

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - September 2024

Important Dates 2024

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

Gardening Competition.
Entry forms available from 1st to 30th
September.
Judging: Saturday 12th October 2024

TWRA General Meeting –
Monday 14th October 7.30pm
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.

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 Mark Hamlyn

It has been a whirlwind month or so, since the election of our new Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting in August with lots to talk about for my first report as the new President. Thanks again to Sophie Lever who did a great job over the last two years and who remains our longest continuous serving Committee member; an amazing 16 years: 14 as Secretary!

The TWRA social events continue to shine with their aim of bringing Twin Waters residents together.

Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag was one of the happy guests at the smash hit – Christmas in July lunch organised by local dynamo, Lydia Kirn. More lunch pics on Page 4.



Gardens are also centre piece this month as our Gardening Competition, a great success last year, is now open for entries. See Page 3 for details.



And thanks to Joanne Riley for her generous support for that other institution – Twin Waters Golf Day – scheduled for Sunday 15th September; so will have passed by the time you read this. 76 eager beavers signed up for the Ambrose Team event – with their eyes on a great set of prizes. A winners list in our next issue.

Golf was also on our minds this month as a result of the Twin Waters Golf Club's application to vary its liquor licence to include 'amplified music' – two words that struck significant concern, if not actual terror, into the hearts of local residents nearby. See Page 3 for more background details.

Future Twin Waters development was also a focus since the last issue. Over the last few weeks Management Committee representatives attended briefings for both the continuing environmental application process for Twin Waters West; and the future plans to re-develop the old Pacific Paradise Bowls Club into a major expansion of the retail and entertainment area, including proposed new apartment accommodation and a boutique hotel. We will report more fully on both of these in coming editions as more complete details become available.

It seems the looming end of the year will be as busy as the start including big plans for our Christmas Carols at last year's successful new location – Moorings Park. But we will continue to do our best to keep residents in touch.

Until next time,

Mark Hamlyn

Rates And Roads The Main Topics At Twra General Meeting at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

Apart from the formalities of the Annual General Meeting and the change-over in TWRA personnel, Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag briefed the gathering on the formula Council used to limit rate increases following the average 36% increase in land valuations across the Sunshine Coast Council area.



Council had kept increases to 5% - and then increased the range of qualifying properties from - \$420,000 to \$650,000 to \$560,000 to \$850,000. Rates for properties valued over \$850,000 were increased by 10%. For instance, Marcoola's unimproved land value had gone up between 50-60%. The 10% increase would also apply to Air B & B properties – as Council wanted to encourage long term rentals to help with the housing crisis.



Motorists Frustration Recognised With Improved Access To David Low Way From Mudjimba

At the same meeting, Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson advised that the minor bottle neck entrance from Mudjimba Esplanade to David Low Way would be improved this financial year with the addition of a right-hand turning lane for a safer slip way.



Maintenance Update July/august

The TWRA Maintenance Sub-Committee reported that contractor, The Plant Management Company had brought on extra staff to catch-up on necessary work. Mulching is being done where needed. Winter weed spraying conducted to eradicate broadleaf Bindii growth. The Sub Committee has submitted an analysis of the public garden areas to Council with suggestions for a refurbishing program. The Committee is also waiting on Council advice on the best type of small flowering shrubs to add color to local gardens and a suggested timetable



Discussions have also begun about the refurbishment of the entry signs into Twin Waters and its sub-zones with names like The Landings and The Shores.

Last repainted 9 years ago, and part of the original Lendlease design that established the community, they now show signs of wear, tear, cracks and peeling on the metal signs. At present they receive modest maintenance, but the time is coming for a major re-think. More in the coming months.



Crime Continues Down In Twin Waters – But Still Here.

The downward trend of Twin Waters crime reported in July continued in early to mid-August with NHW first suggesting they had nothing to report for the newsletter – and then....on 17th August an unlocked car was stolen from Veerings Crescent – it is thought about 5 am. Rumours later suggested possible culprits who were believed to have tried to gain entry to two nearby houses while the residents were away. NHW speculated that the street may have seemed good pickings with a closed-up look, as other residents were away camping. So, pay attention to locking up, as you never know.

News & Issues

Golf Club Liquor Licence Causes Disquiet

It's the sign that turned heads for residents living near the Twin Waters Golf Club...

LIQUOR ACT 1992
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIATION OF LIQUOR LICENCE

Applicant's Name: YAD Twin Waters Management Pty Ltd
Premises: Twin Waters Golf Club – 151 Ocean Drive, Twin Waters
Principal Activity: Commercial Other Subsidiary On Premises Licence – provision of a sporting activities
Trading Hours: 9:00am to 12:30am – Monday to Sunday
Proposed Variation: to allow amplified entertainment

OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION MAY BE FILED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OVER THE AGE OF 18 WHO HAS A PROPER INTEREST IN THE LOCALITY CONCERNED AND IN THE

The Club had applied to change its liquor licence to allow for 'amplified music'. And as per the rules, notice had to be posted out the front in case the community objects – and it seems quite a few do, especially to the notion that the music could be played 7 nights a week, up till midnight.

A significant section of residents was determined to object before the closing date for submissions on 6th September. Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag has also told residents that he and the Sunshine Coast Council plan to oppose the application, as well.

For its part, the club is dismayed, claiming that its plans under the new licence are modest, so they can allow background music in the bar and restaurant.

But according to the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation at Maroochydore... where the application and objections will be processed, liquor licences are more complicated than just open slather for 'amplified music' 7 days a week. Applicants must pay for an Acoustics Report (cost between \$6,000 - \$10,000) to survey the premises – and consider the proximity of neighbours – as well as the impact of the type of amplified music proposed in the application. The office has a grid reference of expected noise levels ranging from background music in bars, to a single singer with guitar; to duos, to a small band, to a rock band.

(See link: <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/hospitality-tourism-sport/liquor-gaming/liquor/compliance/noise-restrictions/limits>)

Gardening Competition Update: Judging Set for 12th October.

With the beginning of September, the TWRA website began accepting entries for this year's TWRA gardening competition – held on Saturday 12th October.

(See link: <https://twra.net/events/garden-competition/>)

We have two judges, Glennys Brunn, an experienced and independent horticulturist from Nambour, and Chris Bormann from the TWRA. The judges will have lanyards with their Driving Licence IDs.

Prior to 12th October, we will inform entrants of the approx. time their garden will be judged.



There will be four categories this year, three of which are new vs. 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 garden encompassing greenery
- *4. Best street appeal, with focus on colour

We intend the judges will view 24 gardens on the day of judgement, so new for this year, we are asking entrants to provide 2 or 3 photos of their garden so that we can screen down to 24 gardens if we need to. If any entrants cannot submit photos, we will offer to take photos for them.

Thanks largely to Chris Bormann, we have secured even more sponsorship than last year. So, plenty of good prizes! Our sponsors this year are the Sunshine Coast Council, Mitre 10 (Kunda Park), North Shore Tavern, Manawee Nursery, Bunnings (Maroochydore) and IGA (Bli-Bli).

A huge thank you to all our sponsors.

Prize-giving will be at the TWRA General Meeting at the Novotel on Monday 14th October, and subject to the winners' consent, we would like to invite members of the Twin Waters public to view the winning gardens between 10.00am – 2.00pm on Saturday 19th October.



Chair of the competition's organising committee, Derek Brown, encourages Twin Waters garden lovers not to be bashful. Last year's competition was a celebration of the Twin Waters passion for gardening and all things green and beautiful. Get involved and enjoy the fun!

Entries are free for TWRA Members - and it's easy for non-members to join. Just email us on – info1@twra.net asking for help – and we will do the rest.

Apart from on-line at the TWRA website, Entry Forms are also available from FoodWorks in the Twin Waters shopping village and Living Choice reception.

Go for it!



Christmas in July a Hit!

Thanks to Lydia Kirn for organising another great Christmas in July lunch at the Loose Goose...her second in a row in re-charging this popular TWRA event. (Lydia with Carol and Rob Ruskin – a past TWRA President)

A strong crowd turned out for a sumptuous meal, dancing and music and lucky door prizes. Christmas really can come, not once, but twice a year!



Birthday Party In The Park – On Track To Be The Next Big Event – And For A Good Cause!!!!



A big thank-you to Carin Van Der Walt and the team at LJ Hookers Twin Waters for her energetic work putting the pieces in place for our big event – Birthday Party in the Park at Twin Waters Shopping Village on Sunday 20th October between 3.00pm & 7.00pm.



Recent news includes a major art announcement that is a new chapter for Party in the Park. This year's Party in the Park will offer for auction a major painting that captures the extraordinary qualities of our Twin Waters environment. It is a 3-piece artwork by renowned Australian artist, Rosi Griffin and has been donated by previous Twin Waters residents, Michael and Erica Adams. Painted in 2007, it captures the view from Oceanic Court, across the canal to Water Gallery, 1 River Edge Court, Moorings Circuit and 7 Waterfront Court.

Registrations for bidding are open already by contacting the staff at LJ Hooker Twin Waters on PH 5450 6188, or email sales.twinwaters@ljhooker.com.au. The work is available to view at LJ Hooker Twin Waters office, where it is also possible to register in person. Registrations are also available on the day before 5:15pm at the Raffles Stall.

Proceeds from this year's Birthday Party in the Park will help people whose lives are about as far away from the Twin Waters lifestyle as we can imagine.

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Guest Speaker At Next General Meeting:

Meet Atiah Bell, who goes by the impressive title - Waste 2 Resource Education Facilitator – for Sunshine Coast Council.

Putting the bins out every week is such a Twin Waters institution we figured we should know how the system works – and is as environmentally friendly as possible.

Atiah will be our guest speaker at the next TWRA General Meeting on Monday 14th October at 7.30 at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort. Open to the public, as well as members.

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