

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - November 2025

## Important Dates 2025

### Meet & Greet at Cock and Hen

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

### TWRA General Meetings

Monday 8th December 7.00pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

### Christmas Carols

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

### Christmas Boat Paddle

Saturday 20th December,  
6.00pm Twin Waters Lake

## President's Report from Sue Smith

October has been a busy month for the ever lively Twin Waters. Lots of details in the following pages. But our standout event of the month was another successful **Party in the Park** on Sunday October 19 at Twin Waters Shopping Centre.

A huge thank you to the **LJ Hooker Twin Waters Family** for making this year's event happen so seamlessly - and for all those who baked, potted plants, sprayed hair, worked in the stalls and helped with set up and clean up. Special recognition to **LJ Hooker Officer Manager, Carin Van Der Walt**, for her fabulous organisational skills to coordinate all things Party in the many months leading up to the big day.

This year's **Party in the Park** was to raise money for the remarkable **OZ HARVEST** - the special group that distributes unwanted food to those in need.



Earlier Narelle and Linda from **Oz Harvest** gave a wonderful presentation to our **October General Meeting** on what Oz Harvest does and how we can help reduce food waste. Best known for their iconic yellow food vans, the Sunshine Coast Chapter rescue and redistribute over 20,000 kg of quality surplus food each month. They have supported 45 charities, 40 food donors and so far 3.2 million meals have been delivered.

Finally, I've received an enquiry from one of our members about the possibility of a **Twin Waters Community Garden**.

Myself and other TWRA members have since met with Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag and the Council Parks and Gardens representatives including the dedicated Community Gardens coordinator, to get an understanding of what is required for a community garden project.

Before we can go any further, we need 8-10 dedicated residents to form a committee to plan and manage a community garden project, with the assistance of Council's Community Garden Coordinator.

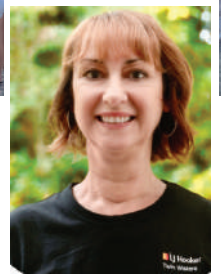
Please send an email to [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net) if this is something you would like to be involved in. (See inside for further details on the existing Community Garden at Mudjimba.)

Till next month,

Sue



Carin Van Der Walt



## TWRA Forms New Group to Monitor Future Developments & Twin Waters West

The TWRA Management Committee has revised the brief of its recently re-established **Twin Waters West Sub-Committee** to a wider mission of monitoring all proposed future developments both in the Twin Waters area, or close enough to have an impact on residents, such as say: Pacific Paradise.

**The Sub-Committee is led by TWRA President Sue and includes two TWRA Management Committee members with engineering and construction backgrounds: Martin Haase and Derek Brown.**



Artist impression of future Twin Waters West lake area.

### **Purpose of this Subcommittee now called: Local Development Sub-Committee**

- Act as a Twin Waters community voice in discussions with Stockland and their appointed subcontractors during the development of the TWW.
- Ensure Twin Water community interests, values and concerns are communicated effectively.
- Promote collaborative problem solving.
- Influence Stockland decisions related to design and construction to mitigate risks and improve the outcomes for Twin Waters.

### **The questions from our community for Stockland can be grouped into the following:**

- Understanding the timetable of work; how this may affect our community and how communication to the community will occur.
- How will traffic, noise and dust be managed during the lengthy construction period.
- Understanding the water management around the new development; exploring the effects this may have on Twin Waters lake and revetment walls and possible solutions and modelling of these prior to formalisation of contracts.
- What new community resources could our community expect to have available in this development and working with the developer to plan these resources i.e. community gathering space.

Stockland provided the subcommittee with a progress update and has agreed to arrange a meeting with the Hydrology Consultant to address questions in relation water management around the new lake development. The subcommittee met Friday 10th October to formulate questions for this meeting and these have now been sent to Stockland. We will be using our monthly Newsletter and Facebook/Instagram pages and Group Emails to members to share information as it becomes available.

TWRA welcomes our members' questions in relation to the Stockland development so we can take these to the developer in a constructive and consultative manner.

## Stockland Update on Twin Waters Work to Date



### **Stockland has provided the following statement:**

“Works to build 3 trial embankments in the northern section of Twin Waters West were completed as scheduled in September. These will be used to monitor the site’s soil settlement profile over time and will help inform Stockland’s construction planning. **(Editor’s Note: Soil Settlement work tests the capacity of the soil to support the proposed buildings for the site. The trial embankments are expected to remain in place for 6-9 months.)**”

The current height of the embankments does not reflect the final elevation of the Twin Waters West community. The embankments are topped with an additional 1.6m of fill material (known as surcharge) to accelerate the soil settlement process. We thank residents for your cooperation and support while these initial works were carried out.

We continue to work closely with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Sunshine Coast Council in preparation for the David Low Way and Ocean Drive intersection upgrade. The upgrade will install traffic signals and create an entry point to Twin Waters West, marking the start of main construction.

Preliminary works will involve relocating utility services and removing some vegetation along the road corridor, with these activities expected to take place in the coming months. We will keep you informed once the intersection design is finalised and construction timeframes are confirmed.

**In the meantime, anyone who would like more information about Twin Waters West can contact the project team at [TwinWatersWest@stockland.com.au](mailto:TwinWatersWest@stockland.com.au) or visit our website ([www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/twin-waters-west](http://www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/twin-waters-west)).**”



Artist impression of development.

## More Development News: Planning & Environment Court Upholds Council Rejection of Proposed Pacific Paradise Service Centre

In December 2022 Sunshine Coast Council rejected a 2021 proposal to develop a large service station and at least two fast food outlets at the former cane field immediately southwest of the roundabout under the Sunshine Motorway near Twin Waters.

Following an appeal by the developers, the Planning and Environment Court's Judge Williamson upheld Council's decision because of the scale of the proposed development and the adverse impact its elevated pad to address flood plain issues would have on urban visual impact. He also noted the proposed 24 hours/7 day operation was inconsistent with the current rural setting.

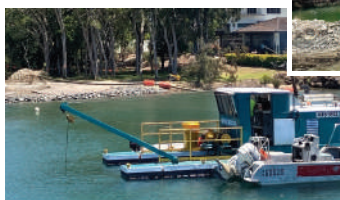


Picture above shows the river incursion. Picture on the right, the original dry bed when the weir was first built.

## Dredge Finishes Last Work on Lake Repairs – For Now

Late October saw the last of the holding repairs to seal the Twin Waters lake from its breach back in July - when the side channel from the Maroochy River running beside the weir finally broke through. Sunshine's Coast Council's first response was to bring in a barge to build a temporary rock wall that slowed the inflow from the river to the lake. While in the lake, the barge team also maintained the two wooden bridges and repaired both Council owned and about 6 privately owned revetment rock walls. Mid-October saw Stage 2 of repair work, with the arrival of the dredge which pumped the necessary sand required to re-block the channel.

While effective for now, Council considers the final result a holding operation while it develops longer term plans to secure the larger weir area and also - when the significant required funding is available.



Dredging Sand



Barge Placing Rocks



The Final Result

## TWRA Maintenance Review with Sunshine Coast Council

As part of the arrangement where Twin Waters residents pay the additional levy for extra service on top of their annual Council rates to ensure a superior level of service, the **Twin Waters Maintenance Review Committee** has a formal meeting with Council three times each year to review the performance of the contractors, The Plant Management Company, to discuss any issues.

**At the meeting held in October**, we discussed sight-lines at intersections and roundabouts prompting some additional trimming; trees growing around street lights and leaves filling the street and gutters.

We also discussed the old play area in Brushbox Park – now approved for refurbishing back into grass. This reduces possums and local cats using it for other purposes! Last year, Council added 72 small colourful flowering native bushes to many of the gardens. Additional plants are now being considered to add more colour to the gardens and should be completed before Christmas.

The meeting also noted the maintenance contractors were originally appointed for a three-year period with options to extend. The contract has now been extended for a year and could be extended until the end of October 2027, subject to performance – after which Council will need to invite new tenders. **Our next meeting will be in February, when further updates will be provided.**

## Maintenance Review For October

As we head through spring, the mowing and garden schedule in the Twin Waters park areas, has returned to a two-week cycle . . . November should see the twice-annual return of the street sweeper through the community. We hope it is not followed a couple of days after by strong winds to fill the streets and gutters with more leaves. It is important to sweep and vacuum the leaves so they are not washed into the stormwater drains and end up in the lake!



Front Row: Jarrod Woodward, Tayler McCann (both Council) & Jim Darcy (TWRA) Back Row: Tony Freeman, Derek Brown, Mark Hamlyn – TWRA.

## Sad Moment Behind Party In The Park

Sue Schmidt's jams and chutneys were once again a feature at the ever-popular Party in the Park cake stall in mid-October. So, it was with great sadness we learned that Sue, also known as Mother Sue, had passed away while on holiday in Singapore, only days after fulfilling a long-term bucket list item of seeing the city's famous pink flamingos.

Sue was much loved in the Twin Waters community thanks to her unwavering commitment making and donating hundreds of bottles of her scrumptious tomato relishes and jams, as a fund raiser and dedicated member of the Twin Waters View Club, Mudjimba RSL and TWRA. Mother Sue's special smile and happy disposition will be sorely missed by all who knew her, as well as those wonderful relishes and jams. Our thoughts and condolences are with husband Barry and the family.



## Details On Community Garden

Picking up from President Sue's comments on Page 1 - Those interested in working on a Twin Waters Community Garden should write to us at our public email – [info1@TWRA.net](mailto:info1@TWRA.net).

For more info on how they work, check out the Community Garden at Mudjimba on Facebook. For a list of Community Gardens on the Sunshine Coast see the Council list at:

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/community-facilities/community-gardens>

## View Club Hears About International Understanding

At the VIEW Club's recent lunch meeting, the Guest Speaker was Jenny Allan from Friendship Force International. With over 300 clubs and thousands of members worldwide, Friendship Force International's mission promotes global understanding through home-hosting and curated local travel experiences. Participants learn about other cultures and discover our shared humanity.

**The VIEW Club welcome new members. 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).**



Jenny Allan (right) and Therese from View



## Crime for the Month is Low, But Record Keeping Saves the Day

Reported crime for the last month is low...two thefts only, one of lithium batteries from a caravan. However, Neighbourhood Watch says it's still worth preparing for the worst and keeping good records of your valuables. Lists with serial and model numbers. Phone photos of important items. NHW also has an engraver, if you want to mark important items, as is recommended. Just because nothing much is happening, doesn't mean it couldn't!

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SES Emergency 13 25 00

## Looking Ahead: Christmas Events

Our Christmas Carols plans are set in stone. And note the new location...

Apex Park. The big news there is, the park also has a hall we can re-locate to if it rains. More next month.

And... Christmas Paddle Is Back. Saturday 20 December 6.00pm



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