

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter - December 2023

### Important Dates 2023

**Christmas Carols**  
**17th December 2023.**

**TWRA General Meeting:**  
**5th February 2024**

**Clean Up Australia Day**  
**3rd March 2024**

**TW Neighbourhood Watch**  
**Meeting 18th March 2024**

**Winter Cocktail Party – TBC**

**Gardening Competition.**  
**Entries open: July. Judging:**  
**September.**

**Christmas in July – TBC.**

**Golf Day – TBC.**

**Party in the Park – TBC**

**Christmas Cocktail Party**  
**23rd November 2024.**

**Christmas Carols – TBC**

### President's Report from Sophie Lever

Where did the year go? Suddenly its Christmas in a moment and 2023 bites the dust!  
But what a year it has been!

We've seen Twin Waters jumping out of its skin with energy and community involvement. And facing serious decisions about its future. Decisions forced on it because it's a place people want to be.



The Twin Waters West proposal burst forward again when developer Stockland fronted up for its third attempt to create an appropriate housing estate on the second half of Twin Waters land – the old canefields running parallel with the Sunshine Coast Motorway.

If approved the project is the biggest individual change to Twin Waters since the suburb was established by original developer Lend Lease before the turn of the century. There are those for and against – and the Sunshine Coast Council has an 'interesting' time ahead as it

processes the proposal. And if they say no, there is also the extra step when the proposal is bumped upstairs to the Queensland Government's, Planning and Environment Court, which decided the issue on the two previous attempts.

Development energy continued across the boundary line at nearby Pacific Paradise with the proposal to re-develop the old Bowls Club into a major hotel, apartment and shopping district to sit alongside the existing North Shore Tavern. ( See Page 4 for details on Public Comments to Council.)

As we note later in this newsletter, Sunshine Coast Council is now calling for public comments. And again, whether you are either for or against, the reality of these applications says something about the economic future of Twin Waters and its surrounding areas.



Social interaction was also at an all time high this year.

We've just enjoyed the second Birthday Party in the Park in its new venue at the Twin Waters Shopping Village. A great afternoon packaged by L.J Hooker Twin Waters that then produced a hefty donation to the local State Emergency Services. More details inside.

In the middle of the year, our revamped Christmas in July supported by Lydia Kirn Real Estate, brought new life to this previously popular event. Our new Gardening Competition recognised our local passion for making the most of where we live, and the Golf Day at Twin Waters Golf Club proved again, it has become a local institution.

And just last week, our Christmas Cocktail Party gave Twin Waters residents the chance to get out and keep in touch at the Loose Goose. More details inside.

But we're not done yet. We're excited about our traditional Christmas Carols on 17th December in the new location at Moorings Circuit Park.

Last year's event by the water at Novotel was such a success we've gone back to the lake again for a night of music, fun and fireworks. See the flyer that goes with this newsletter.

To all TWRA members and Twin Waters residents - Merry Christmas and Happy 2024 as we go on to the next chapter of the Twin Waters adventure.

Until next time. *Sophie.*



## Sharks and the Lake

November was Shark Month for Twin Waters.



Residents on the lake and others on their afternoon walks noticed the appearance of a series of red coloured buoys.

Set by researchers from Sunshine Coast University, they were intended to trap sharks which would then be tagged for on-going monitoring.

Local media featured stories of research leader, Dr. Bonnie Holmes and her team during the 'up close and personal' tagging process. These people have no fear. The 3-year program aims to survey in detail just how many bull sharks are in Sunshine Coast Waters and learn how they travel in and out of coastal river systems and waterways, like Twin Waters. They believe the more we know, the more likely it is we can safely co-exist together.

As it happens, the team didn't catch any sharks in the Twin Waters Lake. But, that doesn't mean they aren't there.



On 14 November, Dr. Holmes was called in by the Sunshine Coast Council following the discovery of a 2.30 metre long (7.5 feet) shark that had been found dead on the ramp on Anchorage Circuit (beside Water Gallery)



Dr. Holmes summed it up on her Instagram post with the background story and some friendly advice for how we can give sharks and other marine life more consideration so, we can all share the space: "A few days ago this beautiful boy washed up in Twin Waters on the Sunshine Coast after snapping off a recreational shark fishing line with around 10metre of rope attached. The trace and rope had wrapped around an old crab pot underwater and (he) drowned.

A timely reminder to secure your gear and...(that) lost crab pots also kill fish, turtles and sometimes air breathing animals like birds 🐟 🦀 🐢 🐊"



### More Sharks at General Meeting In February:

**Mon 5th February 2024 7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Resort.**

During the year, Brisbane's Griffith University has also surveyed the sharks in Twin Waters Lake. Dr Johan Gustafson from Griffith's Marine Megafauna group at the Coastal and Marine Research Centre will give a talk on their work.

"General Meetings are open to the public as well as TWRA members and will be held on the first Monday of every second month in 2024"

## Birthday Party in the Park Raises \$1,600 for Local State Emergency Services



The happy team of L.J. Hooker Twin Waters with part of the State Emergency Services contingent at the recent Birthday Party in the Park on Sunday, 5th November. The Hooker team again organised the Party that celebrates the beginning of Twin Waters back in the 1990s.

Below: Hooker licensee, Grant Ormrod and Dempsey Ormrod with the 3 raffle hampers valued at \$4,000 that were important drivers for the final donation. Special thanks to the local sponsors that made it possible.



The Twin Waters Shopping Village was a bouncy place that afternoon as it should be for all good parties. The Cock & Hen, Loose Goose and Foodworks all provided a great variety of food and drinks, backed up by the ever-dependable Lions Sausage Sizzle. For kids: face painting; the jumping castle and play area to work off all that energy. With great fireworks at the end.

Exceptional plants were on offer this year at the plant stall for example beautiful stag horns, succulents and anthiriums that were sold in a snap! Thank you to all the green thumbs who supported the plant stall!



The cake stall was more popular than ever! Hats off to the bakers and jam-makers in our community who donated their wonderfully delicious treats.

<< TWRA Secretary Emilia White with fellow 'green thumb local state member, Fiona Simpson.)



## Christmas Cocktail Party

Food was the focus as much as drink at the Christmas Cocktail Party at Loose Goose on Sunday 26th November. 126 booked for the event that became so popular, TWRA had to create a Winter Cocktail Party in April to meet demand. Below, the Prawn, Mango, Avocado Spoons (Gluten Free) was typical of the popular dishes across the night. And right: the people who made it happen. Loose Goose Head Chef Matt Thomme and Erin Mitaros. with TWRA's main organisers – and party experts: Kevin Lyons and Christine Bormann.



Lamb & Chorizo Skewers - with Lime Crème Fraiche GF



Three Cheese Arancini - with Aioli GF



Rare Beef - with Horseradish on Croute



Salt & Pepper Calamari GF



Mini Caramel Tart

## Local Disaster Management

Some residents have contacted TWRA for information about disaster management in the event of a local bushfire. Sunshine Coast Council has a Disaster Hub on their website: <https://disasterhub.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/#Dashboard>.

Information there covers Evacuation Centres / Places of Refuge (when needed); Road Closures; Warnings etc. Plus relevant Apps such as CoastAlert enabling emergency notifications direct to your phone as well as the Get Ready Queensland guide published by the State Government. Council has also confirmed to TWRA that the cleared area immediately adjacent to Twin Waters meets fire-break requirements and that this area may be mowed again before Christmas.

## Public Comments Open on Pacific Paradise Bowls Club Redevelopment November 27th to December 18th

For an overview of the proposed development, see the newsletter's September issue at <https://twra.net/newsletters/>.

To lodge a comment go to the development page of the Sunshine Coast Council website - <https://developmenti.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au>  
Type the application number (MCU23/0238) into the Box marked: Application Search.

## Maintenance Update



Residents on Lake View Drive woke to find a 'Mountain of Mulch' in November as the Plant Management Company completed its major mulching program. In addition to being spread on gardens, the hoop pine product was also applied to roundabouts and entrance areas to the estate.

The dreaded, ever falling Palm Fronds also received attention. Now, fronds from palms in public areas have been added to the Plant Management Company's work system.

There has also been some spraying to reduce Bindii growth. Mowing and garden work is now on a two-weekly cycle.

The condition of Pocket Parks is being followed up, although some work has been completed.

## View Club Hears How to Help Reduce Anxiety and Stress for Students and Young Adults

At a recent meeting, guest speaker, Carole Newton of Bonjour Wellness in Maroochydore explained her 'Standing Strong' program empowered children and teens to live healthy, happy and inspired lives.

Under the headlines: Eat Well, Move Well, Think Well the program provides practical skills to beat the demons often part of the teenage years.

As an example, Carole took the lunch meeting through a 5 minute mindful breathing exercise as demonstration of how simple techniques can be important circuit breakers for stress and anxiety.

**Carol's website is: <https://bonjourwellness.com.au>**



**VIEW welcomes new members – and meets for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Loose Goose Restaurant, Ocean Drive, Twin Waters, 11am for 11.30am start. Please contact Doreen on 0415 695 921 or email [twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com](mailto:twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com)**



## Neighbourhood Watch Reminds Lock-up Securely if Away for Christmas

Local Neighbourhood Watch was also at 'Party' – reminding residents that house intruders don't take Christmas leave. Apart from the obvious door locking, they also suggest:

Locking away tools and garden implements to reduce the chance of break ins  
Make it look as though someone is home, e.g. have lights on timers – asking a neighbour to collect mail and newspapers, and to keep an eye on your home – even to put your bins out and back in again on bin days.

And in this era of scammers – don't post that you are away on social media.

**For more advice see: <https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast/> It's free.**



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Anyone can join in to the long running popular event. Add some Christmas lights to your kayak, canoe or floating bathtub – and enjoy. Paddlers are encouraged to travel clockwise around the lake taking in the Christmas lights from different homes on the water.

Don't forget to pass by the park in front of ViewPoint where, traditionally families enjoying a twilight picnic on the lawns. See photo.

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