

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - May 2023

## Important Dates 2023

**Next TWRA General Meeting  
12 th June 7.30pm Novotel  
Sunshine Coast Resort. The  
pubic meeting for the whole  
Twin Waters community.**

**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. The '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 Cocktail 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

To paraphrase The Beatles on the Sgt. Peppers album – “It was 20 years ago today!” Well, actually it was May 9th, 2003 that the Queensland Government bowed to pressure from the TWRA to make Twin Waters a separate suburb in its own right. So, Happy Birthday Twin Waters! This month you are officially a grown-up 20-year-old. Prior to that we were stuck in the middle: bureaucratically part Pacific Paradise, part Mudjimba.

Going back to 2003, we forget how dramatically the district changed from a sleepy bush backwater. It began in the late 80s, when some were astonished by plans to build the luxury Novotel Resort in what was then the middle of nowhere. (Novotel site – 1988)



In the 90s came the even more ambitious scheme down the road for the Twin Waters canal estate in an area that seemed little more than a creek with scrub. But the original Twin Waters vision created by developer Lend Lease was a great success. (Twin Waters area late 80s)

A few years back, our newsletter remembered the dramatic campaign of 'Bulldozer Bob.' In 2002, 69-year-old Bob Gavin chained himself to bulldozers to stop construction of the View Point Apartments. Bob's campaign led to a local media blitz and forced developers to change their plans. View Point Apartments was reduced from 6 stories to 3. And the proposed road bridge across the water, which would have brought oppressive traffic loads, changed to the pedestrian walk way we see today.

Changes appreciated by the community every day ever since as preserving the real nature of Twin Waters.

In recent times there have been new challenges. The debates about the future of Twin Waters West and the maintenance issues for both the immediate future, and also how to renew Twin Waters for the next generation – are just a few.

The Sunshine Coast is now a different place. The backwater of the past, will now play a role in the future Olympics. And the rural area that once grew sugar cane now looms as a digital hub connected by local marine cable to dynamic Asia and the powerhouse of America.

The next 20 years looks even more exciting than the last.

*Sophie.*



## Life on the Lake

### Shark Watch Continues - A Bull Shark for Easter!

A Happy Snap with potential bite/chomp from local resident, Connie Kenny who caught this Bull while trying to relax on Easter Monday. As she writes – “We were on our deck at Water Gallery and noticed a lot of activity in our canal.

We were certainly surprised to see the big BULL SHARK – We did get a little excited over that one... We also saw quite a few Rays...”

Thanks Connie for the reminder that they really are OUT THERE!

In the coming editions, we hope to be bringing you updates from researchers at Griffith and Sunshine Universities who have been getting a better handle on our nearby shark-world.



### Following Up from Last Month's Home Burglary Attempts Neighbourhood Watch Advice on Car Security Even in the Garage!



We take it for granted that our car is safe if it is in the garage.

Neighbourhood Watch says – maybe not!

They recently reemphasised drivers ensure both the garage and the vehicle are locked and the garage door remotes are secured. (And once inside the house, don't leave car keys/smart keys or garage remotes anywhere easily visible to intruders, such as lying on tables, benches, bedside tables or key hooks.)

If you need to park outdoors, park in well-lit and highly visible areas whenever possible. Parking on the street greatly increases the risk of theft.

Consider installing a GPS tracker to your vehicle.

Always lock your vehicle, including the boot and sunroof, and remember to fully close all windows.

Avoid marking your keys with your personal or vehicle details such as name, phone number or vehicle registration.

## Maintenance update:

### In this month's update on Maintenance, Tony Freeman from the TW Maintenance Reference Group offers the following comments on further discussions with contractors

Following a drive around and inspection by Council and The Plant Management Co, the Plant Management Company have added extra staff to the regular service for autumn and have brought an extra team to specifically pick up palm fronds and broken branches. Following the inspection, the company have reiterated their goal of quality of service!



On a separate note, we had a few enquiries about Council replacing the walking bridge near Anchorage Circuit and the weir. Some residents had jumped to conclusions after seeing a team of Council engineering staff perform a "Level 1 thorough inspection" of the bridge.

Council have a team of people who perform maintenance on and re-oil the bridges regularly while a Level 1 inspection involves much more comprehensive and detailed inspection. Council has confirmed there is no need and no plan to replace either of the walking bridges!

## Watch The Date:

Given that the TWRA through the TW Maintenance Reference Group, meets with Council again in June for a review of Maintenance issues, residents should make any comments they feel necessary in the next few weeks. Send feedback and photos of situations to the email address: [info1@twra.net](mailto:info1@twra.net).





## TWRA Gardening Competition: Latest Update...

Entries open: 1 July – and remain open till: 5 August.

Judging will be on Saturday and Sunday 9 and 10 September.

Entry forms will be available on the TWRA website [www.twra.net/gardencompetition](http://www.twra.net/gardencompetition), by email to TWRA members, and on paper at FoodWorks and at Living Choice Reception.

The Competition's Organising Committee confirms GARDENS WILL BE JUDGED ACROSS THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES to fit Twin Waters mix of free-standing houses and apartments:

Applicants are asked to enter only one:

Best tropical garden

Best formal or structured garden

Best street appeal, with focus on colour

Best small garden



Committee members left to right: Maria Tallarida, Naomi McQueen, Christine Bormann, Derek Brown.



**Chief judge is Joy Pollard** – a trained horticulturalist with retail and wholesale nursery and plant propagation experience. A long-term Marcus Beach resident, the committee asked Joy to judge to avoid any potential for local conflicts of interest. The other judge will be Committee member, Christine Bormann, pictured above, representing the TWRA.

### The Process:

Approximately one week before the judging, we will notify all entrants of the time for judging each garden. The judges will wear ID lanyards during the process and be escorted to the gardens by Committee members to ensure the comfort of all involved.

### The Results:

Results will be announced Monday 11 September on the TWRA website. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for each category will be informed by email, or phone for those without an email address.

**PRIZES** of cash vouchers and gardening supplies will be awarded at the TWRA General Meeting at the Novotel on 9 October.

**We are very grateful to our platinum sponsors Rosemount Garden Centre and Mitre 10 and to our other sponsors, Manawee Garden Centre, and Bunnings.**



### IMPORTANT POINT:

The Competition is open to TWRA members only. If you're not a member, it's only \$10 per annum, and application details are on the TWRA website: <https://twra.net>. It's easy to join.

If you have any questions, please contact TWRA Secretary, Emilia White at [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net)

# Bits & Pieces

## TWRA General Meeting at Novotel – A Gardner's Delight.

With the Gardening Competition hotting up and entries open from July, our next General Meeting offers hints on how to add extra power to that green thumb!

The answer is Worm Farms and Compost: excitement plus for the average gardener wanting to go to the next level. A special speaker from the Sunshine Council's WASTE 2 RESOURCE EDUCATION PROGRAM will be on hand to spruik the virtues of Compost and – the big story: Worm Farms.



Small, but mighty in their impact, Worm Farms make a difference and help in the environmental challenge of reducing waste. Better still, the council program even offers free Compost Bins and Worm Farms to every group that participates.

TWRA General Meetings are held every 2 months at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort and are open to the public, as well as TWRA members. Next meeting: 7.30 pm Monday 12 June.

## TWRA Cocktail Party – A Social Hit Sunday 30th April.

102 thirsty and ravenous revellers showed up for the annual TWRA Cocktail Party that has become a social institution, despite the fact that no-one actually drinks old fashioned cocktails. But few seemed to care as they sampled a great wine selection and beers for every taste from boutique to mainstream.

The hit of the night was the Loose Goose's new Canapé menu, described as 'sensational.'

Right... Christine Bormann and Kevin Lyons doing door duty and happy with the result. Kevin's already planning his next 'do' – the Christmas Cocktail Party in November.



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## View Club Raises Money for Smith Family Kids

The Twin Waters VIEW Club held another successful Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser during April. The fabulous team made a profit of almost \$3,000, supporting the 10 disadvantaged Australian children they sponsor via The Smith Family Learning for Life Program – which helps children achieve their full potential through increased education.



## Special Thanks for Old Photos

As we celebrate our 20th birthday as a separate suburb, a Big Thank-You to long term Twin Waters resident, Jacqui Griffiths for this shot going back to 2001. Laying the footpath along Ocean Drive on the way to the golf club.

Things were still a little rough around the edges, but Jacqui remembers that community spirit and sense of identity was strong from the start. Jacqui has been here since 1999.

Keep sharing the pics: we're building a library of them on the new website currently under construction. More on that next month.



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