

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - February 2025

## Important Dates 2025

### TWRA General Meeting

Monday 10th February 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

### Clean Up Twin Waters

Sunday 2nd March  
8.00am Baywater/Anchorage Park for a  
BBQ breakfast

### Neighbourhood Watch Meeting

17th March 4.30pm  
Living Choice Village Club Room

### TWRA General Meeting

Monday 7th April 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

### TWRA General Meeting

Monday 9th June 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

### Christmas in July

Date: TBA. Loose Goose.

### Paws in the Park

August. Date and Location TBA

### TWRA General Meeting including AGM

Monday 11th August 7.30pm  
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

### Golf Day - Twin Waters Golf Club.

September. Date: TBA

### Party in the Park

Sunday 19th October  
Twin Waters Village

### Christmas Lights & Carols

December. Date: TBA

## President's Report from Mark Hamlyn

When we get into February, we must face facts: holidays are done and we're into the New Year. Looking ahead TWRA is trying new things to mix with old favourites.

We've gone to the Dogs, but in a good way. **PAWS IN THE PARK** will be a new celebration of all things canine.



Executive Committee member, Martin Hasse is leading a team charged with creating a special afternoon that brings together all the dog knowledge and passion that drives owners and their four-legged friends around the streets of Twin Waters every day. Martin says... "**Paws in the Park** – timed for August - will feature a wide variety of demonstration and presentations about dog activities and behaviour. We also hope to have a variety of vendors including a portable dog bath and several pet related vendors. Watch for more details as we firm up our plans."

Also coming up our annual **Clean Up Twin Waters** – both the streets and the lake - on **Sunday 2nd March (see details on Page 3)**. Our contribution to the national Clean Up Australia campaign.

**Speeding on the lake** also continues as an issue this year. Home owners on the inner canals are losing patience with the continual speeding beyond the 6 knot limit that wears down revetment walls, especially with the extra traffic at holiday time. See the shot from the video of a dingy estimated doing 13 knots taken on 6th January. Campaigning will resume for more official action and **consideration for a reduced speed limit down to 4 knots in the smaller canals**, as found on other parts of the Coast. We'll keep watching.



**The TWRA has also been considering its own rules** – in a major update of its Constitution to conform with changes in State Government Legislation. Many thanks to former President, Sophie Lever for leading the team that knuckled down to the detailed paperwork.

**(See Page 2 for how it impacts on your rights as members.)**



And finally, a polite suggestion to – Watch your step! Only this time – the unlikely 'villain' is the new sections of footpath recently laid by Council to replace the older ones which tripped up residents last year causing serious falls. See the picture of the side and note the edge where it meets the grass.

**Often there is nothing underneath that grass.** If people step on it – they can topple over – as happened literally in front me the other day. An

older 'gentleman' walking his dog came crashing down landing on his face. He suffered a bloody nose and nearly sprained his ankle. Luckily he was able to get up and with a little help make his way home. So watch the bits on the side. In the meantime, (see Page 3) for details of the latest Footpath work.

Until next time,

**Mark**

## Twra General Meeting To Discuss New Constitution 7.30 pm Monday February 10 at Novotel Sunshine Resort.

In late January, TWRA members were emailed details of proposed changes to the organisation's constitution, so they could discuss any implications at our next General Meeting – also open to the public.

The last update to the Constitution was a minor amendment back in 2012, but since then, the Queensland Government has made numerous changes to the Associations Incorporation Act – in particular the “model rules” section which details the ‘rules’ under which organisations like the TWRA must operate. As a result, the revised Constitution is now called: The Rules. Where there are conflicts between the Constitution of an Association and the Act, the legislation's ‘model rules’ must apply.



### THE PROCESS:

A team from the TWRA Executive Committee has reviewed the “old” Constitution and suggested some practical changes, which have since been endorsed by the full Executive Committee and are recommended to the membership.

To be formally adopted the ‘New Rules’ or Constitution will be put to a future General Meeting for a vote.

### THE CHANGES:

The major updates worth noting are:

- To join the TWRA, applicants must complete a basic Membership Application Form as we are now required to retain address and contact details. The membership form will also detail the Public Liability Insurance cover so that it's communicated to prospective members as required by the model rules.
- Membership fee remains at \$10 per year and covers two members from one residential property. The membership fee can be determined by the Executive Committee.
- Membership is available to all property owners, and residents including people who rent in Twin Waters plus people who have an “interest” in Twin Waters, such as individuals who own a commercial property or firm based in Twin Waters. Those parties would be entitled to one membership.
- The TWRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will continue to be held in conjunction with the August general meeting. Under the proposed Rules, nominations for members to join the Executive Committee will close 14 days prior to the AGM.
- Where the required number of committee members has not been nominated prior to the closing date, additional nominations can be taken from the floor at the AGM. Where more than a full complement of committee members has been nominated, the Rules provide details of how a ballot will be conducted.
- Nominations for Life Membership will be accepted prior to an AGM and will be voted on in accordance with the Rules. The new Rules defines Life Member status and clarifies the membership of other residents in the Life Member's household.
- There are changes to the way an Executive Committee member can be removed from office if required and similarly, an ordinary member of the association can have membership terminated if it has been considered that the member has brought the Association into disrepute. Details of removal and rights of appeal are specified in the new Rules.
- The new Rules clarify the two types of members, Ordinary Members and Life Members, and refers to all collectively as “Members”.
- The register of members must be made available for examination if requested by a member, however, the public register will only contain names to protect privacy. Details from the register cannot be used commercially as is specifically included in the new Rules.
- Once adopted at a General Meeting the new Rules will only take effect from the date registered by the Office of Fair Trading.

# News & Issues

## Clean Up Twin Waters Is Back - Sunday 2nd March - 8.00am Baywater/Anchorage Park For A Bbq Breakfast.



Ed and Andrew seen here from last year cooking up the BBQ breakfast that gets Twin Waters types up and at it to scour the local streets for rubbish of any sort. . . .part of our join in for the great Clean Up Australia Day that tidies up the country every Sunday, 2nd March.

Come along and have some fun; meet people and see your special Twin Waters from another angle. It's not like we have lots of rubbish – but somehow, the place just looks better when it's done.

And don't forget the lake – that 'THING' that makes us: TWIN WATERS. We want you kayak-ers out there as well. And you can always take a friend. Bring a hat, some sunscreen and enclosed shoes. Gloves and rubbish bags are provided. Doing good was never so easy!



## The Big Machines Get Stuck Into Footpath Safety...

TW residents along Lakeview Drive were heartened in recent weeks to see the Council tearing up sections of the old footpaths that had been tripping up walkers leading to several serious falls late last year. Work was also done around Little Voyager Park. . . .

The finished results stand out as something different, but the brushed concrete selected after extensive tests in consultation with TWRA in the last few years will stand the test of time. Not only is it trip free but should last for almost a century. AND- as we noted on Page 1 – just watch the grass bits on the side!

Special thanks to Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag who pushed the work through when alerted to the falls by residents tripped up last year. Taylor personally contacted affected residents to hear directly what happened.



## Note: Taylor Bunnag will be Guest Speaker at the TWRA General Meeting

7.30 PM Monday February 10 At Novotel Sunshine Resort  
He Will Outline Further Council Plans For Work In 2025.



## Community Connections – Update On Helping A Neighbour?

You might remember that in our December newsletter we reported on the efforts by local health professional, Alannah Andrews to establish an informal help group to support elderly Twin Waters residents or those just needing some extra attention. As Alannah wrote at the time. . . . "Twin Waters community could use a little extra support. Whether it's a friendly visit to brighten their day or a quick trip to help with transport, your kindness could mean the world to them.

Since then, the happy news is that things are happening. . . . Alannah reports. . . . "Thank you to all our kind and generous Twin Waters residents who have offered to help bring this vision to life. We currently have 17 volunteers but it's never too late to become involved. Please contact Alannah, on [alannah.andrews@me.com](mailto:alannah.andrews@me.com) if you'd like to be part of this. More information coming in the next newsletter."





## Changes at Lever Law

After 17 years leading the business, local identity and immediate Past TWRA President, Sophie Lever has sold up and moved into retirement so she and husband Len can travel and enjoy Twin Waters life even more. ( Left: Sophie and team featured in the TWRA Christmas Video)



New owners Carina Bertoldi and Michelle Carson are locals who are keen on being involved in the TW community. They were happy participants at last year's Birthday Party in the Park and our popular Christmas Dinner Dance at the Loose Goose. The business, which is practically a TW institution, will continue to be known as Lever Law.



## Kayaks Out in Force for Christmas Sunset Paddle

Although the holidays are now behind us, organisers of the traditional Paddle Around the Lake were pleased when a colourful armada of about 30 kayaks and paddle boards gave the neighbourhood a real Christmas feel on Sunday 22 December.

Paddlers also heeded requests to decorate their crafts and themselves with all things Christmas including flashing lights that came into their own as the sun slowly set at the end of a beautiful summer evening.



## Christmas Carols Rained Out

Less lucky with the weather, were the TRWA Christmas Carols which were cancelled the day before their 15 December scheduled date following days on heavy rain. With toilets and generators already on site, a very depressed organizing Committee met in the rain at the by then deeply soaked Moorings Circuit Park and quickly realized it was impossible to go ahead.

We are grateful that costs were minimised, and some suppliers have reduced costs! The raffle prize hampers were given to needy families through IFYS while vouchers for other prizes were returned or destroyed.

Although disappointed the team's thoughts are already turning to December 2025.

**Neighbourhood Watch has been operating in Twin Waters for more than 20 years**, as an integral part of the community, working closely with the local Police. It has been successful in building community cohesion and improving relationships between neighbours and helping to reduce crime. However, Twin Waters is changing, and the TW Neighbourhood Watch wants to encourage new community members to consider joining us in the vital task of keeping our homes safe.



We hold general meetings in March, June and September. In 2024, Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag meet with us to gain more understanding of local security issues. If you are a like-minded Twin Waters resident and want to be part of keeping the Twin Waters neighbourhood safe, please email us at: [nhw.twinwaters.qld@gmail.com](mailto:nhw.twinwaters.qld@gmail.com) or



come along to our next NHW meeting scheduled at 4.30 pm on Monday 17th March at the Living Choice Retirement Village club room (adjacent to the bowling green).

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The course cost is \$60 and includes the lesson book

Instructor Lisa Phillips is a bridge director and title holder.

New players can join supervised games, and any of the many weekly sessions, additional classes, and other events held throughout the year.



**Details on the club website:** [www.suncoastbridge.com.au](http://www.suncoastbridge.com.au)

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