

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - July 2024

#### Important Dates 2024

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

**TWRA General Meeting & AGM** –  
Monday 5th August 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

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

**Neighbourhood Watch AGM** –  
Monday 16th September 4.30pm  
Living Choice Club House adjacent to  
bowling green

**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

Greetings from the Northern Territory as we weave north through this beautiful country with caravan in tow. We are away for a total of 6 weeks, a mixture of free camping and caravan parks.

One of the highlights was Daly Waters where we visited the iconic pub for the night. (See photo of me with Len and fellow TWRA Committee members Michael and Karen Stapelfeldt.) When we went to check in we had to follow two horses, a donkey and a stray chook into the bar. We stayed in Darwin for 6 nights, visiting Litchfield National Park (more wow waterholes and falls) and a few historic sites including the oil tunnels from WWII.

Being in Darwin is quite frankly like being in another country. It certainly makes me miss and appreciate our beautiful Twin Waters.



It is also my habit to stop in at the local Court whenever I visit a new city. This time it was the Supreme Court of the NT.

Much to my fellow traveller's horror I dragged them into a Court room to watch day 3 of a murder trial of a young indigenous boy who was accused of stabbing a cashier at the local BWS. (I hope my friends found it as interesting as I did, though there are whispers around the campsite that this may be our last trip together.)

Next - off to Kakadu for 3 nights. Len and I are doing a fishing trip hoping to catch a barramundi or two to restock the freezer. Then we head east towards Ellis Beach, Palm Cove and mooch our way homewards.

Thanks to technology I listened to the Mayor Natoli and Cr Bunnag's address to our recent General Meeting. I think it's safe to say we are in very good hands with that pair. They present as incredibly professional and responsible. (See full report Page 2)

The 4th July sees the deadline for nominations to the TWRA executive committee. I will not be standing for President this year due to business pressures (and travel!), so we are looking for a successor. Ideally someone who has been on the committee previously or is on the committee now so that they have some idea of the inner workings of the TWRA. It has been a totally rewarding experience and I'd happily put my hand up for it again when I retire (unfortunately still a way off!)

Until next time. *Sophie.*

## New Mayor of Sunshine Coast Council, Rosanna Natoli back at Twin Waters for TWRA General Meeting at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort - June 3.

Speaking to a large and friendly crowd the new Mayor opened her presentation by saying that she was back “home” at Novotel because she had worked there as a part time waitress in 1992!

As guest speaker, she then sketched in her energetic life’s journey, as a way of introducing herself to the Twin Waters community.

She has degrees in Science, Psychology and Journalism and is widely recognised because of her TV career, which began as work experience at Sunshine TV News followed by reporting stints in Bundaberg and Maryborough. Through her journalism career she met many people and discussed local issues.

But she also had the experience of owning a restaurant in Caloundra for 2 years. As Mayor, Rosanna wants to be seen as accessible - known for her listening skills and a desire to present a “balanced view.”



### The Mayor went on to speak about:

**Population growth:** for the Sunshine Coast has been greater than other parts of Australia. By 2041 it is expected will total 500,000 people, requiring increased infrastructure, public transport and facilities to cope. The Mayor suggested we are behind here and work needs to be completed to accommodate growth.

**Rail to Caloundra:** “We need it to come to Maroochydore to activate our city centre.” Mayor Natoli wants better public transport systems. “We need to get cars off the road to reduce traffic and have a more sustainable future. “

**Business:** There are 36,800 businesses on the coast. 97.5 % are small businesses. Council needs to support them.

**Tourism:** is vital for economic growth - more than 10 million visitors pour in each year, creating 10% of jobs on the coast. Tourism will continue to grow as we approach the Olympic Games and we must be ready. It’s the legacy infrastructure that we are interested in (roads, public transport, stadiums) provided by State and Federal Government that guarantees a long-term bonus.

In a series of follow-up questions from the audience, Mayor Natoli commented on the Coolum roundabout – she has been in discussions with Dan Purdie, Member for Ninderry. On the need for 4 -5 star hotel accommodation on the Coast, she noted that Council is providing incentives to encourage developers. The Mayor encouraged everyone with concerns/comments to phone or email her office as she wants to hear from people. **Phone: (07) 5441 8242 | Email: [mayor@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:mayor@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au)**



L:R TWRA Secretary, Emelia White, Former President, Tony Freeman, Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag, Mayor Rosanna Natoli - and the crowd at the recent meeting.



## New Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag says delivering on basic services the priority!

New Councillor Taylor Bunnag also took the opportunity to introduce himself to the large audience on the night. Born and raised on the Sunshine Coast, he is a lawyer specialising in medical negligence and industrial law, with a young and expanding family.

Having lived in Coolum, he is also aware of the Coolum Roundabout/Road issues extensively discussed on the night and a longstanding community frustration. Councillor Bunnag noted that the State Government had allocated funds

for the installation of traffic lights, and how that could be problematical, as well.

His vision for the coast is summed up as: Smart, Connected and Coastal.

### Taylor’s Priorities

With the Sunshine Council budget recently delivered he wants a focus on consistent service delivery for the benefit of the community, also to protect the character of each individual community. Reflecting the Mayor’s earlier comments, Councillor Bunnag wants to be an accessible and responsive councillor.

**Councillor Bunnag will also be the guest speaker and co-compere of the next TWRA General Meeting at 7.30pm on 5 August at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort. That meeting also incorporates our Annual General Meeting and the confirmation of nominations for TWRA office holders and the new Management Committee.**



# News & Issues

## Report From TWRA Community Safety Forum at Twin Waters Community Centre 29 May

A strong crowd turned out to hear security advice following continuing concern after a dramatic car theft last year, where a member of a gang of young thieves followed a resident into his garage in the early afternoon. Producing a machete-like knife, he demanded the resident's vehicle.

The Community Safety Forum was developed from a discussion at a previous TWRA General Meeting where the car theft had been a shock, especially against the background of continuing "break in" activity in the area – and the growing issue of youth crime across Queensland in the build-up to the state election.



Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson offered support by arranging for Acting Senior Sergeant Mark Wright from Cooloolum Police to provide advice and background, along with Neighbourhood Watch convener, Ruth Geitz and TWRA President, Sophie Lever. (See photo) Pacific Paradise Progress Association was also in attendance.

Acting Senior Sergeant Wright advised the Forum that since the car theft in question, 5 young people aged between 14 and 16 had been detained by Police. One of the 5 had been recently released from detention. In terms of property crime on the Sunshine Coast, A/Senior Sergeant Wright reported that in the period June 2023 to May 2024 Police recorded 155 Break and Enters for the whole Cooloolum Police Area - extending from Maroochy River to Marcus Beach and out to Yandina.

See Below for Summary Twin Waters Crime May - June 2024

Breakdown on Right.

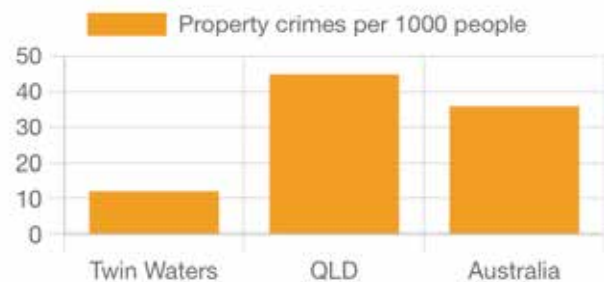
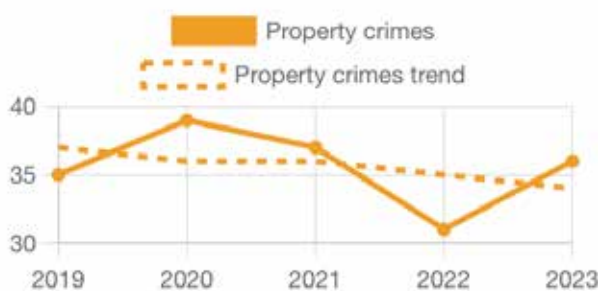
Five Unlawful Entries ~ One Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle  
One Traffic Related Incident ~ Two Drug Offences  
One Fraud Case ~ One Property Damage Other.

Details of locations in the table right.

Street Location	Unlawful entry	Unlawful Use MV	Traffic related	Drug offences	Fraud	Property Damage other
Nojoor Rd boat ramp				2		
Nojoor Rd & Ocean Drive Intersection			1			
Veerings Cres	1					
Karinya Island	1					1
Stillwater Dve	1					
Cluster around Sunview, Waterside & Friarbird	2	1			1	

Summarised: 5 unlawful entries; 1 unlawful use of motor vehicle; 1 traffic related incident; 2 drug offences; 1 fraud case; one property damage other.

The website RED SUBURBS Crime Map of Australia (<https://redsuburbs.com.au/suburbs/twin-waters/>) notes that while property crime in Twin Waters began to increase in the 2022-23 year, it is still regarded as a low crime area and remains significantly below the Queensland and National property Crime average. See graphs.



Also, violent crime is virtually unknown in Twin Waters. The confronting nature of last year's car theft is highly unusual – although that doesn't diminish the distress for the resident involved.



## Police - Neighbourhood Watch Suggestions

Don't be scared, but take steps. Invest in CCTV systems – if has lights, can scare potential intruders off. Stay connected: use Facebook, join NHW and TWRA. Develop a lock-up culture: if out the back, keep garage, front doors and cars locked with valuables out of sight. Record details of strange cars - just in case.

For full list of emergency numbers: See bottom Page 4.



## Picture Of The Month Car Wreck – Ocean Dr/Twin Waters Dr Roundabout.

It was the talk of the neighbourhood when residents awoke on Saturday 22 June to the astonishing addition to the Ocean Drive Roundabout. The details are a mystery, as the driver had disappeared when Emergency Crews were called to the scene about 3.00am. The scene was later made safe by the Fire Service, leaving residents to wonder about the story behind the wreck.



## CHRISTMAS IN JULY is here – and it's time to PARTY!

July 28rd 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Bookings on TWRA website: <https://twra.net/events>

Enjoy a sumptuous banquet of Roast Duck Breast; Roast Pork and crackling; Crispy skinned fish with roasted Provençal Vegetables, steamed vegetables, garden salad, coleslaw plus apple sauce, gravy and cranberry sauce! Christmas Pudding, Pavlova and Trifle follow for dessert!!! Mains and Desserts are Gluten Free. Vegetarian option available - simply tell us on the booking form. A 3-hour Drinks package including Red, White and Sparkling Wines; plus beers, Juice & Soft Drinks. Wear your dancing shoes as we have music - and lucky door prizes.

Organised by local dynamo, Lydia Kirn.  
Come and join in the festivities at the fabulous Loose Goose Restaurant.



## 2 Sides to the Lake First... The Swan Maternity Ward On Display



Mr and Mrs Swan have been proudly showing off their two new arrivals on the lake, especially to anyone who will give them food! There were originally three cygnets, but there are now only two. The remaining two are adorable and look very well. Birding experts advise feeding them lettuce is good and giving them bread is bad! The family of four will easily eat a whole lettuce, but sadly, prefer bread. Like us humans and fast-food perhaps?!

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Cooloolam Police (General Enquiry) 5440 2777

Crimestoppers 1800 333 000

SES Emergency 13 25 00

## Then... The Snake by The Lake



Be cautious, snakes have been seen around lately basking in the midday sun to stay warm. Around the Sunshine Coast we don't get a cold winter and snakes are around.

Two 1.5M black snakes were recently sighted near the boardwalk leading to the footbridge near the weir and beside the pathway behind the Moorings Circuit houses.

They are more frightened of us, than we of them, But - Be cautious!