

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - March 2026

Important Dates 2026

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

17th March 4.30pm
Living choice Village Club Room

TWRA General Meeting

13th April 7.30pm
Location TBA

TWRA General Meeting

9th June 7.30pm
Location TBA

Christmas in July

Date TBA
The Loose Goose

TWRA General Meeting with AGM

11th August 7.30pm
Location TBA

Paws in the Park

Sunday 6th September

TW Golf Day

September - Date TBA
Twin Waters Golf Club

Party in the Park

19th October, Twin Waters Village

Christmas Carols

13th December
Apex Camp, Nojoor Road,
Twin Waters

President's Report from Sue Smith

Now that we are well into the new year, our March newsletter records the local changes we are already experiencing, or those just around the corner.

Some good and some, you just need to know about. We hope everyone will welcome the news from our Maintenance Team that by the time you read this, Twin Waters gardens and public areas are about to experience a major planting of new flowers and shrubs over the coming weeks. Just one of the items from the first meeting of the year from our Maintenance Reference Group that works with Council on everyday upkeep. **(See Page 2 for details)**



And that won't be the only change of colour to hit the neighbourhood.

As our Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag announced to our first General Meeting of the year, Council will begin repainting the entry walls of Twin Waters this financial year – in the new colour selected by the TWRA. As we note in the report, each era of Twin Waters is somehow represented by the colour of our walls that are so much part of the estate **(See Page 3 for details)**



Our General Meeting on 9 February also brought another change. Because of major renovation work, it was the first not held at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort – our home for many years – and the scene for many great discussions about all things Twin Waters. Who could forget Shark Night back in 2024 – when extra seating had to be brought in to hear the Shark Team from Sunshine Coast University report on just what is in the local lake – and how to learn to love it, even though it could bite and sting.

Our thanks to the great team at Pacific Paradise School for welcoming us to their Hall. Keep watching and reading for updates about the next meeting in April – Open to both members and the public.

In the coming months, we will be monitoring developments at the construction site for Twin Waters West and the Council is also monitoring the jump in homelessness that is spreading to the Sunshine Coast and already impacting on the edges of Twin Waters, as residents have been reporting. This is not to cause panic, but we need to be aware if we are to understand how best to respond. **(See Page 3)**



Till next month,

Sue

March is the Month for Tree Planting and Shrubs Galore!



Residents have already noticed the refreshing look of the spate of new trees recently planted along Baywater Drive past Living Choice. We have the arborists group (tree doctors) at Sunshine Coast Council to thank for these, provided under their **Street Beautification Program**.

Every suburb takes its turn for a burst of new trees – and this was ours!

And that's not all. More trees are to be planned for both Anchorage and Warwick Daniels Parks.



And It's Not Just Trees.

Council has also announced that across March the Twin Waters community will see a wonderful boost to its local landscape with the planting of 220 native and tropical shrubs throughout the area. This planting will add fresh colour and life to 10 parks of the suburb.

As these shrubs grow, they'll attract local wildlife, and contribute to a greener, healthier neighbourhood. This initiative reflects a shared commitment between Sunshine Coast Council and TWRA through the work of its joint Maintenance Reference Group that oversees the spending of the funds raised by the extra levy residents pay on top of their rates for additional work on local areas. We will keep watching over the coming weeks to see how it goes.



Community Connect Guest Speaker at First TWRA Meeting for 2026

We were fortunate enough to have Alannah Andrews from Twin Waters Community Connect to speak about the great work that TWCC does for our community.

An initiative developed here in Twin Waters by Alannah and her friends, TWCC is a local, volunteer-led, not-for-profit, registered charity supporting the residents of Twin Waters and exists to help neighbours stay connected, supported and independent. It provides practical, non-clinical support to residents in need - including transport to medical and allied-health appointments, friendly visits and social connection, cafe visits, shopping assistance, short-term respite support and general help when family members are away. TWCC does not replace government-funded or professional services but rather helps to fill in the gaps between these services.



Earlier this year, TWCC volunteers completed First Aid, CPR and Defibrillator training, strengthening their ability to respond confidently and appropriately in an emergency. We were also delighted with the support shown at our recent Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, which contributed to our ongoing fundraising efforts toward a dedicated Twin Waters Community Connect vehicle.

This year, TWCC is excited to introduce regular social get-togethers for our Members, including a Neighbour Day Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 29th March – and later in May, a Coffee morning in the Park – a joint activity with TWRA and Sunshine Coast City Council to acknowledge their Tree planting initiative. Stay tuned for further details in the next newsletter.

If you would like to be involved, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact 0493 344 688.

Councillor Announces Twin Waters Walls to be Repainted this Financial Year. New Colour Chosen.



This wall at Blue Water Court is a similar colour and gives an impression of how the new colour would look in situ.

In a comprehensive report covering a variety of topics of local interest, Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag began by announcing that thanks to an offer from Twin Waters West developer Stockland to pay for the repainting of the various statement walls across the suburb, the work could be brought forward.

Last painted in 2015, the walls have gradually deteriorated, detracting from the overall look of the suburb. The walls will be painted in the colour chosen by the TWRA.



The colour is also popular for garden walls in Qld suburbs.



The photography app, Photoshop has been used for a mock-up of the new wall colour (Heavy Metal British Paints EDT 417)



Current colour painted in 2015.

Three Walls to be Demolished for Road Safety

Cr Bunnag also noted that he had listened to the community about road visibility concerns and three walls will be removed.

They are: “The Landings” sign closest to 1 Twin Waters Drive, “The Shores” sign closest to 1 Skipper Place and the “Karinya Island” sign closest to 7 Mainsail Place.

Council Traffic Engineers also explored visibility issues concerning Stillwater and Lakeview Drive but will use speed cushions to slow traffic instead.

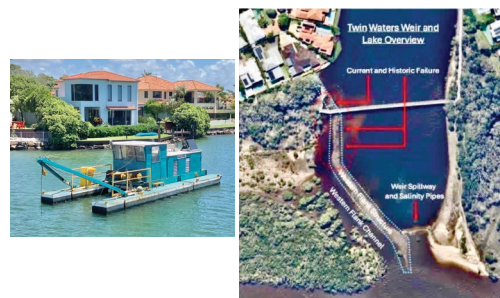


Original aqua/teal painted in 1999.

More Work on Twin Waters Lake Weir

Cr Bunnag also advised the Council Engineers had engaged a small dredge to lodge more sand & rock material to further stabilise the Western flank of the weir where water from the Maroochy River broke through last year. See the Council Graphic showing areas needing work.

If left unattended, the influx of water would affect the weir’s ability to maintain the lake at the proper level and not rise and fall with the tide. While this addresses the short-term problem, Council had also engaged a consultant firm to research a more permanent solution. The current work is planned to take between 4 to 6 weeks – with minor extra noise between 10 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Friday.



Growing Numbers of Homeless for Council

Cr Bunnag spoke to the meeting about the growing number of homeless on the Sunshine Coast. In December there were 418 homeless people registered with 161 of those sleeping rough. Council can move on recreational campers but Council’s role in relation to the homeless is to manage the space and ensure it is safe for everyone. Cr Bunnag encouraged people to be mindful of the homeless and call Council if you are concerned.

Council Attitude to Dog Fines

Cr Bunnag noted that since the introduction of the \$834 fines for dogs off leash, the Council had taken an educative approach to remind residents of the changes rather than rush to high numbers of prosecutions. Council had also adopted the Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan in December 2025 to provide appropriate dog support facilities over time. He also noted that the number of fines issued had halved since the major increase in fine amounts.

Cr Bunnag reminded the meeting that while the off-leash fines were issued by the Council, the amounts of the fine were set by the State Government.



Next Marathon Scheduled for Sunday 2nd August

Cr Bunnag noted the route had not been confirmed but was likely to be the same as last year.

The next TWRA General Meeting will be held on 13th April. Venue to be advised.

Twin Waters Street Library on the Way Back!

Greetings avid book readers! You may have noticed the absence of our familiar, iconic landmark street library in Baywater Drive. Unfortunately, it was decommissioned in January 2026, as the previous hosts were unable to continue its upkeep. After many enquiries to the TWRA and conversations with the local community, we have good news!

The Twin Water's Pharmacy have offered to be the host site for a new street library, to be located outside their premises. After a meeting with Ian McGrath from the Buderim's Men's Shed, they have generously offered to custom build a new library house for the new location, so that this popular resource will again be available to our little community!

So, collect your books and get ready to exchange! We anticipate the opening of the new library within the next 3 weeks. Watch this space!



Neighbourhood Watch – Good News – Crime Is Down.

Great news: The Police Report shows no 'reported' crime in Twin Waters since the last newsletter. That's wonderful! But it doesn't mean you can slack off. Remember, it takes just seconds to be ripped off by the passing opportunists cruising the neighbourhood!

And coming up: Neighbour Day 26th March 2026

Held on the last Sunday in March each year, is part of Relationships Australia's campaign with the aim of connecting neighbours for all things positive....

This year's theme: Belonging Every Day – where every day is a chance to connect – and not just on special occasions.

Consider hosting an activity such as a barbecue or morning tea - Join local online communities to foster connections and share experiences.

Even join the Twin Waters Residents' Association and/or our local Neighbourhood Watch Group.

When people look out for each other, community security goes through the roof.



The Power Of Keeping On... Twin Waters Oldest Man - 102

At 102, we believe Norm Phillips is the eldest man in Twin Waters. And yes! He did get a letter from the King on his 100th birthday! Norm and his lovely wife Joan were both Londoners and around 1990 emigrated to Australia when their son David decided to emigrate from the UK and announced that he didn't want to leave his Mum and Dad behind. Norm and Joan lived almost 30 years in Yandina before moving into Estia.

In his younger days Norm was a precision toolmaker and retired when he reached 65. He was a keen runner and completed the London Marathon in 1987 and was the oldest person ever to complete 100 Park Runs. These days he's content to do his exercises each morning before walking to the Cock and Hen for his morning coffee. Cheers Norm



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Requesting Services from Council

Finally a plug for the Council – who have issued the card below showing the various ways to contact them for help or report something they need to know.

Submit a service request

to Council through the following methods:

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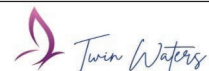
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