

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - June 2024

#### Important Dates 2024

**Safety Forum** –Wednesday 29th May  
6pm, North Shore Community Centre

**TWRA General Meeting:**  
Monday 3rd June 7.30 pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.

**Neighbourhood Watch Meeting**  
Monday 17th June 4.30pm at Living  
Choice Clubhouse.

**Christmas in July** – Loose Goose  
28th July 2024 12 noon to 3pm detail  
to follow.

**TWRA AGM** – Monday 5th August  
7.30pm Novotel Sunshine Coast  
Resort.

**Golf Day** – Twin Waters Golf Club.  
Date: 15th September 2024

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

The big news for the TWRA this month is that we are fortunate to have Mayor Rosanna Natoli as a guest speaker at our General Meeting on Monday 3rd June. See details on left under Important Dates.



Our newish Councillor Taylor Bunnag will also be on hand to answer any Division 8 related questions and offer further insights as to how the new Council is settling in. A reminder that Taylor is also scheduled to address our August General Meeting with a fuller Council update as by then the Council budget will be more settled.

But for this month, we may need a bigger room!

Following on from concerns raised at our April General Meeting about home security after a range of incidents in the preceding months, we have been busy organising the Safety Forum mentioned in last month's newsletter. See details on when and where at left in Important Dates.

For extra information See article on Page 2.

To be clear, in fostering this event, we don't want to cause panic, just make sure residents have all the information they need to protect their property - and continue enjoying our special life in Twin Waters.

We also wish to thank local member, Fiona Simpson for her support and guidance in organising the Forum.

From big issues to small that can sometimes be bigger than you think. I was distressed this week to learn that one of our residents had a serious fall after tripping over a dip in the footpath.

A fall onto a concrete path for anyone, let alone seniors, can be devastating. See our story on Page 2, as a warning of the dangers that lurk, even on the morning walk. TWRA is working on footpaths, but we haven't been able to fix everything - yet!

Which brings me to my final point, the TWRA needs more residents to become involved in the community. Now is the time to nominate to become a TWRA Committee member. Nominations close on 4th July - ( See details on Page 4) It's not as frightening as you might think.

I've personally been on the committee since 2008.

I've learned a lot and can safely say I've gotten as much out of this group as I have given back. It's a worthwhile undertaking so don't be shy - I'd love to hear from you.

**Email me on [info1@twra.net](mailto:info1@twra.net)**

Until next time.

*Sophie.*





## Coolum Police to Speak at Safety Forum

TWRA in collaboration with Fiona Simpson State Member, Coolum Police, Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch, Mudjimba Residents' Association and Pacific Paradise Progress Association will be hosting a Community Safety Forum on Wednesday 29th May 2024 from 6.00 – 7.00 pm at the North Shore Community Centre.

Following recent public discussion, we are aware there has been some recent property crime and unsavoury behaviour occurring in our usually very quiet community. Coolum Police advise that it is important to put this into perspective and that residents should not be unduly alarmed. However, they do recommend people become more security and safety conscious. TWRA has researched the crime statistics for our community and Twin Waters continues to have very few incidents and remains a very low crime area.

The forum aims to elevate any concerns and provide simple strategies to help residents prevent property crime and generally improve personal safety.



## Neighbourhood Watch reminds - Lock Up Your Cars!

While the authorities remind us to keep concerns about crime in perspective, Neighbourhood Watch says opportunistic car thieves are still with us.

Our May newsletter carried stills from a home security camera showing car thieves cruising the streets late at night; and last August we featured this picture of a young woman testing car doors in Brushbox Circuit at 1.37 am.

**Neighbourhood Watch suggests getting into the following 'good habits'**

- Always lock your vehicle....even if leaving it for only a minute.
- Never hide spare keys in the vehicle. Thieves know where to look.
- At home...Always keep your keys out of sight.



## Lake speed-sters back again!

Summer may have gone, but life on the lake is as busy as ever - including a new round of complaints about 'boatie speed-hogs.' It's usually worse during school holidays, but lakeside residents complain the zippy set is still here, even though school's back in.

The legal limit is 6 knots (about 11 kilometres per hour.) In the past some residents have wanted that knocked back to 4 knots in the side canals, where boat wash has more power to damage revetment walls than in the open lake.

But officials have been hard to convince that real change is needed, because of the on-off nature of the problem.



As we've advised before, if residents have a recurring problem near their place, complaints can be made to Maritime Safety Queensland (07) 5585 1810 or After Hours (07) 3305 1700. Hefty fines are possible under the legislation. But residents should have details on hand of the craft, time and location – and photos if possible.

## Footpath Trip-up

It doesn't look much, but this footpath infill joint caused a serious fall in early May for Twin Waters resident, Marilyn Freeman. Like many of us, a keen walker, Marilyn tripped on the uneven surface grazing both hands and knees; bruising her chin and pushing her teeth into her lip. Happily, she is well on the mend, but these infills are littered across the aging Twin Waters footpaths - despite the restoration work of the last few years. The Council have been quick with repairs on this one, but the story is a gentle reminder to watch your step out there.



And if you notice infills that look dangerously dodgy, like this one...take a phone-snap and send them to the Council at [mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au) and Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag [division8@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:division8@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au).



## Life after Bonza

It is with great disappointment that we see the closure of our Sunshine Coast based regional airline. Bonza supported the Sunshine Coast, providing local employment and sourcing local products. They gave us the opportunity to fly regionally without needing to go to Brisbane and for very reasonable prices.

For those who have purchased tickets, Jetstar, Qantas and Virgin have been honouring these flights. You need to go to the respective website and use their CHAT process and will be required to provide the details of your Bonza flights. It does take some effort, but is well worth it if you still get to travel as planned without any additional costs.

If you purchased flights on a credit card, it is also worth contacting your CREDIT CARD provider as you MAY be entitled to claim a reimbursement given you were not provided with the goods or services you purchased. It's a good idea to read the fine print on your credit card terms and conditions. We are not guaranteeing success but are aware others have been successful.



## Christmas in July bookings open in June

**Date: Sunday 28th July 2024 at 12 noon. Location: The Loose Goose Restaurant.**

The booking system opens in June and will cater for nominated table groups as in previous years. This will be a seated function with limited numbers offering - a sumptuous feast of traditional Christmas mains and desserts, plus a drinks package comprising Red, White and Sparkling wines, Beers, Juices, Soft Drinks and Tea/Coffee for just \$99 a head.

All mains, sauces and vegetables will be Gluten Free.

Vegetarian, Vegan, Dairy Free also available. Notify requirements on the booking form.

Come and feel the spirit of a cool Christmas feast, as well as many door prizes.

## Gardening Competition Update

This year's TWRA gardening competition will be held on Saturday 12 October. As announced in the February newsletter, there will be four categories this year, three of which are new versus last year's competition.

1. Best newly created garden (i.e. gardens which have had significant redesign or refurbishment in last 24 months)
2. Best lawn
3. Best creative pool/patio/courtyard area
4. Best street appeal

Entries will be free for TWRA Members and Entry Forms will be available from 1 to 30 September, online and on paper from FoodWorks and Living Choice reception. More details will follow in upcoming Newsletters.



## Gardening Tips for Autumn

Autumn planting is a great way to give new plants some time to establish themselves with the still warm days, before the cooler winter weather begins, so they are ready for the hot summer. Despite our recent abundant rain, you will still need to water any new plants until they are established.

It is also a good time to add compost, manure and fertilisers to begin improving soils. Ensure you know your soil type, so that you are adding the right nutrients. Fertilise your citrus with a good citrus food and check for pests.

Now is also the time to use a slow-release fertilizer for your lawns.

Show caution with pruning, particularly with spring blooming shrubs and trees as they will begin developing their buds soon. Similarly with winter flowering shrubs. Hedges will benefit from pruning, and it will keep them nice and compact. It's a great time to mulch ready for the winter. Happy gardening!



## Plants request for Party in the Park

This year's Party in the Park will be on Sunday 20th of October.

As in previous years, there will be a plant stall, and we request those of you with green fingers to prepare some cuttings now so that they will be viable by the time we hold the party. Time to get the rooting powder out!

**TWRA Secretary, Emilia White and Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson at last year's plant stall.**

## Historic photo from Twin Waters early days

This photo was taken nearly 25 years ago, when Twin Waters was very much in its infancy. The Twin Waters Golf Course is in the foreground, with the TW Village, and Magnolia Lane Apartments partially built nearby (mid-left). At the time, only The Landings and Lytham Court had been completed. What is interesting is the undeveloped land (and water) that has since become very much part of our beautiful suburb. The then small Apex Camp can be seen (just) amongst the trees and the line of trees that marked Nojoor Road is also visible. Everything to the right of Nojoor Road was subsequently incorporated into Twin Waters by the developer, Lendlease. The Living Choice Retirement Village, Baywater Drive, ViewPoint and Water Gallery apartments were all yet to come. The entry of the waterways to the Maroochy River can be seen in the middle distance. As an interesting aside, Lendlease originally proposed a traffic bridge across to the future ViewPoint apartments. But residents spoke up. The bridge was changed to pedestrian only and ViewPoint apartments moved further back from the water and cut from a maximum six stories to no more than three. Even back then, we had an active community!



Many thanks to former TWRA President and longtime Committee member, Geoff Billard for this amazing aerial photo of the brand new Twin Waters back in 2000. Geoff's article on the left details and the behind the scenes story of how residents helped shape the Twin Waters we enjoy today.



## Twin Waters Needs You! Join the Active Community

Geoff Billard and the original Twin Waters residents were very active in shaping the Twin Waters we know today - and did it by being members of the TWRA Management Committee. They banded together; had tussles and ups and downs with local Councils, developers and others - creating a strong voice that ensured residents were heard.

**TWRA is now calling for nominations for its Management Committee that guides the work of the Association in protecting our neighbourhood - the place we call HOME.**

**The all important deadline for nominations: 4th July 2024.**

Sound boring? Not really. Committee members deal with everything from big deals with development down to getting the grass cut in the local park. You don't have to do a lot - just what you can. We know life can be busy. But the more of us who play, the lighter the load. And we all work together.

**Want to know more: Email our President, the remarkable Sophie Lever at email [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net).**

Finally, we didn't mention the parties. There are quite a few. Community is about getting together - and we do a fair bit of that.



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## Rain Rain go away... But it won't!



As our regular readers may remember, TWRA member Mark Garner has been recording the number of rainy days and daily amounts in his TW garden rain station since early 2017 and has kindly shared his soggy data up to 11 May this year - rapidly turning into one of the wettest on record. In 2024 to 11 May, we've enjoyed (?) 74 rainy days amounting to 1333 mms of falling water. Compared to the period 1 Jan to 11 May for the years 2018 to 2023, this year is significantly ahead with rainy days, and with the most mm of rain per day recorded in the gauge. As shown in the table below... During that 6-year period, the average number of days with rain was 67 and the average rainfall during the period was 1059 mm. So, 2024 is the clear winner - and we're only half-way through the year.

1 January - 11 May	Days of rainfall	Amount of Rain in mm
2018-2023	Average 67	Average 1059
2024	74	1333