

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - March 2025

Important Dates 2025

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

Sunday 27th July, 12.00pm

The 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.

Sunday 14th September

Twin Waters Golf Club.

Party in the Park

Sunday 19th October, 3.00pm

Twin Waters Shopping Village

Christmas Lights & Carols

Sunday TBC December, 5.00pm

Apex Camp, Nojoor Road, Twin Waters

President's Report from Mark Hamlyn

This month TWRA had its first General Meeting for 2025 at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort - open to both members and the General Public.

Guest speaker was Division 8 Councillor, Taylor Bunnag – who answered our request to outline his and the Council's priorities for the new year.



TWRA President Mark & Taylor and the General Meeting audience.

Taylor gave a highly informative talk that covered the Council's many challenges in giving Sunshine Coast residents the services they expected (without raising rates) as well as a positive announcement about a topic Twin Waters residents have wanted action on for some time!

Details on Page 2 – and many thanks to Taylor for giving us his time to keep us informed.



February was also a big month for all things about dogs – as on Tuesday 18 February Council set up its' display at North Shore Road Park to consult with residents over its' plan for Dog Exercise Parks across the whole Council area. **The plan also brings changes to the North Shore Dog Beach - the nearest available off-leash area to Twin Waters. See Page 2 for details.**

Also see our update note for the new **Paws in the Park event scheduled for August.** (And if you think we're making too much of dogs – a quiet reminder that if dogs could vote they could change the Council – they have the numbers. The Sunshine Council area has nearly 54,000 registered dogs – with a lot more coming over the next 2 decades.)



Twin Waters West is never far from our attention. In the coming weeks, talks ramp up between developer Stockland and the Main Roads department about the design of the new intersection from Ocean Drive onto David Low Way. We have a reminder graphic of the latest version of the design as submitted to Sunshine Coast Council. And remember, not a roundabout – planners are depending on traffic lights to make it work.

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And finally, a shout out to Alannah Andrews and her new band of volunteer helpers for starting up their **MY GOOD FRIEND TWIN WATERS** project.

The group helps members of the Twin Waters community that might need some assistance to get through the day – be it a lift to the shops or doctors – or to organise some work around the house. All sorts of things.

It is a great example of good old fashioned community spirit that also makes Twin Waters a great place to live. **Details Page 3.**

Until next time,

Mark





Councillor Taylor Bunnag And What's Happening In 2025:

It's just coming up to a year since Councillor Taylor Bunnag was successful at the 2024 Council elections that also saw a new Mayor and something of a culture change at the Council. So, it's a good time to take stock. At our last General Meeting, Taylor gave a preview of his priorities for 2025:

New Paint Job For Entry Walls

Following long standing comments from residents, Taylor announced he would make funds available to completely repaint the many entry walls around Twin Waters. The last time this was done was in 2015.

The colour is to be chosen by the community. We will be seeking input from residents over the coming months.



Footpaths

Some emergency work was done on the footpaths in 2024 for safety reasons however, Taylor's long-term priority is a replacement program for all the old footpaths.

He aims to replace 200-500metres of footpath each financial year over a 10-year period; using the brushed concrete finish that was negotiated with the TWRA – as shown in the photo.

Dog Parks

The changes to the Twin Waters Leash free area at North Shore Road that backs onto Mudjimba Beach were explained. It is part of the Council's larger Draft Dog Exercise Area Regional Plan and Network Blueprint that was open for public consultation in February.

Management of the leash free area is complicated by the need to protect the well-known shorebirds that fly south every year from the northern hemisphere to nest on the Sunshine Coast. So, during shorebird season (October - April), the off-leash area is to be reduced by 615 metres. To compensate, an additional 775 metres of off-leash area will be allocated on the ocean side of the beach between access points 127 – 130. Longer term over the next 5 years, Council is looking to establish another fenced-off dog exercise area near the Twin Waters/Maroolia border.

Twin Waters West

Developer Stockland's application is back before council as part of the continuing approval process. This part of the process deals with final lot sizes and changes required to the traffic intersection of Ocean Drive and David Low Way. Taylor recommended that interested residents review the plans on-line.

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Rail Link to Maroochy After Media Reports It May Not Happen

Council continues to believe the Sunshine Coast should have direct rail to Maroochy, or for the Olympics, direct rail to Caloundra with a bus/rapid transit service from Caloundra to Maroochy. If the State Government can't deliver direct rail, Council prefers the State Government preserve the CAMCOS corridor and works with Council to find an alternative form of public transport from Caloundra. Federal, State and Council representatives were due to meet late February to discuss further.

Council and The Olympics

Council continues to support Sunshine Coast involvement in the Olympics as the Federal and State Governments propose spending \$300 million on Sunshine Coast venues (Kawana indoor and outdoor stadiums, and mountain bike track at Parklands). Recently, Council provided a detailed submission to the State Government's 100-day review, and requested Council be allowed to start delivering these projects.

Council Budget Position and Rates

Council is concerned about the cash reserves and recently appointed a consultant as part of a co-ordinated plan to address it. A few years ago, the cash position was \$300 million but now is mid \$100 millions. As costs continue to escalate, Council must prioritise service levels and projects if rate rises are to be avoided.

Sunshine Coast Marathon Heading For Twin Waters

Taylor is consulting with the community and businesses regarding plans to run the Sunshine Coast marathon through Twin Waters on Sunday 3rd August – with road closures between 5:30am and 10:30am. The route crosses Maroochy River bridge and proceeds along Ocean Drive. Event co-ordinator Atlas will provide details to residents soon. Emergency services continue to have right of way during this time.

News & Issues

My Good Friend Group Leaps Ahead



Our My Good Friend - Twin Waters group is off to a fantastic start! The first meeting was held on 1st February, and the group extended a heartfelt thank you to Rhonda Anderson for kindly hosting them. The group is now reaching out to Twin Waters residents who might benefit from a friendly visit or a little extra support. Their wonderful volunteers are hoping to help with:

- ✓ Friendly home visits for a chat and connection
- ✓ Transport to medical appointments, social outings, or local activities
- ✓ Assistance with mobile phones and technology
- ✓ Dog walking
- ✓ Connecting you with trusted local service providers when urgent help is needed

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, they'd love to hear from you! Their service is free, provided by trusted community volunteers.

☎ Contact: Alannah 0412421234 ✉ Email: alannah.andrews@me.com

Let's stay connected and support each other—because everyone deserves a good friend!

Boardwalk Ownership Revealed

Sunshine Coast News recently reported that the Novotel owners have indicated that they are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the boardwalk leading from the Novotel to the Maroochy River. They said planning is underway for the necessary rectification works.

The boardwalk and jetty run through the Maroochy River conservation reserve.

It will be wonderful to see it open again for the enjoyment of resort guests and locals alike.



Twin Waters West – Update Statement From Stockland

Following the December newsletter, Stockland provided us with an update regarding progress of the future Twin Waters West community.

In late December, Stockland submitted their Reconfiguring a Lot (RAL) application to Sunshine Coast Council (SCC). This application defines how Twin Waters West will be subdivided in accordance with the conditions of SCC's preliminary approval. It covers the entire site to ensure a comprehensive and integrated planning approval process.

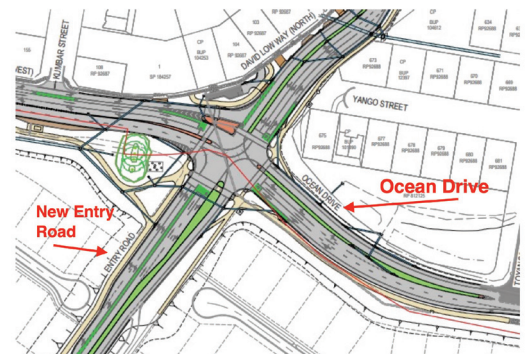
Stockland says the application maintains consistency with the low-density character of the established Twin Waters community and features an average lot size of more than 700m², with a minimum lot size of 500m². They will be collaborating with Sunshine Coast Council in the coming months to progress toward approval.

In recent weeks, there has been visible activity on site. Surveyors have been verifying site boundaries, while environmental consultants have been conducting preconstruction inspections to ensure compliance with legislation. Onsite activity will continue as they advance the detailed design and address the conditions outlined in the preliminary approval.

Stockland are also working closely with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and SCC to finalise the design of the new signalised intersection at David Low Way and Ocean Drive.

This critical upgrade is planned as part of the project's first construction stage which is anticipated to start later this year, subject to necessary approvals.

More information can be found here (www.stockland.com.au/residential/qld/twin-waters-west) or by contacting the project team at TwinWatersWest@stockland.com.au



Landscaping Focus For Autumn

We frequently receive emails and comments from residents regarding the public and park areas of Twin Waters for which we all pay a levy to ensure a superior level of service. We respond as quickly as we can to each comment, and where necessary, we make contact with the team at Council and have them investigate further. From February to June, the contracted mowing cycle moves from a weekly cycle to a two week cycle which means the contractors have more time to focus on the gardens.

Council carry out their own audits each week, and then we "audit" the audits. Due to warm weather and rain we can see that there are more weeds than normal and we have passed our comments in that regard on to Council - hopefully this will be the focus of the contractors in the gardens going forwards. We are not sure if the tomato plant growing in one park area will survive or be treated as a weed!!

Paws in the Park

We're happy to report that Paws in the Park planning is underway with growing momentum. This month, we will lock in both venue and date for announcement in the April Newsletter.

We have already secured 4 presenters/demonstrators and 8 stalls for the event with more expected to join. The participants will range from trainers to animal carers and from activities (like service dogs) to pet product suppliers. We'll even have a hydro bath there so you can give your furry family member a refreshing bath on the day.

A Message from Lever Law

The new directors of Lever Law, Carina Bertoldi and Michelle Carson, have been at the helm of Lever Law since October 2024 following the retirement of Sophie Lever. They are thankful for the warm welcome to Twin Waters.

The firm will continue to operate as Lever Law with the existing staff.

Carina and Michelle are residents of Bli Bli and originally met through their children, all students at Good Samaritan Catholic College in Bli Bli.

They want to be involved in the local community and look forward to any opportunity to support businesses and families in the area with their legal matters including:

- Residential and Commercial Property Conveyancing
- Manufactured homes contracts
- Business conveyancing
- Wills and Estates
- Family Law

A key focus at Lever Law is residential conveyancing. They will look over your residential contract, at no additional charge, before you sign and they understand the importance of a fast and clear response.

In other news, Clare Eichmann, Property Solicitor, has recently returned to Lever Law, having previously been part of the team for 10 years. She brings with her extensive experience in residential property matters.

Scott Paulsen, Wills and Estates Solicitor, has also recently joined the team. Scott is an enthusiastic young lawyer who would love to meet with you if you have been meaning to update your will.

You can contact the team at reception@leverlaw.com.au or 5457 0500



Lifeflight Briefing:

At the December meeting of TWRA, we were lucky enough to get an update on LifeFlight helicopter rescue service which has a base at Sunshine Coast Airport.

As a medical rescue service, they operate 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. They have three shifts every day with pilots, critical care doctors, paramedics and additional crew when needed. They provide rapid response medical care and fast retrieval to get critical care patients to hospital in many situations where a few minutes could be important!

Their highest number of missions in the region is motor vehicle accidents however they also attend critical emergencies at other times, such as cardiac issues or search and rescues. From the Sunshine Coast Airport base, they cover an area up to Gladstone, west to Kingaroy as well as all the Sunshine Coast. They also go beyond those areas when required including recent emergency retrievals from ships at sea.

LifeFlight has helped over 90,000 people since their inception in 1979 – which shows how valuable they are as part of the community.

LifeFlight has commenced building a new base at Sunshine Coast Airport which will provide more up to date and larger facilities for this important operation. The new base should be operational around September 2025.



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A Reminder About Garage Door Security, from Neighbourhood Watch

During summer our homes can get quite hot, and we all enjoy the cooling breezes here at Twin Waters. While it may seem harmless to leave your garage door open or partly open, this can actually be an open invitation to thieves – providing open access to your home, and an easy entry point for burglars. Some top tips:

- Communicate with Neighbours
- Install Security Cameras
- Maintain Your Automatic Doors

By following these simple precautions, we can make our homes—and our neighbourhood—a safer place.



Shore Birds & Dog Parks – At TWRA's Next General Meeting Monday 7 April - 7.30pm Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort.

Special Guest is Dr Simone Bosshard - Coastal Conservation & Planning Team Leader for Sunshine Coast Council who has briefed us extensively on the amazing shore birds story in the past.

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