

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - April 2023

Important Dates 2023

Next TWRA General Meeting

Monday 3rd April 7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort. The public meeting for the whole Twin Waters community.

Winter Cocktail Party

30th April 2023 at Loose Goose. The half year party that's always a popular get-together.

Gardening Competition entries open

from 1 July 2023. Judging on the weekend of 9-10 September 2023. Major announcement next month.

Christmas in July

Sunday 23rd July 2023. New approach – watch for details soon.

Golf Day

17th September 2023. Great and not so great enjoy a fun day on fabulous Twin Waters Golf Course.

Party in the Park

5th November 3pm - 7pm at The Twin Waters Shopping Village – our Town Square. The TW 'Show Day.'

Christmas Party

26th November 2023 at Loose Goose. The end of the year blast.

Christmas Carols

17th December 2023. The institution that celebrates as only Twin Waters can.

President's Report from Sophie Lever

The TWRA is looking forward to some positive changes coming up. We have established a sub-committee to revamp our website. When first released in the late 1990s, our website was a ground breaker for a local community group. But a lot has happened in the on-line world since.

The team are deep into the project with the help of Dave Graham at local digital firm, Rock Paper Digital. (See Page 2 for details – as well as what you can do to help!)

While on 'web-things' - a special thank you to those keen members who sent in suggestions for a possible "theme" for the website; something that captures the 'spirit' of our connection to Twin Waters. We have some rippers to choose from!

Moving to real Person to Person talks: I am especially pleased that our next General Meeting on 3 April at Novotel will include a presentation by Carol Cashman, Chair of Regional Development Queensland – Sunshine Coast. (See details on the right).

Carol is one of the big thinkers about the amazing future awaiting the Sunshine Coast as it launches forward to its next chapter, especially as we head towards the 2032 Olympics.

On local matters: we are also keeping an eye on the landscape maintenance team, to ensure that we are getting the service our levy is intended for. (More details on Page 3.)

But apart from that, we're also encouraging the Council to look ahead. Some of our gardens and parks are now 25 years old and it's time to start thinking about next steps that keep Twin Waters looking as it should. More of that in future editions.

On social events: Don't forget the ever -popular Cocktail Party on 30th April at Loose Goose. Keep an eye on your emails for booking details. This is a member only function, so if you'd like to attend, hurry up and join! (Again – more details to the Right.)

Sophie.

Regional Development Supremo Addresses Next TWRA General Meeting



Carol Cashman, Chair Regional Development (Sunshine Coast) is guest speaker at our next General Meeting Monday 3rd April, 7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort. Regional Development Australia (RDA) Sunshine Coast is part of a national network of 55 committees made up of local leaders who work with all levels of government, business and community groups. She also served on Brisbane City Council for 16 years where she worked closely with neighbourhood communities.

Carol's talk will touch on the impact of the future 2032 Brisbane Olympics, but she has previously highlighted the Sunshine Coast's potential as a location for digital/knowledge businesses – some of which already operate in Twin Waters.

Join the TWRA

General Meetings are held every two months and open to the public as well as TWRA members.



TWRA recently welcomed new members at a function at the Twin Waters Golf Club. Everyone who lives in Twin Waters is welcome to join the TWRA.

Just go to the website at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.

News & Issues



Seaplane Helps with Top Shots for New Website

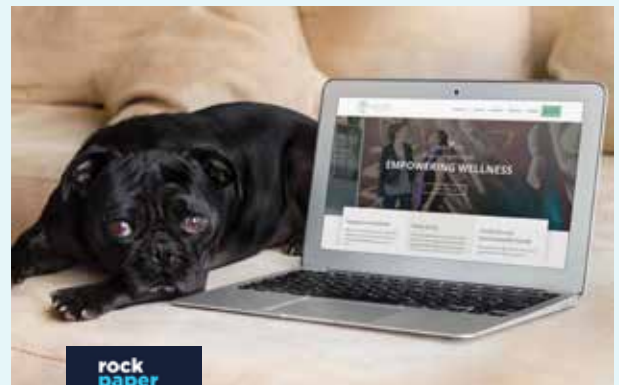
Many thanks to Sean at PARADISE SEAPLANES, Maroochydore for snapping this view of Twin Waters on a great day



It's one of the 'signature shots for our major revamp of the TWRA website upgrading us for the ever-expanding digital world.



The technical smarts are in the capable hands of Twin Waters digi-firm Rock Paper Digital who have a great record at getting and keeping local business on-line. No matter how much you don't know, they have endless patience.



From the Rock Paper Digital Portfolio



LJ Hooker Twin Waters

Thanks also to LJ Hooker Twin Waters for their great shots from last year's Party in the Park – where the community came out celebrating after the long caution of Covid.



WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

Whether from phone or fancy camera, doesn't matter. Twin Waters is its people. We want our community up there on the new site.

Send us anything that reflects life at Twin Waters. Serious or funny. Grand or everyday. We are up for it all! To this email: newsletter@twra.net

TWRA Gardening Competition on the Way



The ute full of plants in pots, (on the left) says it all about the hypnotic lure of gardening. The photo of final deliveries to last year's PARTY IN THE PARK Garden Stall says it all about the call of the 'green.' For a real practitioner, those pots are just the beginning of an imagined journey to something that later will be called - a garden! Twin Waters residents know all about that, which is why we're even closer to launching our own - GARDENING COMPETITION Gardening Committee members (Christine Bowman, Chairman, Derek Brown and Naomi McQueen (on the left) have nearly wrapped up details of the competition which will be published in next month's newsletter.

Sponsorships, Categories of Gardens that recognise all comers, from big blocks to miniature masterpieces bringing that special something to Twin Waters many apartments. Qualified and independent judges are being lined up, so that we can all celebrate the green thumbs among us and the fabulous gardens they create. Entries open 1 July 2023 . Judging on the weekend of 9-10 September 2023. Full details in next month's newsletter.

Free Mulch

Last month, we highlighted the Council's Free Trees program. While on the gardening theme, this month we remind you that free mulch is available too.

Quoting from their website: Council offers free coarse mulch at all waste facilities where available. Fine mulch is available for purchase from Buderim and Caloundra waste facilities only. For full details go to:

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/waste-and-recycling/mulch-and-crushed-concrete-sales>



Maintenance Committee Update

The next meeting between the TWRA and Sunshine Coast Council to discuss maintenance of public areas won't be until June - giving residents plenty of time to get to know the new contractors and watch the way the district is being serviced. In the meantime, TWRA Committee members continue monitoring work done and compare it to the schedule agreed with Council. As mentioned in last month's edition, on specific occasions the contractors, THE PLANT MANAGEMENT COMPANY have already brought on extra people beyond the normal two specified in the tender with Council following concern from residents that more staff were needed to cover the level of work required. The TWRA is seeking to work constructively with the contractors and has been impressed by their co-operative attitude to date. However, there have been gaps in some areas that do not seem to have been serviced and this is being followed up. Details are being sought from Council and there will be a further report next month



BEWARE INTRUDERS - Twin Waters Security Alert In March

Home and car owners are strongly advised to practice good security measures around Twin Waters following a disturbing series of events in March. On 12 March, TWRA emailed to members a summary of two attempted home invasions at Karyina Place the previous week. In a later email to TWRA, the resident involved detailed just easily such distressing events can happen:

"The person came through pocket park, jumped side fence, moved a kayak, opened power box, didn't find a way into house (the house was locked up). So it would appear the person then went through pocket park and jumped fence into the next property. The person then gained access through a glass louvre window into the house. The house owner heard the noise and chased the person out of the house. The person then jumped into the canal and escaped. Police attended, with the dog squad, but the offender was not caught. Nothing was stolen from either property."

The broadcast email also reported that over on at Waterfront Court two yards were entered, but the intruders were unable to enter as both houses were tightly secured.

Car owners also had an unwelcome wake-up call. Local real estate operator, Joanne Reilly reported - "My daughter saw a pale blue Hyundai Getz around 11pm last night on Stillwater Drive near Mariner Place pull up and someone got out and tried opening cars on the side of the road. They were startled by her and took off." A few nights later, the sister of another TWRA member reported that her security camera had recorded an attempt to break into her car parked in the same area.



Ladies Singing Group Looking for Members.



Ladies do you like to sing?

We are a small group of women who get together on Thursdays from 1.15 - 3.30 at Diddillibah to sing. We are a very friendly and relaxed group and we have a lot of fun.

We sing 60's and 70's pop songs in harmony. "Ladies in Red" was created in Twin Waters and the group still includes some local Twin Waters ladies. **If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Leanne on 0407 456 631 for more details.**

Twin Waters Cleaned Up! Tony Freeman shares the experience....

A group of Twin Waters residents with the community at heart have been actively involved in Clean Up Twin Waters as part of the national Clean Up Australia day event held in March each year.

This year around 40 donned hats and gloves, gathered bags and after a BBQ breakfast, cooked by Ed and Andrew, set off to see what could be found in the way of rubbish.

Now, Twin Waters is pretty good, but it's surprising what can be found. Fast food wrappers and drink containers make up most of the rubbish that we find on the sides of roads and in our parks and gardens – even the roundabouts have rubbish. And we had a few volunteers on the water in kayaks gathering floating rubbish and rubbish caught on the banks.



The happy crowd at the Clean-UP BBQ



President Sophie drawing some of the lucky dip for prizes adding to the party atmosphere.

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Booming Visitor Numbers, But Complaints Continue About Flight Path Noise

March's Airport Forum meeting reflected the energetic state of air travel on the Sunshine Coast. Passenger figures for January climbed to pre-Covid levels of 140,000 plus. BONZA continues to expand with 5 new destinations and more promised in the coming weeks. Airport visitors will notice changes to on-site airport parking to make way for a depot for Hire Care companies. While inside, the Rental Car booths in the Arrivals and Baggage area are set to move to a new space. But not everyone's happy with all the activity. Complaints about noise from flight paths have been received from areas further north. Airport officials were surprised that Marcus Beach and Sunrise Beach people are upset, as planes are over 2,000 metres above them at that point. Closer to home, Marcoola and Mudjimba residents associations are also complaining about flight paths and noise of flights late at night. Just what can be done is not yet clear, especially as air travel on the Sunshine Coast is only going to get bigger.



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