



2009 TWRA Meeting dates

The next TWRA general meeting will be held at the Novotel Resort, Twin Waters on Monday 9th February at 7:30 p.m. The Guest Speaker will be Jo Ferris from 'Living Smart' who will explain how small, quick and easy changes to your daily life can make a real difference financially and environmentally.

Twin Waters West – Update

Stockland has provided more information to the Council about its proposal for development of the land between Twin Waters and the motorway, known as Twin Waters West. Detailed information is posted on the SCRC's web site. In brief, however, some key points from their proposal for the area are as follows:



- The Concept Plan is substantially different to the one previously lodged by Lend Lease and Stockland (in 2007). There are no lakes or open canals. Just under 50% of the area will be natural vegetation, parks or green buffers. The existing stand of large trees in the middle of the area will remain.
- Traffic access will be on to Ocean Drive by a new roundabout opposite Toyango Street. There will be a secondary access via Twin Waters opposite Esperance Drive, but this is stated to be for 5% of traffic only and is a requirement from Council to have more than one access point for emergencies etc. There is no direct access to David Low Way proposed.
- Water management is acknowledged as an important issue. Stockland claims that water runoff through the existing Twin Waters canals will be virtually unchanged with only a 2.5cm increase in the most extreme scenario in one area of the canal.
- There will be a maximum of 950 residential building lots – no high rise or medium rise, no multi-dwelling sites – all residential with a maximum of 2 storeys. Lot sizes will average 400 -500 sq metres. The average height of fill on the building sites will be the same as for Twin Waters.
- Building covenants will apply to ensure quality housing outcomes. No retail shops or commercial premises are proposed.
- There will be a community infrastructure area of around 1 hectare on which Stockland says they are seeking input for the type of facilities the community would like.
- There will be a bike track that links the Maroochy River bridge through the development (and the forest) to the Twin Waters bikeways. There are walking paths as well. There will not be an acoustic fence however there will be a 40m wide boundary planted up along the motorway which will screen the motorway when the trees are established.

It is understood that the timetable to be followed by Stockland is a formal Public Notification Period of 30 business days which will commence in early February. A Community Information Day is planned for 21st February at Twin Waters Golf Club. This will include a display and Stockland officers will be available to answer questions and receive feedback from the community. Publicity for the Community Information

Day will commence shortly. Council would then consider the proposal and any public submissions before making its formal decision about any proposed development on that site.

Clearly, any development of this area is of interest to Twin Waters residents, especially because of the potential impacts of traffic and water. The TWRA considers that it is important the community is informed about the proposal and that the best available facts about possible impacts are made available to assist the community to form their views. Residents are encouraged to become informed, ask questions and provide feedback (positive or negative) to Stockland and / or the Council. Stockland have stated that community feedback to date has assisted in their revision of the original concept plans submitted with Lend Lease (who have now completely withdrawn from the area). We will continue to keep you informed about this possible development.

Mobile Library Service to Commence

The Mobile Library Service operated by the SCRC will commence fortnightly visits to Twin Waters (outside the TW Shopping Centre) from Tuesday, 3rd February. It will be there from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm. The library is a free service. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to use this facility.



FABULOUS Membership Card Changes

How many times have we gone to SPAR or another local business from our TWRA Business Directory only to find that our membership card was left behind in our partner's wallet? Well, your TWRA Management Committee is now offering an option to help solve that problem.

All new members as well as renewing members who complete the application for the family membership of \$10.00 can also apply for an additional card at a cost of \$2.00 (the \$2.00 is just to cover costs).

The updated Membership Form in PDF format can be found on the TWRA web site or at SPAR.

Clean Up Australia Day

This will be held on Sunday 1st March commencing with a free barbecue breakfast in the park at Baywater Drive at 8 a.m. The Clean Up should be in full swing by 8:30 am and conclude by 10:00 am. In the past we have had good numbers so let's hope 2009 is no different.



We still urgently need 2 trailers or utilities to ferry the rubbish from the roadside to a central location. Please call Ed on 54489414 if you can assist.

\$ Every House Should Have One

With climate change recognised as a major concern by many, the reduction in greenhouse gasses is a major issue. The Australian Government is helping Australian households install climate friendly hot water technologies and rebates of \$1000 are available (in eligible circumstances) to install solar hot water systems in existing privately owned homes.

Water heating is the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions from the average home accounting for around

28% of home energy use (excluding the family car). Installing a climate friendly hot water system can save a family \$300 to \$700 off electricity bills each year. (Source-- Aus. Gov. Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts).

Our climate is very conducive to the installation of Solar Hot Water systems. The experience of one of our members has been nil electricity usage for water heating over its installed period to date (1.5 yrs). If you would like any information please contact Ed Berry on 54489414 or Con Guard on 54505012.



Turtle Nesting Sites

Twelve turtle nesting sites along the Sunshine Coastal strip between Twin Waters and Sunshine Beach have been identified by Coolool District Coast Care Group. A local resident recently sighted a turtle making its way back to the water after laying its eggs on the beach at Mudjimba.

The months of December to February are traditionally turtle nesting times with hatchlings beginning to surface during mid January through to March. During this time Coast Care volunteers are asking members of the public to report any sightings, standings, deaths or emerging hatchlings directly to the turtle hotline on 1300 130372.

Coolool District Coast Care members are asking residents not to let their dogs off their leashes on the beaches at night during nesting season. Also, due to the possible predation of the turtle hatchlings it would be appreciated if any wild dogs, fox or dingo sightings were reported to them. For more information logon to Coolool District Coast Care Group volunteer website, <http://www.cooloolcoastcare.org.au/>

Turtle nests or sightings should be reported by phoning the Turtle Hotline on 1300 130372.

TWRA Dine Out – Bluefish Mudjimba

The next dine out is scheduled for lunch on Friday March 27th – we have already received quite a few bookings. If you're thinking about it, don't think too long as space is limited. At a cost of \$25.00 for three yummy courses and BYO wine, it won't get much better than this! Join your friends and neighbours for a great lunch out.

Contact Lynda on 53512100 or 0405038888 to make your booking now.



Dine Outs Survey

Please complete the Dine Outs survey so we can better plan for meals and venues that suit budgets and taste. It's up to you where you want to eat, after all! To download the Dine Out Survey logon to www.twra.net and click Notice Board.

Newsletter Delivery

Thank-you the staff at LJ Hooker's Twin Waters for delivering this Newsletter.



Further information on newsletter items and the meeting minutes are available online at www.twra.net

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Block Co-ordinators: Check Community Notice Board for co-ordinators contact details

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Annual Subscription \$10.00 per family

Membership is valid until 30 June each year. Membership entitles you to discounts at local businesses.