

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - March 2024

#### Important Dates 2024

**Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch Meeting - Monday 18th March at Living Choice Clubhouse.**

**TWRA General Meeting: Monday 8th April 7.30 pm Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.**

**Winter Cocktail Party – Loose Goose. 6pm through to 10pm; Sunday 19 May. \$75 per person.**

**Gardening Competition. Entry forms available from 1 to 30 September. Judging: Saturday 12 October.**

**Christmas in July – July 21st.**

**Golf Day – Twin Waters Golf Club. Date: TBC.**

**Party in the Park – The Twin Waters Shopping Village. 20th October**

**Christmas Cocktail Party – Loose Goose Restaurant. 6 pm through to 10 pm; Sunday 24 November. \$75 per person.**

**Light Up Twin Waters – The magic of the Christmas lights we place on our homes each year. Details later in the year.**

**Christmas Carols – Moorings Circuit Park. December 15th**

#### President's Report from Sophie Lever

For those of you who attended TWRA's General Meeting last month, wow – what a turnout! We had near record numbers – my count was around 70 attendees.

It's not often the Novotel guys have to bring in extra seats. The high numbers were as a result of the presentation by Dr Johan Gustafson and Dr Bonnie Holmes of Sunshine Coast University. They gave us a fabulous update on their shark research which was fascinating. See Page 4 - for a fuller report of the life of sharks and, importantly, those we live with in our own Twin Waters lake.

Amazingly, they know them, almost by name, thanks to the astonishing tracking devices they implant into the creatures, most of us would be too scared to approach.

We have the Council elections coming up on the 16th March and have dedicated a fair amount of this newsletter to showcasing the candidates for Division 8 and for Mayor. We hope it's helpful to you in making your decision as to who to vote for. With all the rain we have had, the landscape maintenance team are working hard to ensure our parks and public areas are getting back on track – see more from Tony, our sub-committee chair on Page 3.



Thanks to all of those who came along to the Clean Up Twin Waters event on Sunday 3rd March and importantly to Ed and Merryl Berry who organize this event every year. Our suburb is looking even tidier as a result.

Until next time. *Sophie.*

As always, our various events teams are already planning our events for this year including the Christmas In July function, the drinks and canapes events at the Loose Goose, the Gardening Competition, the Birthday Party in the Park, and Christmas Carols (yes, we're talking all things Christmas already!). See all the dates to the left, and make sure they're in your calendar for 2024.



## Essential information for the upcoming Council Elections on 16 March 2024.



### Early Voting:

Available 4 March - 15 March (Monday to Friday) 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (6.00 pm on 15 March)

Millwell Road Community Centre - 11 Millwell Road East, Maroochydore

### Polling Day:

Saturday 16 March - Nearby Voting Centres open from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm:

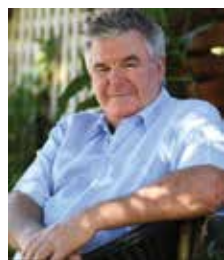
Pacific Paradise State School, 14-24 Menzies Drive, Pacific Paradise.

Mudjimba Community Hall, 41 Cottonwood Street, Mudjimba.

Remember - voting is compulsory.



## Candidates For Mayor



### MICHAEL BURGESS

Current role: Entrepreneur-businessman

Aspirations:

- Grow strong diverse economy; attract agri-business, energy, manufacturing and tourism
- Active vibrant Sunshine Coast community•
- Quality lifestyle
- Sustainable Council organisation, financially responsible, address Council debt
- Improve Council transparency and integrity

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### JASON O'PRAY

Current role: Division 8 Councillor since 2012

Aspirations:

- Protect Sunshine Coast lifestyle
- Build on our strong economy, deliver higher paying jobs
- Deliver for the hinterland, end the divide between coast and hinterland
- Deliver affordable housing
- Green up the coast, deliver net-zero emissions by 2041, new parks

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### ROSANNA NATOLI

Current role: TV presenter, journalist, and university lecturer

Aspirations:

- Cost of living, consider costs to rate payers
- Housing affordability, need a range of solutions
- Improve infrastructure before development, including trains and green buses
- Preserve our lifestyle, implement better planning
- Improve Council integrity, restore trust in Mayoral role and Council

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### ASHLEY ROBINSON

Current role: Community advocate and businessman

Aspirations:

- Support small businesses
- Improve management of Council's spending
- Support sustainable development for current and future generations
- Strong supporter of Mooloolaba foreshore redevelopment
- Make Sunshine Coast an inclusive and vibrant arts community

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### WAYNE PARCELL

Current role: Law expert

Aspirations:

- Build on diversity and inclusion
- Sustainability, responsible development, meet current needs without compromising the future, protect the natural environment
- Invest in sustainable infrastructure and technologies
- Respects traditional owners of the land and champions reconciliation through communication
- Nurture vibrant and creative community

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### MELINDA (Min) SWAN

Current role: Businesswoman

Aspirations:

- Develop a clear and certain plan for the Sunshine Coast
- Develop sense of pride in Sunshine Coast
- Listening and collaborating for creative outcomes
- Invest in unique vibrant communities
- Strong Council governance and improve public confidence in Council

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# News & Issues

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE TWRA is apolitical and we are making no representations about any individual candidate. The information for all Mayoral Candidates was sourced from public profiles e.g. websites. TWRA asked Division 8 candidates to supply their own words. They are not fact-checked. We leave it to Twin Waters residents to form their own views and to vote accordingly.**

## Here Are The Candidates For Councillor In Our Division 8



**KATHRYN HYMAN** I grew up in Division 8 with children at local school and University. My executive role with OSCAR INC the peak ratepayer association of the SSC over 8 years has provided a solid education in process and governance in local and state issues. If elected I want to activate our communities in the draft planning scheme to contribute to how we grow. I have fought in a leadership role for the TWW floodplain, including participating in the court process successfully. It is important to have a clear vision in planning for the future for our vulnerable coastal communities with a sound technical eye over our natural assets, and a focus on our liveability, rate value and insurability as we navigate growth for Division 8.

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**TAYLOR BUNAG** is an experienced lawyer who was born and raised on the Sunshine Coast. He is 32 years old and lives with his wife and 18-month-old daughter in Yaroomba. Taylor currently sits on the Queensland Work Health and Safety Board and was an Associate at a large national law firm, Maurice Blackburn. He has a long association with the local area - in both 2007 and 2008, he was the Maroochy North Shore Lions Youth of the Year and has played football locally at the North Shore Jets. Taylor's priorities include preserving the character of the region, a focus on service delivery such as a kerbside clean-up/tip vouchers and continued investment in local infrastructure such as dog parks and recreation areas for all ages.

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**WALTER JOHNSON** Maroocha has always been home for me and my family now spread out between Yaroomba to Twin Waters. Personally, I enjoy running, surfing, soccer and golf, from both fitness and social perspectives. My motivation to run for council comes from my love of living here and my desire to preserve these values. I truly believe we live in one of the most beautiful areas in the world. The local community and council have done a great job preserving our area while ensuring we have prospered. I want to continue this trend and work with everyone to find out what works and what needs improving. The next decade will see increased pressure to accommodate growth on the Sunshine Coast. My intention is to ensure we protect the character and quality of life we currently share right here.

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**CANDIDATE TIM RYAN** did not respond to our request for a statement and has only listed an email for his contact during the campaign. [timryansportsman@gmail.com](mailto:timryansportsman@gmail.com)



## Go Ahead For Twin Waters West

The 30-day appeal period against Sunshine Council's approval last December has now closed, with no objections. The Developer, Stockland, recently provided TWRA with information about their plans and timeline for work to begin.

The next steps will be to progress a range of detailed development approvals in accordance with Council's approval

granted last year, with this expected to take 18-24 months to complete. Construction activity on the site cannot commence until such time as all development approvals have been granted. This will include detailed design for the David Low Way / Ocean Drive intersection which will require the installation of traffic lights so that tradies etc have access to the site. Heavy construction traffic will access via Godfrey's Road.

We would anticipate an announcement from Stockland on timing for construction following securing the relevant detailed approvals. Stockland will keep us advised of key events during this time and have agreed to provide briefings as required to our TWRA General Meetings as key milestones arise. Stockland appreciates the support from our community and wants to continue dialogue with us during the development. Their special purpose Twin Waters West website will be maintained and updated from time to time to keep everyone informed.

## Maintenance Report - Keeping Twin Waters In Top Shape:



Some residents may have noticed some additional pruning of the palms in Baywater Drive. This is limited as the contractors can only prune to a safe working height. Pruning beyond the safe working height of about 2 metres, requires additional safety measures. For the taller palms in the Ocean Drive roundabouts additional road safety measures are required. The trimming of all the designated street palms is being discussed at our regular meeting with Council and we hope to have more information in the April newsletter.

We also hope to discuss the Twin Waters Maintenance Charge and what might be presented to the 2025 Council's budget planning meeting.



## Shark Lecture Shows What's In The Lake

Sunshine Coast University's, Dr. Bonnie Holmes and Dr. Johan Gustafson drew one of the biggest crowds ever to the TWRA General Meeting in February - for their talk about their 3-year research program into the Bull Shark population in Sunshine Coast waters.

Dr. Bonnie Holmes, Dr. Simone Bosshard  
Sunshine Coast Council, partners in the research  
program and Dr. Johan Gustafson

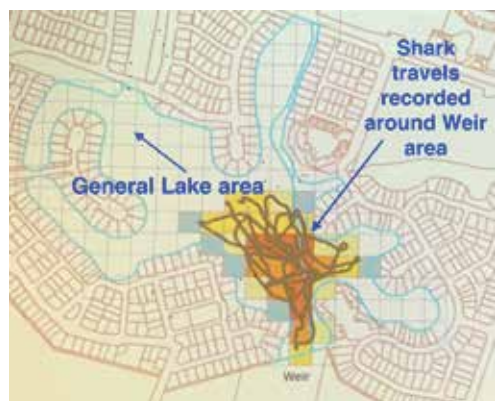


Bonnie and Johan's team were seen on the Twin Waters lake last year capturing and tagging sharks for future monitoring.

This slide (right) from the meeting shows Bonnie and Johan with Sam - a young male they tagged during the year. The shark is on its back so they can examine his reproductive organs as a way of establishing his age. Also at 2.3m that gives him protection from sporting fishermen and women - who cannot take any shark over 1.6m. The research team has a total of three tagged sharks in the Twin Waters lake: Sam and two females tagged in 2021. The electronic tags confirm they are still there.



See below for a chart shown on the night revealing the movements of a shark around Twin Waters lake near the Weir area close to the Maroochy River.



### Summary of Information from the Lecture:

As explained on the night, sharks get into the lake through the weir as 'pups.' Adult sharks don't enter. Female sharks return to the Maroochy River to breed and then leave. Their 'pups' then wander and can wind up in the Twin Waters lake. Although three sharks have been tagged, that doesn't mean there are not more sharks in the lake, yet to be identified - although these are unlikely to be fully grown 4 metre long Bull Sharks, objects of fear for many people. The tagging program has not shown evidence of sharks leaving. In 2015, Facebook scored a million plus views with the news of five sharks in the lake. But the Sunshine Council believes the publicity led to targeting by recreational fisherman/women and all were caught. Bonnie and Johan, as experienced scuba divers, believe the smaller sharks pose little threat, although caution is always advisable. The research team are interested in establishing if female sharks return to the same river to breed where they were born, and whether many of the sharks in the area are related - goals the tagging program may help clarify. The story will continue.

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### A Timely Warning!

We should all be aware of the number of break-ins in the community at the moment. It is still surprising to see the number of garage doors that are left open or up just a few centimetres. This is an invitation to any prospective thieves. Doors unlocked are also another invitation.

#### Recent Incident:

A friend was working in their garden. His wife went out to do some shopping. An observant thief calmly walked around the back of the house after seeing the lady leave and entered via the door that was not locked. The burglar did not see our friend who was fixing the fence. The burglar did however manage to steal money, iPads and phones.

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