

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - August 2025

Important Dates 2025

Paws in the Park

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

TWRA General Meeting including AGM

Monday 11th August 7.00pm
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

Golf Day - Twin Waters Golf Club.

Sunday 14th September
Twin Waters Golf Club.

Twin Waters

Neighbourhood Watch

AGM/GM

Monday 15th September

Party in the Park

Sunday 19th October, 3.00pm
Twin Waters Shopping Village

Meet & Greet at Cock and Hen

Sunday 9th November,
3.00pm – 6.00pm
Cock and Hen

Christmas Carols

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

President's Report from Mark Hamlyn



The picture of the month – the compromise of the lake and weir – bringing weeks of uncertainty to nearby residents as the Maroochy River finally broke through with erosion eating the shoreline at a record rate.

(See Page 3) for a Google Earth reminder that it wasn't always like this - once the river was a long way away. But it's been getting closer bit by bit.



July and August is a busy time.

We had the buzz of Christmas in July at the Loose Goose.



The final arrival of the Sunshine Coast Marathon down Ocean Drive. **(See Page 4)**

And more debate about electric scooters following the visit by the Queensland Government committee asking (at last!) about safety issues.



August is Also Election Time for New TWRA President

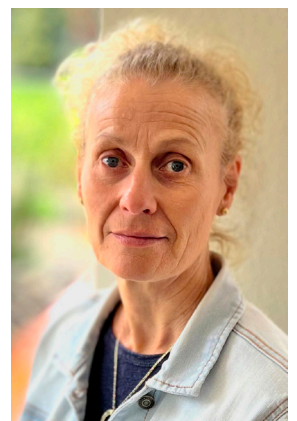
In line, with my preferred policy of rotating Executive Committee positions to broaden the overall committee's experience, myself, and the two former Presidents of TWRA, Sophie Lever and Tony Freeman proposed our current Vice President, Sue Smith as our new President. Sue is a great choice for the job.

(See page 2) for further details as well as updates on the 2025/26 new committee nominations.

I'll also be working to support Sue, after nominating as Vice President. It is appropriate that I also thank the current Management Committee and Executive for their hard work and support over the last year.

Best wishes,

Mark



New Management Committee Nominations



President: Sue Smith Statement

Sue joined the Management Committee for the 2024-25 year as Vice President.

After relocating from Brisbane via Cairns, with my husband Greg, we are very thankful to have discovered the community of Twin Waters. Since arriving in 2020 we have made great friends and our three children regularly refer to our home as the “family holiday house.”

I am slowly moving into retirement and filling my time with grandchildren, travel and meeting others through playing golf and becoming more involved in our Twin Waters community activities. After 12 months as Vice President of the TWRA I have accepted the nomination for President for 2025/26. I look forward to this role and working with our committee to represent members of the Twin Waters Residents Association and engage people in our community activities.



Secretary: Naomi McQueen Statement

I'm excited to be returning to the TWRA committee, this time as Secretary.

I am a long term local, I have worked as an air traffic controller at Sunshine Coast Airport for the last 21 years and have lived in Mudjimba prior to moving to Twin Waters in 2019. My husband, David and I love living in Twin Waters with our three teenage children and our assortment of pets.

Previously, as a committee member, I enjoyed helping to put together events such as Party in the Park and The Garden Competition. I took a break from the TWRA committee to concentrate on finishing a Bachelor of Social Science (major Security and Counter Terrorism) and to run as a candidate in both the recent State and Federal Elections. I completed my degree at the beginning of the year and I am now keen to get back to work with the TWRA committee.

Naomi replaces Emilia White who has retired as Secretary, but is nominating to remain on the Management Committee.



For Committee: Cassandra Turner

In 2023, Cass and her husband Nils relocated from Currumbin to Twin Waters, drawn by a long-standing connection to the ocean. Having spent many childhood holidays in Caloundra, the coastal lifestyle always felt familiar.

Family is still not far away.

Now retired from her work as a naturopath and massage therapist, the move marked a shift to a quieter, water-based lifestyle that still reflects her long-held values around health, nature, and balance.

Locals often see Cass walking the streets with the couple's two border collies, Pepper and Dozer—Dozer being the one most motivated by treats. Living by the water again feels like a natural fit, and Twin Waters has quickly become home. While the pace is slower, the daily rhythms of walking, being outdoors, and connecting with the area have made the transition both smooth and rewarding.

THE TWRA IS GRATEFUL THAT MOST OF THE EXISTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATED TO SERVE AGAIN.

Details available on the TWRA website. Link: <https://twra.net/twra-committee/>

End Of An Era – Two Greats Call It A Day!

It's with great sadness that we note that two of our most prominent Committee members and former Presidents won't be nominating again.

Sophie Lever

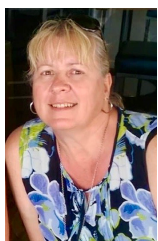
Our longest serving member, Sophie, who spent an amazing 17 years on the Committee first as Secretary and then President from 2022 to 2024 – is saying good bye! The challenges and delights of her recent retirement with its travel possibilities beckon. But Sophie promises to always be on the phone if needed!

Image >> Sophie with Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson at the Christmas Carols in 2023, when her father and his band provided the music!



Tony Freeman

Tony Freeman is also leaving. Tony has given extraordinary service to the TWRA over eight years on the Management Committee, including four terms as President from 2018 to 2022. Tony has been a driving force ensuring maintenance of Twin Waters parks and public areas is kept up to scratch, including the major multi-year program to restore Twin Waters footpaths. The good news is that Tony has agreed to stay on the Twin Waters Landscape Maintenance Reference Group that works with Sunshine Coast Council to oversee Twin Waters Maintenance.



Thanks also to Virginia Buckley who leaves the Management Committee this year. Virginia also served on the Twin Waters Landscape Maintenance Reference Group with the Sunshine Coast Council and still plans to remain active in the Twin Waters community.

Right >> Tony (holding the map) with some of the Maintenance Reference Group in 2022.



News & Issues

Lake and Weir Drama In Pictures – Changes Over The Years

The last few weeks for lake dwellers have been traumatic as the integrity of the sealed nature of the water body that defines Twin Waters living space was challenged. Below a breakdown of how it unfolded and some of the people who led the reaction. First, how it started...

Google Earth - 2008



The Google Earth picture on the Left shows the original state of the Weir as a controlling barrier with Maroochy River in 2008. Note: The Left Side of the Weir leading to the bridge is “bone dry.” The picture on the Right captured by Google Earth 6 years later (2014) shows the river forging a water passage almost to the bridge.

Google Earth - 2014



The Breakthrough

Once the river broke through the erosion created was dramatic. The picture on the left shows how far the shore extended out underneath supporting the pedestrian bridge. The picture of the right shows that 3 days later the shore was eroded leaving bridge poles exposed in the water and possibly weakening the bridge. Motorised boats could now access the lake from the river.



Sam Mallinder and Rhonda Anderson seen here with Councillor Taylor Bunnag are neighbours living close to the erosion area who have pushed the Council for quick action. They estimate they lost 4 metres of ground in the two weeks -16th July to 30th July - measured by coloured lines painted on the grass 40cm apart by friend, Greg Smith.



Council Action

On Friday 1 August the Council brought in a barge and store of rocks to seal the stream as an emergency measure. The new structure blocks the inflow at low tide, but smaller amounts of water still flow over the top at high tides. As of writing work was continuing.

TWRA Submission to Inquiry Into Safety of Electric Scooters



TWRA member Greg Smith and former President Mark Hamlyn

In late July TWRA member Greg Smith and then President Mark Hamlyn called for greater regulation to protect both the public and e-scooters riders when the Queensland Government Inquiry into e-mobility safety visited Caloundra to collect evidence.

Earlier the TWRA had endorsed the submission written by Greg, who drew on his long career in the Police Force. While appreciating the convenience and excitement associated with the range of scooters, Greg and Mark noted the on-going concern by many Twin Waters residents about the risks of the scooters and the lack of experience of many of the younger riders – who could be as much a danger to themselves as others.

In particular, the TWRA submission called for:

- Stronger Enforcement of Age Limits: Governments and rental companies should ensure strict compliance with legal riding ages.
- Registering and insuring of scooters, ebikes etc
- Dedicated Riding Zones: Establishing designated areas for e-scooters—away from pedestrians—can enhance safety for all.
- Parental Supervision & Awareness: Guardians should be aware of the risks and encourage safer alternatives for young riders.

Full details of the Government Inquiry is available at:

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Work-of-Committees/Committees/Committee-Details?cid=272>

Twin Waters Community Connect Gets The Numbers For Marathon Day

Volunteers showed up in force to run the hydration stations when the Sunshine Coast Marathon burst down Ocean Drive to the half way spot at the end.



Marathon organisers, ATLAS have promised the newish social support group a donation for handing out the water. There was a party atmosphere around the Twin Waters shops as competitors were cheered on to the full 42 kilometres of the course. The runners even put the cups in the bin.



View Club Goes French for Bastille Day

For their July lunch members were welcomed by a Parisian theme that started at the entrance to the Loose Goose and continued throughout.

To make the day even more special, Eileen, celebrated her 91st birthday and treated us with a bottle of bubbles on every table!

Our guest speaker, Linda Dennis, from the Nambour Multicultural Migrant Centre gave an informative talk about her role in the settlement, engagement, transition and support of migrants on the Sunshine Coast.

We welcome new members to our Club, from Twin Waters and neighbouring suburbs.

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



Maintenance Creates a Garden from the Bush

Council have recently done a great job changing a somewhat neglected bush area to a fancy new garden area near the Wattlebird roundabout.

Following the path replacement program last year, they have done some re-shaping of the levels, brought in some extra soil and then made the garden with the addition of plenty of plants and added mulch.

The plants have been specifically selected from a list of plants that are suited to the Sunshine Coast and are similar to the many plant styles already used in Twin Waters.

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Your friendly local Neighbourhood Watch group is on the hunt for new members in order to keep going. **Contact nhw.twinwaters.qld@gmail.com or phone 5448 9414 for information.**

Our next meeting will be our AGM/GM on Monday 15th September. Location and time in the September newsletter.

Twin Waters Crime Report

For the month period ending 15th July, Police report - one unlawful entry and one of unlawful use of a motor vehicle. If readers hear of crime in their area - notify Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch and we will include in the newsletter.

National Secure Your Home Day

September 27-28 is Neighbourhood Watch Australasia's National Secure Your Home Day and you can secure your National Secure Your Home Day Kit by registering on the NHWA web site at <https://secureyourhomeday.com.au/#register>. Free kits will be sent to participants in early September.

The kits include: Home security checklist - Evidence-based and proactive security-measures - Plus the latest information on Secure Your Home Day community events and activities.

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