

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - August 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.**

**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

In August, we have a spring in our step following the success of our latest event – Christmas in July – revamped this year to the new location of the Loose Goose – and booked out well in advance with 151 people. Special thanks to Lydia Kirm for re-working the event giving TW residents another great chance to get together and celebrate for a reasonable price. And don't forget our Gardening Competition now that spring is just a month away when Twin Waters really blooms. Entries remain open until the last minute. TWRA cares so much about its social events, as it wants everyone to have the maximum chance to get together and stay in touch. Community is an organic thing. It happens when people connect and that's what the TWRA has been about since the start of Twin Waters. At our next Annual General Meeting the TWRA Executive and Committee will be offered for public vote. See Page 2 for details of the nominees. But special thanks go to 5 committee members who are retiring after years of great service to the Twin Waters community.



Rob Ruskin, former TWRA President, 2015 – 2017 and member since 2011. Rob also worked on major events, Christmas Carols and Party in the Park

Max Mills has been the guiding presence on the vital TWRA Maintenance Committee since 2010. Apart from the general care of our public areas, one of Max's major tasks was negotiating transfer of responsibility for Twin Waters lake to the local Council from original developer, Lendlease.



Merran Dobson edited the TWRA newsletter for 2 years, as well as recently managing the advertising component.

Thanks also to long term Maintenance Committee member, Geoff Baker – and Sherrill France who gave important technical support to the original TRWA website.



Until next month.

Sophie.

New Nominations for TWRA Committee!

The TWRA welcomes 7 new nominations for the Association's Management Committee scheduled to be presented to this month's Annual General Meeting.



Michael and Karen Stapelfeldt

Moved up from Melbourne 2 years after spending numerous family holidays and honeymoon on the Sunshine Coast. When looking for a place to settle we loved the friendly, relaxed atmosphere of Twin Waters. We are wanting to help ensure any new development in Twin Waters West reflects all the best attributes of our community. Michael is a member of Twin Waters Golf Club and we enjoy walking and cycling around our area.

Sue Smith

Sue Smith moved to Twin Waters in 2020 with her husband Greg after leaving home in Brisbane for a 3-year sea change in Cairns. They found Twin Waters a little by accident and very pleased they did. A perfect place to meet new friends and their 3 children and old friends love to visit. Her In-laws loved the area so much they left Brisbane to join them. Sue continues to work as an Occupational Therapist and is looking forward to being an active member of the TWRA to become more engaged in the community. Sue has played 4 games of golf in her life and has committed to giving the game a chance!



Colin Legg

Colin, his wife Helen and adorable cavoodle Jessie, moved to Twin Waters in March 2021 after buying their house, sight unseen, following an extended holiday on the Sunshine Coast during the covid restrictions in Melbourne, their home for many years.

Both Kiwis, Colin came across the ditch in 1971 and Helen in 2006. "I am a builder who has worked for myself for most of my working life. When I met Helen, we expanded our business to include property inspections and this is still operating today with family in Victoria. These days we enjoy gardening, the great lifestyle of Twin Waters, mosaics and crochet." Colin is also on the board of the Mudjimba RSL sub-branch and member of the Functions Standing Committee. One of his passions, while not strictly based in Twin Waters, is to see a great garden entrance to our Sunshine Coast airport, with 500 metres of beautiful tropical gardens, a la Singapore to welcome and farewell our visitors - and set the standard for Queensland tourism.



Teresa Rojas

Grew up in Sydney, lived and worked in the US for 30 years. My background is in accounting and finance. After deciding to take early retirement, I moved back to Australia with my husband (Richard) in 2018. I enjoy playing golf, social tennis and our walks with our assertive toy poodle.



Richard Matlof

Moved to Twin Waters with my wife (Teresa) from Florida in 2018 after early retirement from a career in Hotel and Residential Property Finance/Development. We love living here and are avid Golf and Tennis players.



Maria Tallarida is another recent arrival in Twin Waters from Melbourne. Maria has impressive IT project management experience with large corporates and her IT skills have already been of assistance to us when she volunteered to help with the new TWRA website in recent months. She also volunteered to help with the Garden Competition sub-Committee. She has recently returned from a road and camping trip to the tip of Cape York, so she is already very much at home in Queensland. Joining the TWRA Management Committee is a logical next step for Maria and we welcome her Nomination.



Existing Committee Members Re-Nominating.

The current TWRA Executive is re-nominating: **President** Sophie Lever; **Secretary** Emilia White and **Treasurer** Nathan Dadds.

Committee members re-nominating are: Geoff Billard, Christine Bormann, Derek Brown, Tony Freeman, Kevin Lyons, Mark Hamlyn and Naomi McQueen.

Committee members also serve on various TWRA Sub Committees to support individual activities such as TWRA Golf Day, the Gardening Competition, or the Maintenance Committee. Full details of all re-nominating members and the Executive available on the TWRA website: <https://twra.net/twra-committee/>

Campaign to Drop Water Way Speed Limits From 6 to 4 Knots



The video from TWRA member John Bone of Spinifex Place showing the boat wash knocking his revetment walls about earlier this year. Since then, marine authorities have persuaded some of the boaties to take it easy, but John says that doesn't solve the problem. The overall speed limit in the wider lake – of 6 knots, where there is plenty of space - doesn't work where he is in the smaller side canals, where he argues: it should be 4 knots. The point is that the Marine authorities say that some of the boaties giving John's walls grief, were still under the 6 knots limit. So, official interest grinds to a halt.

But is 4 knots really pie in the sky?

We aren't experts, but an internet search of the normally mind-numbing Gazette of Queensland Waterway Speed limits reveals that there are just (2) 4 knot waterway speed limits in Queensland and both are close to Twin Waters in the Mooloolah River. (Namely "the entrance to the canal near Mooloolah Drive and the entrance near Chelsea Crescent.") See Maps diagram.

We might well ask: Why not a few more? John is pursuing his conversations with local politicians.



Security Issues Continue Across July:



A still from a front door video system from Brushbox Circuit resident, David Moore shows a young woman testing his car's door at 1.37 am. Thankfully, nothing happened. But it is an example of the type of almost continuous activity from potential intruders reported by residents to TWRA email over the last month. Another car was broken into in Brushbox Circuit, but nothing taken. And residents in Quay Court reported finding footprints around their back door, suggesting that perhaps 4 people had illegally entered their backyard while they watched TV the previous night.

Neighbourhood Watch – says – Neighbour Networking Vital.

With the population of Twin Waters changing all the time as properties are bought and sold, it's essential neighbours stay in touch. They say get to know the people in your street, not just the family next door. Exchange phone numbers; email. Help everyone keep a lookout and share information.



Latest Scam pretending to be NBN:

For instance, last month TWRA emailed members warning that a resident who had booked an upgrade for the NBN was contacted by scammers. Incredibly, they had his phone number, knew he had an NBN appointment – and spun a tale that they needed access to his computer to test the modem. He terminated the call. NBN later confirmed it was a scam – and emphasised that they never require access to a customer's computer.

Neighbourhood Watch invites all to their next meeting to learn more about protecting ourselves: 18th September 4:30 pm at Living Choice Bowls Club.

Maintenance Review – Major Footpath Replacement LAKE VIEW DRIVE



In late July, early August Lake View Drive residents alongside Warwick Daniels Park have had the opportunity of watching the replacement of the footpath running from the bridge to Nautilus Place. The extensive replacement is this year's contribution to the multi-year footpath repair program negotiated by TWRA with the Sunshine Coast Council.

As reported last year, the original footpaths with their timber inserts laid down over 20 years ago are rapidly decaying across the suburb and difficult to repair. By contrast, the new style plain grey concrete paths agreed to by TWRA after a consultation period with Council, should be virtually maintenance free with an effective life of perhaps 80 years.

Meanwhile, the Plant Management Company has continued with the Mulching Program for gardens in the public parks, following work begun last month. And repair work continues on the rock retaining walls areas of the lake weir connection to Maroochy River that been had gradually washed out.





TWRA Golf Day Is Back Twin Waters Golf Club. Sunday 17 September 2023.

Last year was our biggest day ever! 92 men and women golfers – that morphed up to 140 for lunch at the Twin Waters Golf Club restaurant. Now, it's that time of the year again to register for the best golf day on the calendar – the 2023 TWRA Golf Day.

Tee off is a 7:30am shotgun start for a 2-person Ambrose event – the same as last year. It's always a great day where golfers of all levels are welcome. Registration and payment is online at the TWRA website at: <https://twra.net/events/twin-waters-golf-day/>

Players without a GA handicap can still play and will be given a nominal rating of:
Men (18) Women (25)

Costs are as follows (plus a small booking fee):

- Full Twin Waters Golf Club member: no green fee, \$15 per seat in a cart, \$10 to play.
- 5-day Golf Club member: \$42 green fee, \$15 per seat in a cart.
- Non-members: \$50 green fee, \$25 per seat in a cart.

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Gardening Competition Powers on with \$1,250 in Prizes

Chair of TWRA's Gardening Competition Committee, Derek Brown – out spreading the news with the suburb wide letter drop with all the latest on how TW gardeners can show us their best. Full details on different categories of garden - that gives everyone, big and small, a chance - on the TWRA website: <https://twra.net/events/garden-competition/>

Prizes include

\$500 of gift vouchers from Rosemount Nursery,
\$400 of gift vouchers from Mitre 10, \$200 of gift vouchers from North Shore Tavern, \$100 of gift vouchers from Manawee Nursery, and \$50 of gift vouchers from Bunnings.



View Club Fashion Parade a Hit!

Our eagerly anticipated Fashion Parade was held at the Duporth Tavern during July, with 83 fashionistas attending.

Our member models strutted their stuff like professionals and there was a wonderful selection of Australian-made garments and accessories in a kaleidoscope of colour to tempt discerning buyers. The day was made even more enjoyable with a meal and complimentary wine/juice, followed by a number of enticing raffles and door prize.



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Twin Waters West Update

Finally, a brief word about the proposed Twin Waters West development, running parallel with the Sunshine Coast Motorway. The Sunshine Coast Council is currently reviewing developer, Stockland's Development Application in what is known as the Request for Information (RFI) stage, which is well underway. The next step will be Public Consultation.

This was to have begun at the end of July but will now likely begin in the next week.

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