

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - February 2026

#### Important Dates 2026

##### TWRA General Meeting

Monday 9th February 7.00pm

Please Note: New venue

Pacific Paradise Primary School Hall  
14-24 Menzies Drive Pacific Paradise

##### Clean up Twin Waters

Sunday 1st March

8.00am to 10am

Anchorage Park

##### Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

Monday 9th February

Booking from 5.00 pm – 6.30pm

Meeting from 5.30pm.

Sola Bar @ Novotel Sunshine  
Coast Resort.

##### Christmas in July

TBA

##### Paws in the Park

TBA

##### TW Golf Day

TBA

Interested in helping? Contact us

##### Party in the Park

TBA October, Twin Waters Village

##### Christmas Carols

TBA Apex Camp, Nojoor Road,

#### President's Report from Sue Smith

It just wouldn't be Queensland without a big storm or two and the first of the season was a dosey for all accounts. Personally, I didn't get to see it first hand as I was in Adelaide enjoying temperatures below 10 degrees! Many thanks for the great shots shared by our TW residents. A big shout out to Sunshine Coast Council for their quick response to the urgent issues ie. trees on houses and uprooted large trees and branches affecting access roads.

Following this event, SCC was in close contact with our maintenance team acknowledging detailed information we provided together with the high arborist requests and confirming the additional resources that had been provided. SCC is aware there are still many items outstanding throughout the Sunshine Coast and are working to address these overtime.



With the holiday periods there has been the usual influx of illegally parked caravans and campers setting up camp for the holidays along Ocean Drive. We had many people raising concerns about some longer term campers who were parked on the lake opposite the Golf Club.

I am aware this person has been spoken to a number of times but you will see they have returned in the past week.

Prior to Christmas I raised this issue with Cr Bunnag. He had already received many complaints particularly around public health and security and had mobilised Council's Response Services Team to focus patrols on Ocean Drive areas to address the long stay campers. Unfortunately, this is a difficult issue to address due to limited resources and the irregular hours required. SCC would need resources to patrol for overnight camping. Residents can report illegal camping through SCC customer service (07) 5475 7272.

Our Carols in Apex Camp was a fabulous way to end 2025 with perfect weather, wonderful entertainment and great community interaction. We received so much positive feedback from those who attended and this has made all the hard work very worthwhile. I can't thank Keith and his team at Apex Camp enough for their support of this event and it really is a fantastic venue for this community event.



Till next month,

Sue

# News & Issues

## Carols in the Park at Apex Camps

**Colin Legg – head of the TWRA Organising Committee shares his memories of a great night – especially as the weather held off – after being rained out last year...**

Well it's hard to believe that it's over a month since we had our community carols at Apex Camps. What a night we had, lots of carol singing with fantastic harmonies from Tanya, Kate and Annette and great to have Tanya's brother Mark Price to add to the event. Tanya and Mark compared the evening expertly and got the audience involved.

We even had a piper up in the ramparts to play a haunting version of Amazing Grace followed by the soloists singing in unison. Hallelujah was another highlight as was Tanya and her daughters playing the bells. The food trucks were very popular. Unfortunately 2 trucks were unable to come at the last moment so the food sold out too quickly. Santa is always popular along with his helper Amanda, especially when he is giving out lollies. One young girl checked with me before the carols started to make sure he was coming. I assured her that Santa was indeed coming as I had spoken to him that morning, she was impressed I had his phone number. The new venue Apex Camps was a hit, easily accommodating the larger crowd and plenty of room for expansion.

The "mosh pit" down the front was very popular with lots of kids and some parents dancing along. A big shoutout to Keith from Apex for his cooperation, nothing was too much trouble for him and his crew. Overall I believe we put on a great family event for our community and hope we can improve on this in 2026. Finally, I would like to thank our very small committee of Sue, Emilia, Meagan and Cass who did a fantastic job. If you would like to be involved this year, we would love to hear from you.

**We must also thank our fabulous sponsors... Sunshine Coast Council, Maroochy RSL, Scout Realty and Lever Law. As a final thought... the team are collecting photographs of the night, so if you have photos or videos you would like to share please get in touch via email in [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net).**



## Clean Up Day Sunday 1st March Location: Baywater/Anchorage Park

This picture (left) tells the story our dedicated Twin Waters Residents who turn out each year to give the place a good going over... But not before a bar-b-que breakfast and lucky door prizes for all those who show up. It's our bit for the national Clean-Up Australia Day, where Aussies across the country help clean up rubbish in their own backyard to make the place just that bit better.

You just have to show up at 8 am. It doesn't take long – we're done by 10. Your chance to meet some of your fellow residents – and we provide everything needed. Gloves, bags – the lot.

**A big shout out also to the kayakers – who recently showed up for the Christmas Paddle. We need you too, the lake is our backyard and also needs a good look over, as only someone who paddles and sees it up close can do! Any questions email: [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net). Meet at Anchorage Park at 8 am.**



## ⚠️ Community Safety Notice – Anchorage Park ⚠️

Thank you to the resident who reported finding a used syringe in the water at Anchorage Park. We take reports like this very seriously. This information was quickly passed on to our Parks and Gardens contact at SCC, who immediately contacted management of the Plant Management contractors to ensure they were aware and had an appropriate action plan for the management of hazardous waste risks.

If you come across hazardous items such as syringes, Council has asked that you contact Sunshine Coast Council Customer Service immediately. They can then urgently send a trained team member to safely collect and dispose of the item.

Thank you for helping keep our parks safe for everyone. Fingers crossed this is a one off.



## Twin Waters Community Connect Update

Twin Waters Community Connect enjoyed a wonderful Christmas gathering kindly hosted by Ev and Bill. Our volunteers and members shared a relaxed and joyful afternoon together, celebrating the spirit of community that continues to grow within Twin Waters. A heartfelt thank you to Ev and Bill for their generosity and hospitality. We also had a great time at the Twin Waters Residents Association Christmas Carols, where our trailer "Barney" proudly made his very first public appearance. It was fantastic to be part of such a wonderful community event and to connect with so many residents.

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that Twin Waters Community Connect will be holding a Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Friday 6 February. This fundraiser is an important step towards our current goal, which is raising funds to purchase a Twin Waters Community vehicle, which will greatly enhance our ability to support residents with transport, shopping assistance and other essential activities.

We are also pleased to share that Twin Waters Community Connect is now a Registered Charity, allowing us to further strengthen our services and community impact.

A gentle reminder that we are always collecting bottles, cans and other eligible recyclable containers for Containers for Change to support our fundraising efforts.

**If you would like to donate recyclables, or if you or someone you know could benefit from our assistance, please contact Twin Waters Community Connect on 0493 344 688.**



## Maintenance Update

At the end of November, we experienced a remarkable storm which saw waves nearly 1 metre high across the lake and in some canals, along with high winds that broke many branches and toppled a few trees.

Council was inundated with calls and by 9pm the number of calls to Council exceeded 500, reporting various levels of damage across the Sunshine Coast.

The Council teams and contractors have been busy clearing most of the damage which should be finalised by mid-February. Some tree trunks, stumps and visible root balls might take a little longer. Those close to the Weir would have seen the mini loader last week clearing away the many stacks of debris on the narrow pathways. The delay in clearing these areas was the Council needing to access this smaller equipment.

In Moorings Circuit Park, one tree was blown over and completely removed. Council has already planted five small bushy local native trees as a replacement!



## Police Return Stolen Bike...Serial Numbers Make the Difference

A happy start to the year for TWRA Vice President Mark Hamlyn when on 1 January Maroochydore Police returned the bike stolen from his garage on 20 December. Senior Constables Raymond Wilims and Harry Myer had been called to a minor incident and noticed a middle-aged man with the bike. Significantly, they could check the serial number as it had been provided when the theft was reported, along with a photo. The offender has since been linked with other thefts where he was caught on CCTV where he could be seen but not identified until linked to the bike.

The incident is also a reminder of how quickly items can be taken by passing offenders, as the garage door was briefly open during garden work on the property, with the family going in and out.

Property thefts are reported to Police Link on 131444. Residents are then referred to an internet link to file details – and are later sent another link for uploading photos. Police closely monitor the site, as 2 hours later Mark received a phone call to confirm information prior to it being distributed to Police to keep watch – which in this case is just what they did.

**If offenders are still on the property call the Emergency Number: 000.**



The Queensland Police Crime Map shows a total of 26 crime related incidents in the Twin Waters residential area for the past 12 months, broken down as follows:

Unlawful entry	6
Unlawful use of motor vehicle	3
Other theft	8
Other property damage	2
Traffic and related	2
Other offences against person	2
Drug	2
Fraud	1



## Twin Waters View Club Celebrates 19 Years

The Twin Waters VIEW Club held their last lunch meeting of the year at the Loose Goose with a heartwarming Christmas-themed event. It was time to recognise and celebrate in style a very successful year of fundraising and social events, culminating in a record donation to The Smith Family. There was delicious food, Secret Santa gifts, raffles and games, and it was a fun way to end a wonderful year.

Our February meeting is our AGM and we 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).**



## Extra Bin Service – But Not All Greens are Equal

At this time of year, many residents have lots of garden rubbish so their Garden Waste bins are full. The fortnightly Green Bin collection may not be enough. Did you know you can book an extra pick-up online or via the phone (07-5475 7272) at a cost of around \$20.25 per bin?

**We sometimes borrow a neighbour's bin BUT make sure it is the correct GREEN bin! See the picture on the right: The bin on the right with the vibrant green lid is the correct bin for garden waste. The bin on the left with the darker green is the old general refuse bin – just what some have been borrowing for their second bin – because it's still green.**

Council is slowly phasing out the green top general waste bins and replacing them with red topped bins.

At present there are still a lot of the old green waste bins out there. **The second complication is with extra pick-ups services, the contractor only picks up one bin. So, the second bin needs an extra booking – and if it's the wrong colour – the contractor won't empty it - even though it may be the only bin on the footpath at the booking address.** As it happens the Council will give you an extra green bin (Cost \$48 for the year.)

But they still only take one bin on extra pick-ups. Both bins are emptied though on the standard pick-up.

There is always the Council Tip for extra garden waste – it's only \$8.50 for a standard boot full or half a trailer of green waste. \$20.00 for a full trailer or ute full.





## Twin Water's Weir - Marine & Wildlife

Our Twin Waters weir entrance at the Maroochy River provides a wonderful, healthy ecosystem structure for local wildlife and marine life. The weir controls tidal inflow which helps maintain stable water levels and aquatic habitats for breeding and feeding.

You will often see pelicans, herons, egrets and cormorants, just to name a few. The mix of open water and dense mangroves makes it a haven for some of these bird species. Amongst the common fish species you may see are bream, whiting and flathead as well as fiddler crabs crawling and feeding along the rocks. Sting rays can sometimes be seen beneath the bridge at low tide. Our weir is a well-known "hotspot" because the flow of water attracts predators and provides a rich feeding ground. It's well worth taking a walk to the bridge to observe the abundant birdlife and marine life activity!

## Beauty and It's Terror

Dorothy Mackellar's 1904 poem "My Country" famously described the country's beauty and terror. Since November Australia has experienced Christmas snow in Tasmania, devastating bush fires in Victoria and floods and a cyclone in Queensland as well as the devastating storms that hit our community in November.

It was a timely presentation by volunteers from the local State Emergency Service delivered to the TWRA General Meeting on December 8th, which included information on what SES Volunteers do, the natural risks we face in Twin Waters and what simple steps that can be taken to help prepare yourself and your home against severe weather events. These can include clearing gutters and downpipes, ensuring your roof is in good condition, trimming any trees that overhang the house and keeping up to date with any maintenance or repairs. Don't forget to listen to warnings and information and have a plan of what you will need to do if an event happens. This could include securing loose items, having an emergency kit, first aid, torch and power bank on hand, access to tape, black plastic, sandbags, gloves and don't forget to check on your neighbours.

The 24 November storm saw many trees down around Twin Waters with some damage to homes.

Sunshine Coast Council responded quickly to the urgent issues and provided clean-up crews to help clear non-residential debris and offered free disposal for storm-damaged green waste for approximately two weeks. Residents also got in and helped clear debris for their areas and stacked waste for easier removal.

The SES is here to help but they are made up of volunteers and as with any volunteer organisation is short of personnel.

**Twin Waters forms part of the Coolum SES Group and if you are interested in joining the SES please go to their website**

**<https://www.ses.qld.gov.au/form/become-an-ses-member>**



## Longest TWRA Continuous Residents?

Sue and Martin Berry purchased their Tamarind Place plot on 12 May 1997 for \$165,000. They had their house built and moved in during May 1998 and may be the longest residents in the same house in Twin Waters. They recall there was no development office, only a "demountable office" near the entrance of the proposed development, and the agent met them in his 4WD, which they needed to access the area. At that time, the plot was defined by a few survey pegs and the revetment wall and nothing else.

Tamarind Place was a 4WD track and no houses in the area, no sealed roads or curb and channel, and no doctors, cafe or pharmacy until the 2000's. The Golf Club was the "local". Veerings Crescent, Blue Water Court and all of Baywater were still woodland. There was no Coles or North Shore Tavern at Pacific Paradise. The Sunshine Coast Motorway was a toll road with only one bridge over the Maroochy River. Although the motorway extended as far as Peregrine, development was in its early stages and most people used David Low Way which, as Sue recalls, made it difficult to get out of Ocean Drive. So some things haven't changed. Surprisingly, Sue and Martin consider the current population is younger than the original population, many of whom were from New Zealand and the southern states. Despite so many changes in a short time, Sue and Martin love living at TW and consider it a beautiful place to live and call home.



Twin Waters residents Martin and Sue Berry and Harry and Lorraine Jones were among the 100 people who signed the official name change.

Jun 96	Sep 96	May 97	June 97	May 99	Dec 00	Dec 02	Aug 03
Lend Lease buys Twin Waters site	Construction begins on initial stages	First sale	Construction of first precinct begins	Lend Lease buys North Shore Coastal Village site - adjacent to Twin Waters Resort	First North Shore Coastal Village sale	ViewPoint released - first gated community within Twin Waters	Viewpoint stage one construction begins - final sale made

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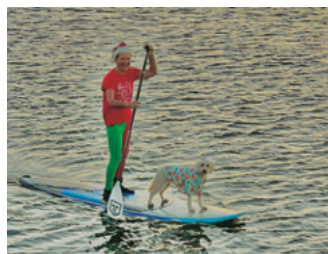
Police 24hr Assist - 13 14 44

Coolum Police (General Enquiry) 5440 2777

SES Emergency 13 25 00

## Australia Day Parties

Lots of flags out across Twin Waters in the lead-up to this year's Australia Day. Lakeview Drive residents also made a day of it by the water. A quick follow-up to their earlier Christmas Street Party - and now plans are afoot for Anzac Day.



## Christmas Kayak Event

At dusk on Saturday 20th December a small armada of kayaks, paddleboards and tinnies sailed around the lagoon for the annual Christmas Kayak Event. They were mostly decorated in Christmas regalia, with flashing lights, tinsel and disco music, and even at least one dog came for the ride! There were several parties along the banks of the lagoon as well and there was a great atmosphere throughout.

Well done to everyone who participated!

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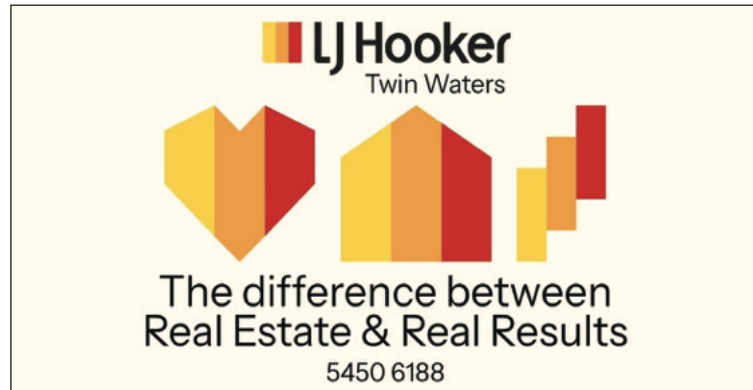


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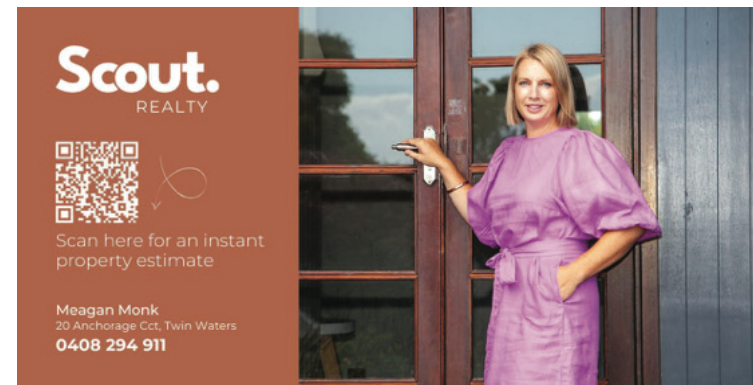


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