

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - July 2023

Important Dates 2023

Next TWRA General Meeting
14 August 7.30pm Novotel
Sunshine Coast Resort.
Includes TWRA Annual
General Meeting.

Gardening Competition
Entries are now open: see
website. Judging on the
weekend of 9-10 September
2023.

Christmas in July
Sunday 23rd July 2023
The Loose Goose
12pm to 4pm

Neighbourhood Watch
Meeting - 18th September
4:30 pm at Living Choice
Bowls Club.

Golf Day – 17th September
2023. 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 & Fireworks
17th December 2023.
Celebrate Christmas for all
the family.

President's Report from Sophie Lever

Below is a freeze frame from the opening page of our new look TWRA website. This is a great milestone for us in reaching out to our local community. As the words on the picture say:
TWIN WATERS – Where The Community Cares.



Even if you are not a member, an amazing array of information is just a click away at <https://twra.net>.

Of course, if you aren't a member, we hope the help on the site encourages you to sign up.

The new site makes it easier than ever to join – and the cost is just \$10 a year for each household. See the back page for more details of the extra things it can do!

Thanks to our amazing website team in Geoff, Mark, Maria, Sherrill and Naomi who all contributed.

A special thanks to Dave from Rock Paper Digital for bringing it all together – RPD is a very local business based in Twin Waters and we encourage you to support them if you have any web design needs.
<https://rockpaperdigital.com.au>



If you are a member, you will also have seen an email encouraging you to nominate to join the TWRA committee at the upcoming Annual General Meeting. The deadline to nominate is 13th July 2023 with the new committee formally voted in at the AGM, which is part of our August General Meeting. Each committee member is expected to be involved in one of the sub-committees or events committees. I can say from personal experience since 2008 that you will get so much out of being involved.

I have made some wonderful friends and been mentored in many ways over my time on the committee. I will be nominating myself to become President again this year, so much have I enjoyed the role. That is not to dissuade you from nominating yourself as well – we are always on the lookout for fresh faces and ideas.

We are also excited that our new Gardening Competition has opened! We hope all the green thumbs in the community will get involved. The different categories making up the competition were carefully designed to make a place for gardeners of all types, large and small. More details on our new website!

It is especially gratifying that our revamped, Christmas in July lunch is a sell-out – at last count 151 people have booked to attend. If you missed out, please join the TWRA to be added to our email list and you will be the first to get news on these events in the future.

Until next month.

Sophie.



Twin Waters West Proposed Development What's Happening!

See Left for a view of the site from developer STOCKLAND's website detailing the major new housing project running parallel with the Sunshine Motorway.

(<http://www.stockland.com.au/residential/planned-communities/twin-waters-west/>)

For a detailed summary of the proposal also check out the June TWRA newsletter – easily available on the new TWRA website: <https://twra.net> As for what's next: Sunshine Coast Council has asked Stockland for responses to questions on their Development Application. Once answered, the Public Consultation Process will commence and be open for 30 business days. **This should commence around the end of July.**

TWRA encourages everybody to get informed about this third Development Application for the site. Stockland says it complies with the Town Plan and addresses the three issues raised by the Planning & Environment Court when they rejected the previous application. These were - **lot density** (in the new application, it is now equal to Twin Waters, with an average lot size of 700 square metres), **a perceived threat to the central wetlands** (which are now protected with a minimum 50 metre buffer plus a waterproof membrane to prevent saltwater leaks) and **Settler's Park** (now doubled in size to 5,000 square metres). Other enhancements include a large kangaroo reserve with viewing platforms, fencing and trails for wildlife protection. Stockland will shortly also provide more information on key subjects such as traffic flow, hydrology and environmental management.

TWRA's approach is to see if all this is "equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters", which has been our mantra since 2016. Once all information is available, we will make an assessment and advise the community. But, importantly, it will be individual submissions during the **Public Consultation period** that matter. We encourage everyone to get informed, make a submission and let Council know what you think.



Maintenance Committee Update

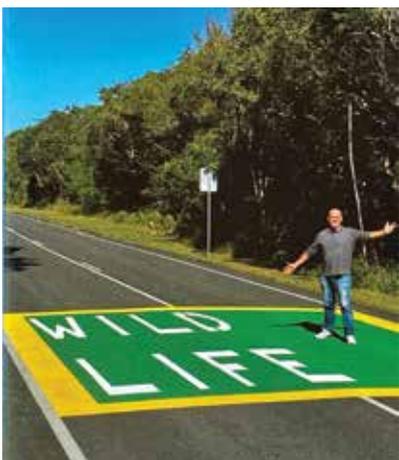
June saw a number of developments for maintaining our public areas.

It was the start of the 'Mulching Program' - and Maintenance Committee members were impressed. Twin Waters Drive was thought to be looking good. Committee Member, Tony Freeman grabbed the photo to the left of Lakeview Drive that was also thought to pass muster. The Plant Management Company had also moved to a 3-week roster – which seemed to stabilise maintenance work.

New works were also announced when the Council published its budget for the new financial year. These included renewal of public seats in Brush Box Circuit, Twin Waters Drive, Wattlebird Drive, Mainsail Place and Stillwater Drive.

Footpaths will be renewed in Lake View Drive, and pavers replaced along Twin Waters Drive. Bike racks will be renewed at the Ocean Drive bus stop.

The Council budget also confirmed that the Twin Waters Maintenance Levy will remain unchanged at \$130 for Twin Waters residential ratepayers.



Jason O'pray Promotes Special Wildlife Traffic Warnings:

Division 8 Councillor, Jason O'Pray hit the publicity trail recently raising awareness of the new WILDLIFE signs now splashed across the roads in four 'bushy' areas - Nojoor Road, Ocean Drive, Twin Waters and Mudjimba.

The hope is drivers will be that bit more careful as they zoom about. It's a passion project for the Councillor, as he told TWRA members at a recent General Meeting.

He also reminds us that if, despite everything, residents see injured wildlife they should phone - 1300-ANIMAL (1300 264 624)



Security An Issue In June

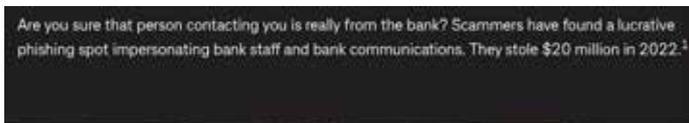
A frame from a home security system emailed by a resident this month of strangers checking out his place. Are they just being a nuisance, or looking for a quick way in? He wasn't sure. Just another example of an increasing number of emails TWRA receives about security issues.



Drones – What's Legal?

Another resident emailed asking whether Drones were allowed to overfly his property? The short answer is NO! it's illegal in Queensland to fly drones over other people's property. Owners have a right to privacy – and drone operators are only allowed to fly their devices where they can see them in direct sight - not use them to snoop via remote video.

The Scammer Impersonators – Targetting Your Bank Accounts:



Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch warned last month about local attempted car thefts and the need to secure garages following several incidents. This month they report a significant increase in phone and text bank scams – the new epidemic! See the pic on the left for a Commonwealth Bank warning to customers how scammers posing as bank officials stole \$20-million last year. And now it's happening here! Local Neighbourhood Watch residents report receiving dodgy texts and phone calls from strangers claiming to be bank officials.

Technology Helps Them Do It!

And be warned scammers are very convincing: The Australian Competition & Consumer Commission's SCAMWATCH site reports scammers use new technology to make their calls appear to come from the bank's legitimate phone number. They can also send texts that the technology then inserts into real threads of text messages customers have had with their actual bank. (See link on the right)



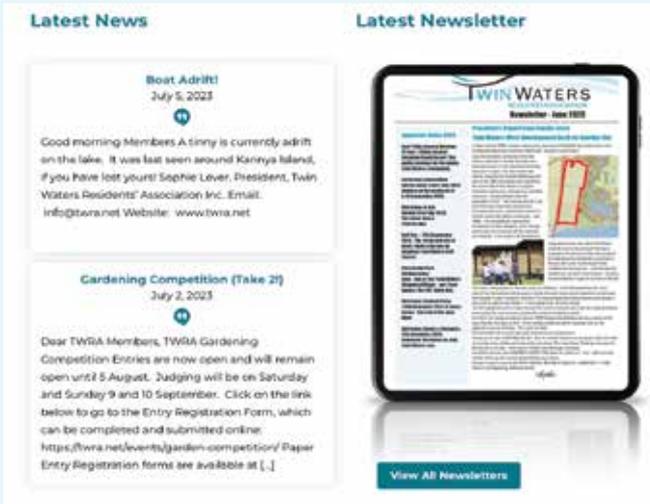
<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/news-alerts/bank-impersonation-scams-robbing-australians-of-their-life-savings>

What to do: Neighbourhood Watch Advice.

- Beware when a bank unexpectedly contacts you. If you do receive a cold call, get the reference number, hang up, and call your bank directly by using details you have found yourself from their web site, app or other means.
- Scammers may gain your trust by telling you that they're from your bank's fraud team. They may even introduce themselves using names and job titles of genuine bank employees obtained from professional networks on the internet, such as LinkedIn.
- Don't immediately respond if the caller requests you act urgently. If you are asked to complete an action while on the phone, it is very likely to be a scam. Banks do not request that you move money to keep it safe, and especially not to an account at a different bank.
- If the caller shares your personal information with you to gain your trust or asks you to read out security codes or passwords, they are very likely scamming you. The information has likely been fraudulently obtained.

News Flash On New Twra Website...

'Good Morning Members, A tinny is currently adrift in the lake..' Not the scoop of the year – but a quick message out to the local community now possible from the LATEST NEWS function on the new TWRA website – launched this month as mentioned by Sophie on Page 1 in her President's Report.



When TWRA sends broadcast emails to members, those are now automatically fed to the LATEST NEWS section of the site, which automatically updates. It also keeps a list of previous messages for reference, which are just a click away if you need to check.

And by the side, (see left) the latest TWRA newsletter – and again with just a click, residents can access all the newsletters for the current year. The new site aims to be an easy access point for local information.

In other parts of the site – there is easy to find help section called:

For new residents. This offers a quick but detailed guide to local facilities from shops and rubbish collection down to where they can walk the dog.

Long Term concerns are covered by the section called: **The History Vault.** This offers a curated collection of landmark documents which shaped the history of the Twin Waters community. On the right an example from the collection: the diagram shows the 3 different versions of the proposed Twin Waters West development now back in the news.

WE ENCOURAGE TWRA MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO EXPLORE THE NEW TWRA WEBSITE. It lives and breathes, creating and sharing information and acting as a bridge for all of us to get together.
<https://twra.net>



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Music From the Vault

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Bad Dog Moment At Twin Waters

The picture (right) makes it look like – just a scratch. That is – unless it happens to be your scratch. **The story of what happens when dogs are OFF the LEASH!**

From Lynda who emailed about her experience:

“I was out jogging alongside the river at just after 7 this morning along the path between the weir and Nojoor Road. Two dogs jumped up at me as I crossed their path. Their claws caused the injury on my upper thigh shown in the photo through my jogging pants.

Their owner managed to get them down, but I am a little shaken and my thigh is tender. Should they have been off leash in that location and if so, could you remind dog-owners of the need to do this? Fortunately, all the dogs I met in the rest of my run round TW were suitably accompanied and restrained.” Thank you! Lynda



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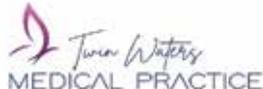
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