

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter - May 2025

### Important Dates 2025

#### TWRA General Meeting

Monday 9th June 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

#### Christmas in July

Sunday 27th July, 12.00pm  
The Loose Goose.

#### Paws in the Park

Sunday 10th August,  
11.00am – 2.00pm  
Moorings Circuit Park

#### TWRA General Meeting including AGM

Monday 11th August 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

#### Golf Day -Twin Waters Golf Club.

Sunday 14th September  
Twin Waters Golf Club.

#### Party in the Park

Sunday 19th October, 3.00pm  
Twin Waters Shopping Village

#### Christmas Carols

Sunday 14th December, 5.00pm  
Apex Camp, Nojoor Road,  
Twin Waters

### President's Report from Mark Hamlyn

Now, we're in May, we can look back at April as a dynamic month.

We had April showers – maybe too many – and lots happening. The world was beating a path to our door. But behind the cheering, something else. It's not why some came to TW.

A long way of saying, April showed we certainly live in changing times – and will need to be match fit.

Last month, even the humble TWRA was invited to an initial briefing by the 2032 Olympics Organising Committee President, Andrew Liveris AO, Mayor Rosanna Natoli, Olympian Jess Fox OAM, and Paralympian Kurt Fearnley AO – on how the community might be involved.

There was even a PR blitz and visit to the Sunshine Coast – selfies at the local high school.



And there are things to be gained; the Council wants the new facilities that the Olympics will build to facilitate their brief burst of fame.

April also saw the first flicker of reservation about that other major event The Sunshine Coast Marathon – scheduled for August. For the first time, the race will come straight through Twin Waters closing streets, albeit for just half a day. The Council in particular is reacting, and the next two months will be a preview of how to manage the balance between community and major events. **Details on Page 3.**

We should also note that our General Meeting on April 7 passed the new TWRA Constitution to bring it into line with State Government legislation. It may not sound exciting, but it means your community organisation complies with the law.

Crime has also reared its head in April... **See Page 2** for the Neighbourhood Watch video and more late-night car thieves that have not gone away.

April also saw continuing interest in the shark population in the lake – with intriguing new sightings that challenged the notion that the population was declining. **See Page 2.**

On a lighter note Paws in the Park ramps up as the team starts sharing the details of the people and ideas that will make for an interesting new way to celebrate living in Twin Waters.

**See Page 4.**

And by the time many of you read this, we will have enjoyed our new function - **Meet and Greet at the Cock and Hen.**

Thanks to the team that put it together: Derek, Christine and Naomi – who somehow found time to help with publicity graphics while running in an election campaign - major multi-tasking. Great also to have the support of John and Sharon at the Cock and Hen.

Until next time,

**Mark**



## Neighbourhood Watch A Video Reminder of What's Happening in the Early Hours

A Twin Waters resident's security camera recently captured video taken around 2.30 am of youths trying to open cars parked in a driveway – and gain entrance to the house. The sequence of pictures below tells the story... They arrive... test the cars... check out the garage door and then move to the fence – climbing into the front yard for a look around... maybe to gain access to the house.



Happily, they get nothing. But it's a serious reminder to lock-up.

Neighbourhood Watch also reports suspicions that some paddlers in kayaks on the lake, pretending to be fishing are checking out waterfront houses. A reminder that break-ins can easily occur via entry from the canal.

Since our last report, the Queensland Police crime map for Twin Waters records: one incident of trespassing and vagrancy, one of property damage, one of unlawful entry, one of unlawful use of a motor vehicle, and two of theft excluding unlawful entry.

A reminder that 'things' keep happening even in sleepy Twin Waters. Neighbourhood Watch's next meeting - Monday 23rd June at Hookers Real Estate.

To view the original video, click: <https://twra.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/9-April-2025.mp4>

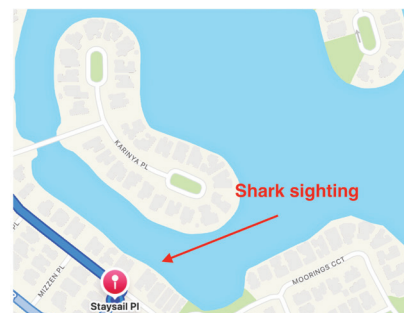


## Shark Watch

In last month's newsletter we reported on a possible fall in the shark numbers in the lake. Of course, that doesn't mean our potentially hungry bull sharks are still not there. Every month our email still buzzes with sightings like the one below from Guy Adamson over at Staysail Place. He writes:

"After reading the newsletter regarding sharks in the canal, I just wanted to inform the association and the shark monitors that when feeding some old pieces of pork ribs (boneless) to the bream near Staysail Place recently a 1.8m bull shark proceeded to circle before engulfing all the remains that I discarded. The bream had a small taste prior to the nearby shark reacting to the commotion. So, there are sharks of a larger size other than the 2.5m shark mentioned in the newsletter. This was witnessed by other dog walkers passing. Not sure whether it had claspers or not to determine if it was male or female."

And just as we were about to go to press, as they say, - Joan emailed... "Not sure if you want to let members know, but on Wednesday at around 4pm THE SHARK was swimming around near the old Lend Lease tower. A number of residents allow their dogs to swim here on a regular basis. Cheers Joan"

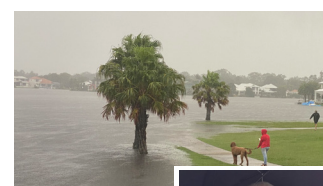


## April Rain

Over the years, Twin Waters has had its fair share of rain, as our photo remembers from late February 2022, which was seriously soggy. As we've had some soaking rain over the last month, we checked the stats with our local rainfall guru, former farmer Mark Garner.

February and March are typically our wettest months, with April easing off – but not this year. This April we had 324mms spread over 12 days – with the heaviest on Friday 25 April – 125mms. Almost as much as the whole of April in 2024 - 179mms! March this year was even worse than April with 338mms. March's wettest day on Saturday 29 was a shocker: 205mms.

The drought of 2023 now seems a long time ago: March - 78mms, and April - 79mms!



Mark Garner checks his Rain Guage



## Update From Developer Stockland Regarding Twin Waters West

Stockland representatives write: "Works to progress the future Twin Waters West community are continuing and residents can expect to see some activity onsite over the coming months. From June, a number of embankments will be constructed in the northern area of the site. These embankments will be used to monitor the soil settlement profile. Day works will be undertaken between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Saturday. Temporary kangaroo exclusion fencing will be installed, and works will include filling localised areas. Appropriate mitigation measures will be in place to minimise any impacts to surrounding residents.

Stockland appreciates the community's support as we carry out these initial construction tasks, and we thank residents for their ongoing interest in Twin Waters West. We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Anyone seeking further information can contact the project team at [TwinWatersWest@stockland.com.au](mailto:TwinWatersWest@stockland.com.au).

To learn more about Twin Waters West, please visit the website ([www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/twin-waters-west](http://www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/twin-waters-west))."



## Sunshine Coast Marathon Update and TWRA April General Meeting

A lively conversation broke out at the April 7 TWRA General Meeting as two residents passionately voiced their opposition to the disruption that will be caused by road closures from running the Marathon along Ocean Drive on Sunday 3rd August between 5.30am to 10.45am. The focus of their criticism was Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag and the Sunshine Coast Council for being too supportive of an event they believed would be a major disruption to the community. Councillor Bunnag replied that the Council was still investigating the impact on Twin Waters and had already had significant talks with local businesses and organisations. In the last week he also issued the following statement:

“Council is continuing to explore ways to support local businesses and residents during the upcoming Sunshine Coast Marathon. Councillor Bunnag’s office is in the process of arranging a meeting with stakeholders, including TWRA and the event organiser Atlas, to discuss a range of initiatives and feedback ahead of the event. More updates will be provided to residents and businesses in the coming months.”

The TWRA has since been invited to a meeting on Monday 19 May that will include – Mudjimba Residents Association, Pacific Paradise Progress Association, Mudjimba SLSC, Maroochy North Shore Lions, Cock and Hen, Twin Waters Shops Body Corp and Twin Waters Golf Club.

The map below shows the impact of the closures. The red area shows that all vehicle access to Ocean Drive will be blocked from Toyango/Yango, Barcoola, the Prestwick area streets, including Baker-Finch, Webb, Senior, Carnousite, Portmarnock, Hetherington, Tralee streets, Lytham Court, the golf club, Magnolia Lane and Armeen Cct. However, residents will be able to walk or bicycle in and out of those areas.

The yellow area of the map allows modified vehicle access from Wattlebird, and associated side streets, Brushbox area, Waterside, Lake View, Twin Waters Drive, Tamarind, Blue Water, Cooloola, Watergum, Livistona, Stillwater and all side streets where they will have limited access to Ocean Drive at the Twin Waters Drive roundabout. The vehicles from this area will be allowed behind a hard barrier on the wrong side of the road to travel East down Ocean Drive to the Baywater roundabout and then travel along Baywater to Nojoor Rd then travel along Nojoor Rd to Ocean Drive intersection which will have police control to allow vehicles to cross Ocean Drive when safe to do so and travel north on Nojoor Rd. But once they have crossed Ocean Drive at this point (Nojoor Rd) they can’t return until after the road closure has been lifted.

There will be NO access to or exit from Novotel and North Shore Road including the Sebel hotel and residential area of Novotel site.

Residents from Prestwick-Tralee and Lytham Court and associated streets will have walking access along the Ocean Drive footpath that runs beside the golf club fence.



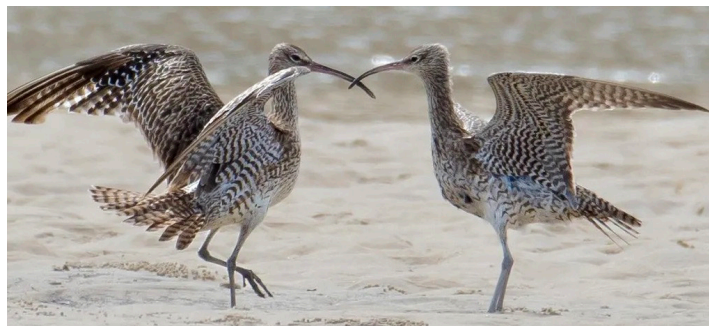
**NO VEHICLE ACCESS** to Ocean Drive; therefore these residents can't leave by vehicles

**VERY LIMITED VEHICLE ACCESS** --- only out via Nojoor Road no access into Twin Waters

How Twin Waters will be affected during the Sunshine Coast Marathon, Sunday 3rd August 2025

## Shore Birds

Our special guest speaker for our April General Meeting was Dr Simone Bosshard - Coastal Conservation & Planning Team Leader for the Sunshine Coast Council.



We are so privileged to live on the doorstep of these amazing birds and Dr Bosshard explained that the global population of shorebirds, both local and migratory, is declining due to degradation and removal of wetlands, climate change and human threats. Our local shorebirds don’t build nests like most birds, instead, they lay their eggs in the sand. This means that the eggs are at risk of being disturbed and once hatched, the baby chicks cannot fly for the first five weeks of their lives which makes them extremely vulnerable to foot traffic, dogs, watercraft and natural events such as storms. The Draft Shorebird Conservation Plan was open for feedback late last year and for those interested, a Community Engagement Summary can be found on the Sunshine Coast Council website. The Plan will be peer reviewed prior to being presented to Council later this year.

**Links to council:** <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/environment/native-animals/shorebirds>

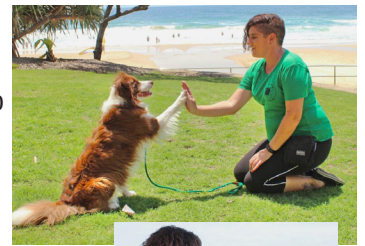
**Consultation is now closed and is being reviewed. The plan will be presented to council for adoption late 2025. Details here:**

<https://haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/draft-shorebird-conservation-plan-2025-2030>



## Paws in the Park

The Twin Waters Paws in the Park event is only 3 months away and we are up and running with regular posts on our TWRA web page, the TWRA Facebook page and on Instagram. Kirsty Reid of Leading K9 – dog trainer, behaviour expert, and working breed whisperer! With accreditation from the National Dog Trainers Federation of Australia, Kirsty is your go-to for all



things dog training and, although she works with all breeds, she specialises in working breeds with a particular love for Border Collies. Check out our post about Kirsty online, watch for a video interview with her to appear in July and check her out on her website ( Leading K9 ). Let's help our dogs be confident and calm champion members of our community; come visit Kirsty at her marquee and watch the training talk & demonstration she will present at the event on 10 August. Also joining us will be Sunshine Coast Council's Pet Education Team who will be on hand to provide information about responsible pet ownership at their marquee. Come, say hello and get information on where you can exercise your dog, keeping your pets and wildlife safe, registration/microchipping, school and Kindy Education Programs and many more topics.

Peticular, Peregian Beach's premier pet boutique, owned by passionate pet lovers Ben and Kaitlyn Akers will also have a marquee at the event. Visit the event and explore the stylish accessories, treats, and expert advice to spoil your pets offered by Peticular. Whether you're looking for accessories, solutions to satisfy dietary needs or simply want to treat your pet, Peticular is your go-to spot—online or in-store.

Bring your furry children and enjoy a fun, family-friendly event filled with tail-wagging activities!

**Don't forget 11:00am-2:00pm, 10 August at Moorings Cct Park.**





## TRIVIA NIGHT

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## Twin Waters View Club Gets Into the Easter Spirit

In a sea of bunny ears and beautiful bonnets, Easter was well on the way to being celebrated at the Twin Waters VIEW Club April luncheon meeting.



The decorating team had put together a stunning display — tables carpeted with painted eggs nestled amongst straw and tucked into bunny shaped napkins, a bunny centrepiece that Peter Rabbit would have been proud of, and an Easter shop packed with goodies.

Gillian, from BreastScreen Queensland, joined us as our April Guest Speaker and provided us with valuable information on screening and self-examination.

We welcome new members to our Club. We meet for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month at The Loose Goose Restaurant, Ocean Drive, Twin Waters, 11am for 11.30am start.

**Please contact Doreen on 0415 695 921 or email [twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com](mailto:twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com).**

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## Twin Waters 'Chemical Couple'

Our TW pharmacist Ben Wishaw studied pharmacy for 5 years at James Cook Uni in Townsville and met Jodie whilst they were both working at a pharmacy in Toowoomba in 2012. Josie is a dispensing technician and the practice manager. Ben used to regularly swim at the TW beaches, so when the TW pharmacy went on the market in 2017, they swooped and moved into TW the following year! They're a busy couple with five "children", ages ranging 30 to 11, and 2 dogs, Eva, 3 years old, and a puppy Ben, (Ben?!), only 7 months who takes a lot of work (like most puppies!).

Unsurprisingly they don't have much time for sport, but both get to the gym fairly frequently. Ben enjoys social golf and describes a good round as one where he ends up with more balls than he started. They both enjoy cooking, and their skills fit well! Ben enjoys stress free easy meals, whereas Jodie likes creating sweet masterpieces!

Ben is widely known in SE Queensland pharma circles as "BCK"; Bulk Clinical Knowledge, and is often used as a local pharma oracle. Nice one Ben

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