

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - April 2024

#### Important Dates 2024

##### TWRA General Meeting:

Monday 8th April 7.30 pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.

##### Anzac Day Service

Thursday 25th April  
Mudjimba

##### Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Monday 17th June at Living Choice  
Clubhouse.

##### Winter Cocktail Party – Loose Goose.

19th May, 6 to 10pm \$75 per head

##### Gardening Competition.

Entry forms available from 1 to 30  
September.

Judging: Saturday 12 October 2024

##### Christmas in July – Loose Goose

28th July 2024 12 noon to 3pm detail  
to follow.

##### Golf Day – Twin Waters Golf Club.

Date: 15th September 2024

##### Party in the Park – The Twin Waters

Shopping Village. 20th October 2024  
3pm to 7pm

##### Christmas Cocktail Party –

Loose Goose Restaurant.  
Sunday 24th November 2024  
6pm to 10 pm

##### 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 15th December  
2024 5pm to 7.30 pm.

#### President's Report from Sophie Lever

With the wet weather over recent weeks the landscape maintenance contractors have been kept busy trying to control the rampant weeds in the garden beds throughout the estate. A new team at Council is keeping a close eye on the maintenance, as are our Maintenance sub-committee. If there is anything of special concern to you, we ask that you contact Council via their online form which can be accessed via the link below:

**[www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council/request-for-service-online-form](http://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Contact-Council/request-for-service-online-form)**  
**Alternatively, you can call them on 54757272**

There is also news in this edition of the Baywater Drive garden refurbishment.

With Stockland being given the green light to proceed with Twin Waters West, we have invited a representative to speak at our April General Meeting, (see meeting details to the left) Josh Sondergeld, Stockland's designated Project Manager for Twin Waters West. Josh has many years experience with project management of new residential developments with Stockland, in Queensland and WA.

We had hoped by the time we went to print that we would have a new Division 8 Councillor and Mayor. Whoever is the winner, we look forward to working with them and will invite our new Councillor to the June General Meeting to discuss their vision for Division 8 for the coming years. The election update information included in this edition was correct at time of writing.

With Anzac Day just around the corner we also have details of our local Mudjimba RSL's services and hope that they are as well attended as always. The dawn service is always particularly moving and if you haven't been in the past, I encourage you to head along to show your respect for all our diggers.

Until next time. *Sophie.*



#### Clean up Twin Waters Breakfast Happy Snaps



## Vale Conrad Guard



In the late 1990s Con and Val Guard were among the first to build their eventual retirement home in Twin Waters. On Con's retirement, they moved permanently to Twin Waters where Con instantly became an integral part of our community. He was a very active TWRA Committee member.

As part of his role on the Maintenance Committee, he was a daily sight around TW doing a pedal patrol, plastic bag at hand and picking up any rubbish on his way.

Con was also a longstanding Area Coordinator for our Neighbourhood Watch Committee, for which he was recognised with a District Award for Community Member of the Year.

Many people will remember Con as the Mr Fix-it of bikes in Twin Waters and for his generosity over many years with a yearly bike donation to the TWRA Christmas Carols raffle.

In 2015 Con and Val moved to Atherton to be near family and more recently to Cairns, where he passed away on 6th March. He was a true stalwart who helped to build our Twin Waters community. Con was a great friend to many. RIP Con.

## Council Election Update



Counting began promptly after the polls closed at 6pm on March 16. The Returning Officer has determined that in both cases the number of postal votes could impact the results. The postal votes will be counted 10 days after the election date and the results will be made known shortly thereafter, unless preference votes are required to be counted. In the Mayoral election, with 75.1% of the enrolled electors counted, Rosanna Natoli is leading with 27.3% of the votes, Ashley Robinson is in second spot with 24.6% of the votes and Jason O'Pray is in third place with 21.4% of the votes. In our Division 8 Councillor election, with 77.4 % of the enrolled electors counted, Talyor Bunnag is leading with 45.7% of the votes, and Kathryn Hyman is in second spot with 31.5% of the votes. TWRA will invite whoever is declared the winner, to attend our TWRA General Meetings. Jason O'Pray has actively supported the TWRA, making himself available at all our General Meetings to provide Council updates and take questions from the floor. We thank him for his work over the last term.

## Anzac Day Services- Mudjimba RSL Sub Branch



The Mudjimba RSL Sub Branch will again conduct its ever-popular Anzac Day Dawn Service, Veteran March and Community Service on Thursday 25th April. Everyone is invited to attend these events at the Cenotaph at Power Memorial Park, Mudjimba Esplanade. A Gunfire Breakfast for serving and past ADF members wearing medals, and their immediate families will be held at the RSL Sub Branch, 43 Cottonwood St Mudjimba following the Dawn Service. Entry is by Gold Coin donation. The March will assemble at the corner of Coolibah St and Mudjimba Beach Road at 10:30 and step off at 10:45, down Mudjimba Beach Rd to the Cenotaph. Wreath Laying- Representatives of ADF, ex-service and community organisations who wish to participate in the wreath laying during the Services are asked to register with the Sub Branch by email [mudjimbarsl@hotmail.com](mailto:mudjimbarsl@hotmail.com) or leave a message by phoning 0754588320.

### Anzac Day Service Times

Dawn Service 5:30 am.

Community Service 11am

### Anzac Day Entertainment

12pm-5pm.

The RSL Sub Branch

43 Cottonwood St Mudjimba

Food and drink available.

Sunshine Coast Band FONIX  
from 1pm-5pm.



Please note the Anzac Day Bus Route changes.

The 620 bus will be re-routed to avoid Mudjimba Beach Rd between 10.40am and 11am.

The buses will be diverted via Coolibah and Currawong Streets.

Bus Stops at Mudjimba Beach Rd near Kawanna St (Stops 301721, 301722) will be closed.

Alternative Stops will be Mudjimba Esplanade at Currawong Street (Stops 316031, 316032) OR Mudjimba Beach Rd near Coolibah St (Stops 302099, 302100).

## TWRA Cocktail Party The Loose Goose Restaurant 19th May 2024 from 6.00 pm till late

It's that time of the year again when residents of Twin Waters come together to celebrate the community in which we live. These events have been very popular in the past, so take this opportunity to dress up and join us for a fun night. The cost is \$75.00 per person and for this you will enjoy a range of delicious canapés and a selection of drinks including red and white wine, champagne, a choice of beers, soft drinks, juices, tea and coffee. The drinks package is for 3.5 hours.

To book just log onto [twra.net](http://twra.net) click on the events tab and complete the booking form. Payment is via credit card only and the event is available to TWRA members only. If you would like to attend and are not a member simply join the TWRA for a household cost of \$10 per year.



### The Canapé Menu for the Event

Vegetable Spring Rolls | Lemon Pepper Calamari  
Beef on Croutons with Horseradish  
Pork & Prawn Gyoza | Sausage Rolls  
Mixed Mushroom Arancini balls





## Garden Competition

**This year's competition judging will be on Saturday 12 October. Entry forms will be available from 1 September.**

### April garden tips:

Top up the mulch on your garden beds. A hot summer tip is to mulch after watering, to a depth of about 7 cms. Keep mulch clear of plant stems, especially young seedlings (this will avoid collar rot and allow air around the stem). Cypress or tea tree mulch scent tends to repel termites and can also decrease their chance of survival. Keep up the weeding particularly after all of this rainfall, as they are easily removed and you can eliminate the need to spray weedicides. If you need to water, always early in the morning or late afternoon. Prepare any garden beds now for Autumn planting. Happy gardening!



## Maintenance Report - Gardens and Weeds

After the recent Clean Up Twin Waters day, we received numerous comments about the gardens and public areas of Twin Waters so we requested a meeting with the Council team to review some areas of concern. The issues raised included weeds and grass in gardens, weeds emerging in grass areas, broken and dead branches. We approached the Council to share the concerns, provide photographs and complete a series of "inspections". It was identified that some of the grass in bush areas close to the waterways (Brushbox Park and Moorings Circuit park) were identified as a local native grass. Council will advise how it should be treated/cared for. Some garden bed weeds were listed for attention. Weeds in the grass in the public park areas are somewhat seasonal and treatment will see the weeds die off and brown patches visible as the grass underneath re-grows – we just need to be a little patient over the next few months. Encouragingly, the Council accepted our criticism of the audit scoring, which historically has not accurately reflected the state of garden areas and has impacted how the maintenance contractors prioritised their work flow. Council have now made positive changes to the audit that will ensure more accurate scoring. These regular audits are provided to the Contractor who in turn must advise Council how it will rectify the lowest scoring aspects.



## Baywater Drive Update

### Tree Replacement

Following discussions with the team at Council, a decision was made to remove some of the less attractive trees in Baywater Drive. Some of the palms were not growing, not responding to care and showing signs of deterioration. The Maintenance Review Committee met with Council to see what could be done and what could be achieved. After discussions it was agreed that some of the trees (mostly palms) should be replaced with flowering local native trees.

**Three replacement trees were selected from the Council's street tree list:**

**Peltophorum pterocarpum (yellow flame / yellow poinciana) <Pictured Top**

**Buckinghamia celcissima (ivory curl) <Pictured Left**

**Backhousia citriodora (lemon myrtle) <Pictured Right**

These trees will be planted as small shrubs and will all attract local birds and wildlife as they grow. The replacement project began on 20 March with the removal of a number of unhealthy trees along the median Strip and you will soon see the new trees being planted.



## Twin Waters West Development

TWRA acknowledges there are some areas of the community who continue to petition against the TWW development. Our understanding is they believe there are questions around whether the TWW approval meets the QLD Government state planning policy criteria.

We have included the following link to the State Planning Policy to enable our readers to do their own research on this issue.

<https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/plan-making/state-planning/state-planning-policy>

## It's Been a Wet One!



Twin Waters has received over 1000 mm of rain so far this year. That's more than we had for all of 2023! Not only that, but we have had rain on 70% of days so far this year.

These stats are well above the long term averages of rain and rain days for the Coast. The first three months are our normal wet season, but this one has been very wet! Of course our gardens and parks are showing the benefits. But we are the Sunshine Coast aren't we? No doubt sunny days will return!



## Maroochy River Golf Course- Salinity problem

There have been recent media reports that higher than normal salinity levels in the lakes and groundwater have caused problems at Maroochy River Golf Course. TWRA approached the Golf Club for information to ensure Twin Waters residents have the correct information.

As part of Maroochy River Golf Club's original development application the Club is required to conduct regular water testing to ensure any water that leaves the golf course is not detrimental to the Maroochy River. In December these results showed an increase in salinity which is problematic to the Club as the water in the lakes is used to irrigate the course.

The December external water testing report conclusion that:

**EC results exceeded the site-specific criteria at all surface water locations and was generally observed above historical ranges. It was noted that sampling of the lake system was undertaken between 8.00am and 10:00 am on 12 December 2023, this timing coincided with the max high tide for December 2023 of 1.89 m at 7:33am. Given the proximity of the lakes to the Maroochy River and the capacity for tidal ingress of the lake system, The elevated EC results are considered linked to the removal of the no return flaps on Cook Road which were removed in 2020 allowing for regular tidal ingress into the lakes system.**

Golf Course management have been in contact with the council. Council have agreed to work with the Club to have the tidal flood gates replaced. The Golf Club has requested that all water currently in the drainage system be pumped out. They have also asked for repair of the drainage system, on the riverside of the tidal flood gates, to allow the water to be gravity fed back into the river at low tide. The Golf Course Management have met with the Council regarding this and are hopeful on a response in the near future.



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Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

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While we don't want it to happen, there may be a time when Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire & Police) or even emergency medical practitioners need to find your home quickly.

Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street, especially at night so emergency services don't waste time finding where the emergency is.

Even with spotlights, if your number is too small it may be difficult to see. A good option is to have lit numerals.

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