

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - October 2024

Important Dates 2024

Party in the Park – The Twin Waters Shopping Village. 20th October 2024
3pm to 7pm

Pre Christmas Dinner Dance
Loose Goose Restaurant.
Sunday 24th November 2024
6.30pm to 10pm

Light Up Twin Waters –
The magic of the
Christmas lights we place on our
homes each year.
Details later in November.

Christmas Carols –
Moorings Circuit Park 15th December
2024 5pm to 7.30 pm.

President's Report from Mark Hamlyn

It's been another interesting and busy month. Some accomplishments and a mix of ups and downs.

To start with a 'down' that began close to home. Earlier this month we emailed TWRA members about the sorry experience former TWRA President, Sophie Lever had when her 15-year-old rescue dog, Charlie was attacked by another dog - off its leash!

The truth is Charlie's best years are behind him. He's more than a bit deaf, but was determined to do his best to protect his owner – by then, the equally distressed Sophie. The whole encounter ended with everyone shaken, but able to walk away. The point is that Twin Waters has no leash free area for dogs. Until there is, we can only plead with owners to keep their dogs on leads. We know it's tempting to let them run from time to time, but you never know when things can turn nasty as they did for Sophie and Charlie. There are lots of dogs in Twin Waters – and it might be that we should consider a leash free space. But that argument is for another day. In the meantime, please keep the pooches on their leads.



Happier times at the recent TWRA Golf Day, as a strong field of locals engaged in the Twin Waters passion. Congratulations to 1st place getters in the Team Event, Jane and David Fraser, who won \$100 cash and Champagne each. Thanks also to our sponsors who made it possible. See Page 4 for details.

And here's another blast of coming – excitement: Aranya – the 'fire lady' that is the 'big finish' of a great day planned by L.J. Hookers Twin Waters and TWRA for the coming **Birthday Party in the Park on Sunday, 20 October**. More details and pictures on Page 4.



The state election is on and youth crime is an issue...but the good news is that over the last month local crime is down...compared to earlier in the year.

That said: crime is still happening. Illegal entries, car thefts – and, unfortunately, an indecent exposure – plus a vandal attack destroying one of the course toilets at the Twin Waters Golf Club...

In the last month our friends at Neighborhood Watch had their Annual General Meeting along with Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag reflecting on the overall situation: See Page 2.



And lastly spring is here – and a picture of a beautiful thing.

Say hello to **Grevillea Robyn Gordon** one of the new flowing bushes now being installed in our public gardens this month by the Council after talks with the TWRA about refreshing the look and feel of Twin Waters open spaces. Thanks to the Maintenance Committee and Council for their work – More details other coming beauties on Page 3. As they bloom, it should put a spring in your step when walking around our special place that is – Twin Waters.



Until next time,

Mark Hamlyn



Crime Still Low But Car Thefts And Unlawful Entries Continue

With the State Election in full swing as we read this, youth crime will be a talking point...but the good news is that according to the Police crime report illegal activity in Twin Waters is below earlier peaks that caused concern. For the period Aug 24 - 15 Sept the Police Report shows 2 unlawful uses of a motor vehicle – and 2 unlawful entries. Although not high by recent standards, the figures remind us crime continues. Despite our laid-back lifestyle: the only real deterrent is locking up.

A point made by Division 8 Councillor Taylor Bunnag when he chaired the recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch. Locking major household doors and garages every time is essential. And whatever the rush in our daily lives, cars should always be locked.

As for WHO is WHO: THE NHW COMMITTEE FOR 2024-25 CONFIRMED AT THE AGM is - Ruth Geitz Area Co-ordinator, Jenny Masche Deputy Area Co-ordinator, Merryl Berry Secretary, Julie Glover Treasurer.



Councillor Bunnag at the meeting.

Other News from the Meeting:

Councillor Bunnag announced Council's plan to employ a Public Safety Liaison Office to ensure the security of the homeless and the citizens who wish to use public amenities. Council are also considering installing a pedestrian crossing near the Twin Waters shops and introducing speed limit reductions.

Neighbourhood Watch thanks Councillor Bunnag for chairing the AGM and discussing with resident attendees their safety and security concerns in Twin Waters

The meeting noted that overgrown trees were causing problems in local streets: The speed limit signage in Baywater Drive was hidden by tree foliage and needed trimming. Overgrown trees were also obstructing driver safety on Nojoor Road between the soccer fields and Conebush Street.



Hoon Behaviour

A reminder Residents report can to Policelink on 131444.

HOON BEHAVIOUR is defined as – dangerous driving includes speeding, illegal street racing, burnouts, playing loud music from car stereos, marine hooning and drink driving.

The AGM also discussed the possibility of establishing traffic cameras for general community safety, but financing would be subject to further research.

Speeding Worries:

That said NHW Committee member, and former police officer, Greg Smith noted that despite Twin Waters being a complete 40 km/hr zone, there were increasing examples where some residents and visitors were driving at excessive speeds - and sometimes even overtaking slower vehicles obeying the speed limits.

In a closed community such as Twin Waters, speeding poses significant dangers. Distressing and dangerous incidents can be reported through Twin Waters NHW or directly to Policelink at the number above.



Feature Report - Maintenance



Footpath Action After Another Trip!

They don't look like much, just a few uneven pavers but it was enough to recently trip up another resident near Mizzen Place causing a hard fall and a fractured elbow. Council responded quickly after a call from TWRA and that problem has been fixed. But the potential danger from aging and uneven footpath surfaces continues. Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag has since expressed concern at the continued injuries and made himself available for a walk around inspection of local footpaths with TWRA Maintenance Committee member, Tony Freeman and President Mark Hamlyn for a further inspection of the area's footpaths. Further conversations are planned at Council about how to improve footpath safety as part of on-going work programs in the hope of reducing the potential for future injuries.

Palm Trees And Who Makes The Cut!

Residents have been asking how to get their palm trees trimmed – to reduce the number of 'fronds' that fall and clutter the street and footpaths – and also may fall on actual people from time to time. The short answer is trimming is organised through the TWRA Maintenance Committee as part of its negotiated work requested from Council – and paid for by the TWRA additional levy collected on top of normal rates. The process must also be authorised by the Council arborist, who inspects the trees and decides if trimming is necessary and how it is to be done. And be warned, under Council guidelines, falling fronds are not necessarily enough. It can also depend on what is good for the overall health of the tree and whether it's current growth is getting in the way of other important infrastructure such as power lines.



The other catch is that the Council only takes responsibility for the palm trees that were installed by the original Twin Waters developer Lendlease. Residents who in later years planted palm trees on their footpath are responsible for their own trimming.

If you have a palm tree and questions, contact us through our email: info1@twra.net.

Spring Colours Emerging: The New Era For Twin Waters Gardens Begins!

As residents will remember from the last newsletter, The Maintenance Committee recently looked at the gardens in most of the larger park areas and provided Council with an evaluation report. Council then worked on a plan to install a series of flowering shrubs to refurbish the gardens – a major re-boot for the look of the neighborhood.

The first phase began in October with the planting a range of flowering shrubs.

Phase 2 is scheduled for Spring 2025 when other bushes will be added to fill remaining spaces in the gardens.

A great result. Thanks to Tony and the Maintenance Committee Team for making it happen and opening a new era in the Twin Waters garden.

Meet three of the brilliant flowers that will start populating the gardens of Twin Waters in the coming months.



Grevillea Robyn Gordon



Melaleuca Quinquinervia Mini Quini



Leptospermum Pink Cascade



And..Our Small, Yet Perfectly Formed, Mini- Beach Gets a Boost

Following a clean-up of the little beach in the park at the corner of Baywater Drive and Anchorage Circuit, the contractors, The Plant Management Company have recently added more sand as part of maintenance work and the beautification program.

The new sand is already being checked out by a couple of local ducks and a family of black swans.

A beach is a beach – small or large. But it doesn't happen by itself. If the ocean doesn't bring the sand, then someone else has to fetch and carry. Otherwise, in no time at all: No beach!

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PARTY IN THE PARK
COORDINATED BY LJ Hooker Twin Waters

FREE KIDS ACTIVITIES
 Inflatable Jumping Castle
 Face Painting
 Wildlife HQ animals
 APEX Team Challenges

FOOD OUTLETS
 Lions Club Sausage Sizzle
 Food Works
 Cock & Hen
 The Loose Goose
 Cake & Jam Stall

OTHER ATTRACTIONS
 Ausfunk Cheer & Dance Performances
 Plant Sale
 Glow Products
 Monster Raffles
 Live Music
 Fire Dancer

Party In The Park Is On Fire As We Head Towards Sunday Oct 20 3.00 To 7.00pm.

Apart from the astonishing Aranya – our amazing fire lady finale, our chief organisers, **LJ Hookers Twin Waters** have come up with a fabulous program for Twin Waters to celebrate its birthday.
See Program Summary.

We Also Need Cake and Plant Donations for the Day

For the Cake Stall – Big cakes, scones with jam and slices are favourites. Just bring your freshly baked goods to the cake stall by 2.30pm on the day.

For the Plant Stall - colourful, flowering, native and tropicals are always popular. Please label your donations. It helps with the sales.



Golf Day Another Success

(Left) Some of the happy golfers who turned out for the TWRA Golf Day on 15 September.



TWRA compere, Kevin Lyons also happy to congratulate 2nd team winners, Jim Keats and Simon Cross.

Thanks also to major sponsor, Joanne Reilly also there on the day.

Many thanks also to our other valued sponsors and supporters: Novotel Twin Waters, Florentina's trattoria + las tapas bar, The Loose Goose, Twin Waters Golf Club, Lever Law, Bendigo Bank, The Cock & Hen and Twin Waters Pharmacy

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Guest Speaker At Next General Meeting: 7.30pm Monday 2nd December, Novotel Sunshine Resort.

We are delighted that Cassie Grentell from the amazing LlifeFlight Foundation that saves lives every day with its airborne emergency services will be our guest at our last General Meeting for the year. Both the General Public and members are encouraged to come hear this remarkable story.