March. If you are enrolled for federal and state elections you will be automatically enrolled to vote in the council elections. Further information on enrolment options and eligibility requirements is available by visiting: www.ecq.qld.gov.au/voters-and-voting/enrolment or by calling 0491216232. Please remember that voting is compulsory for all eligible, enrolled voters.

Pre-Poll Voting

The location, dates and operating hours of a pre-poll centres can be found by visiting <http://results.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/local/LG2016/SunshineCoastRegional-council/prepollOffices>

Polling Booths

Polling booths will be open on polling day (Saturday 19th March, 2016) from 8am to 6pm. You can only vote on polling day at polling booth allocated to your registered local government area.

You can find your local polling booth using either the Interactive map service: www.ecq.qld.gov.au/elections/2016localgovernmentquadrennialelections/findmylocal-area

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Christmas in July

While we are still recovering from the excesses of the just past festive season it seems too early to start thinking about Christmas again, but...think again.

We have made a tentative booking for the Christmas in July luncheon for Sunday the 31 July 2016 at Lily's on the Lagoon, Novotel Twin Waters Resort.

The cost of the meal this year is \$50.00 per person and will be along the same lines as last year, with the full buffet of Christmas delights being provided together with one complimentary standard beverage per person on arrival. Additional drinks can be brought at own expense.

Save the date in your diary and confirm your reservation with us so that we may confirm, closer to the event, the number of guests to be catered for. Reservation payments will be accepted during June and will need to be paid for by 1 July.

Please email or telephone with your details. Malcolm & Cynthia Smith
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Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting
Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort
7.30pm, Monday 11 April

Councillor and
Mayoral Candidates Forum
Novotel Resort
at 7.30pm Monday 7 March

Medicrew Update

TWRA, via Management Committee member Evan Flower, has received a letter written by Dr James Torrance who is Director of Medicrew, the operator of the Twin Waters Medical Centre. A complete copy of the letter and other important information on Medicrew, their objectives and current actions can be found on the TWRA website at <http://www.twra.net/medicrew-services/>

We strongly encourage all residents to read those letters and fact sheet to get a full understanding of the Medicrew commitment to provide quality health care to Twin Waters residents. We will have further updates from the Medicrew team in the April newsletter.

TWRA Membership Cards

As you may know you are able to receive discounts at the Twin Waters' Friendly Grocer using your TWRA membership card. Just to clarify these discounts, please remember:

- To present your card at the Twin Waters' Friendly Grocer for discount.
- That there is no discount on items such as cards, cigarettes, newspapers and magazines.



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Working with the Police

As foreshadowed in the February Newsletter, we have met with the Queensland Police Service to discuss ways in which we can assist our police by distributing key information to our community in incidents where "time is of the essence". QPS officers are aware of our excellent email network here (now nearly 400 homes in Twin Waters) as well as our web page Breaking News ticker and our TWRA Facebook page. They will work with TWRA and our Neighbourhood Watch organisation to promptly make information available where they consider that we could help them locate missing persons or get key information about alleged offences affecting the Twin Waters community. Police acknowledge that Twin Waters is generally a low-incident area but that by working closely with them, we can help keep it that way. The discussions were very cordial and fruitful, from our perspective as well as for QPS. We thank the officers of the Coolumb station and district for their service to our community. Incidentally, if you would like to receive regular reports on police matters on the Sunshine Coast, you can now sign-on directly to the myPolice Sunshine Coast web site and elect to receive either a daily summary or even instant reports as they are issued during the day. Just go to <http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast> and sign up to top receive the reports.

Clean Up Twin Waters

A reminder that on Sunday morning March 6 the TWRA is hosting a clean up of Twin Waters event as 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 followed by the clean up which runs until 10 am. All you need bring is yourself, your appetite and a pair of gloves.

If you have a kayak or small boat and can help cleaning the waterways it would be greatly appreciated.

We have the use of one trailer but would greatly appreciate the use of another for a few hours. If you have one we could use please contact Ed on 54489414.

Learn to Dance

Are you interested in learning ballet and/or tap-dancing but not sure where to find classes for adults? Irene Sunn may be able to help.

Contact Irene for information on over 60's Sliver Swans ballet on Friday mornings and Tap-dancing on Wednesdays.

There is even an all-ages ballet class on Tuesdays, beginners are welcome.

It's a great time to try something you may have never done before.

Contact Irene on 54488734 or 0408824966.

Easter Facts

As you will be aware of Easter is fast approaching, this year it falls 25-28 March. Here are some fun facts about the upcoming Easter celebrations.



- Easter was originally a Pagan holiday honouring the goddess of spring Easte. She was the symbol of the rabbit and the egg.
- Easter is now a Christian holiday to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. According to Christian history, Jesus was crucified on a Friday and rose three days later on Sunday.
- In 325 AD, it was decided that Easter should be held on the first Sunday after the full moon, after the 21st of March, which is the Equinox. This means that Easter can land anywhere between the 22nd of March to the 25th of April.
- Early Christians painted eggs red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ at his crucifixion.
- Over the years the giving of eggs at Easter developed in Victorian times with decorated cardboard eggs filled with gifts, including chocolates. Children were also given egg-shaped toys.
- In Russia, Carl Faberge created elaborate jewelled eggs for the Imperial Court during the 19th century.
- At the same time decorated chocolate eggs were made in France and Germany. At first they were solid dark chocolate until they devised a way to mould the hollow chocolate egg.
- A crocodile-style pattern emerged in Germany which helped disguise any imperfections in the chocolate egg surface, and this design is still seen on many of today's eggs.
- Cadbury says it makes about 240 million Easter eggs in Australia, ranging from the large hollow chocolate eggs down to the small solid eggs.
- Crème Eggs are the number one selling chocolate Easter egg in the world with more than 213 million eaten each year.

And what about the ever-popular Easter Bunny?

- The Easter Bunny isn't really a bunny at all. Originally, he was an Easter Hare.
- The Easter Bunny is German, where he is known as 'Osterhase'.
- The Easter Hare started out as a judge, deciding whether children were naughty or nice. If they were good, the hare would lay eggs for them.
- Hares, rabbits and eggs are all associated with fertility and so they became linked with Easter.
- When it comes to eating chocolate bunnies, it is the ears that are eaten first by as many as 76% of people.

It's All Happening at Novotel

There was a good roll-up when Novotel General Manager, Warwick Kahl, addressed the recent TWRA General Meeting to update us on recent and coming developments at the Resort. Over the last twelve months, there has been a lot of changes and renewal of facilities to refresh and upgrade the resort experience for guests. These range from new bedding and in-room entertainment facilities, WIFI upgrade, painting, lighting and general maintenance of guest rooms and public areas and important new outdoor facilities, including the Aqua Fun Park (open to the public as well) and the very large (approx 10,000m2) new green space Field which is suitable for team training, as well as large-scale open air or marquee events such as trade shows etc. All of this effort has been rewarded with steady growth in occupancy, which increased by 13% over the summer holidays.



The Novotel is now expanding its client base to include even more residential conferences, sporting groups and weddings. One target group is sporting teams, with the resort playing host to a number of sporting teams for pre-season training camps with four AFL teams visiting recently and more already scheduled for next year, plus of course the many teams associated with the exciting national and international events scheduled for the Sunshine Coast this year, where Novotel is actively partnering with the Visit Sunshine Coast initiatives.

Novotel is very appreciative of the support they receive from the Twin Waters community - and we appreciate their support for our TWRA activities as well. It's all happening at Novotel this year!



The World is Coming...

A new campaign promoting the Sunshine Coast as the major events capital of regional Australia has been unveiled by the Sunshine Coast Council and Visit Sunshine Coast. "The World is Coming..." promotional campaign, showcases the 60 major sporting, music and lifestyle events The Sunshine Coast will host this year.

These events are estimated to contribute almost \$100 million to the local economy and we will welcome more than 150000 competitors and their supporters, from over 40 different countries, to our region.

The Sunshine Coast Council and Visit Sunshine Coast are encouraging the local community to "roll out the welcome mat", to give the visitors to the region a friendly hello and a warm welcome. The goal is to ensure that the events are enjoyed by all and that the community is kept informed on what is happening and when and how they can be involved.

Keep an eye out for campaign television commercials, bus backs, public relations as well as digital and social media advertising.

Some highlights for the coming year include:

- 11 to 13 March: Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival (est. 11,300 guests)
- 16 to 24 April: Australian Surf Life Saving Championships (est. 22,000 guests)
- 5 to 15 May: Va'a World Outrigger Sprint Championships (est. 5000 guests)
- 8-10 July: Queensland Garden Expo (est. 18,000 guests)
- 4 September: Ironman 70.3 World Championships (est. 9600 guests)
- 8 to 15 October: Australasian Police and Emergency Services Games (est. 7400 guests)
- 30 September to 3 October: Caloundra Music Festival (est. 16,000 guests)
- Through-out year: 10 Cruise ship visits: (est. 6000 guests)

For more information on the World is Coming campaign and to download the event calendar visit

www.visitsunshinecoast.com/events

Time for Romance

Did you miss Valentines Day? Or are looking for somewhere close for a romantic getaway?

The Novotel Twin Waters have launched their Romance Package!

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