

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - JANUARY 2013

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Your Website

See what's happening on www.twra.net - it will all be new soon!

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

11 February

Clean Up Australia Day:

3 March

Like to Lend a Hand?

For newsletter delivery call Ed on 5448 9414.

Carols at Novotel

What a greeting Santa got as he came to our Carols night at the Novotel on 16th. We were all blown away by the exquisite singing of the carols not to mention our talented young folk. The BBQ was great as well. A special thanks to Novotel who provided the Wandiny Room for us.

Light Up!

Well done to those who "Lit Up the Suburb" – outstanding! It gets better every year.

Shark Sighting

Parents, kayakers, stand-up board riders, swimmers- (people and dogs) – please be aware that there have been two recent sightings of a bull shark in the waterways. One in Glenwood Place canal seen from the footbridge and another closer to the weir.

This is dangerous stuff and that is why the "No Swimming" signs are in place. They are not for decoration. We have contacted the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, but their jurisdiction is limited to surf beaches. Council, who also say it is not their domain as the waterways belong to Lend Lease who are now looking into the matter.

We have been advised that sharks of this type under 2m are less dangerous. (Remind them!) The bottom line is - as waterways they are the home of these fish and swimming there is very dangerous. We have magnificent beaches close by for swimming. Take care!

Picnic Profits

Last year TWRA adopted Katie Rose Cottages, a palliative care establishment, as our charity. Many of you would have heard the moving address by one of the founders, Sue Story, a TWRA member, at one of our meetings.

The committee decided that the profits from this year's birthday picnic should be donated to the cottages. A cheque for \$750 has been forwarded and a very grateful acknowledgement has been received.

Meeting with Local Councillor

Committee members recently met with our local councillor, Jason O'Pray, to discuss various items of interest to the Twin Waters community. Among the matters discussed were: Installation of bus shelters along Ocean Drive, BBQ in Lake View Park, peak hour bus services to Nambour Station, the Stockland Canelands appeal, the handover of Twin Waters waterways to the council and access to the waterways.

In regard to the Stockland appeal we were anxious that Cr. O'Pray fully understood the position taken by TWRA and the general feeling of the residents. Since then we have had the Mediation sessions and he attended one of them. Our briefing on this was timely as Cr. O'Pray has since met with Stockland who are attempting to reach an accord with the council. He was able to reinforce the community's opinion.

The waterways issues were also timely as we were able to make him aware of community feeling about the proposed charges to residents for pontoons and other structures on the waterways. This issue is still proceeding with TWRA meeting with both Lend Lease and the council.

We didn't get far with the bus issue. We were told that the current service from Coolum to Nambour was to be abandoned due to lack of patronage.

In regard to the bus shelter and the BBQ we met with some success, but we were told that funding was tight. However he took them on board and subsequently replied to us informing us that a bus shelter would cost between \$25/30,000. A BBQ in the park would cost about \$11,000 plus permits, approvals etc.

We were virtually told that council could not afford a bus shelter. We indicated that we did not need a fancy glass bus shelter with lights; we needed something of robust construction principally to give shelter to school children. Subsequently we were told that the council had a policy of recycling bus shelters and that one of these would probably be affordable. The committee decided that the bus shelter was a more pressing community need than the BBQ. We are waiting for further information about the bus shelter.

Landscaping Maintenance in Twin Waters

The hot dry weather being experienced has played havoc with our parks and gardens with our lovely usually green parks now looking very brown and run down.

Several years ago the watering system installed by Lend Lease was still in operation until water shortages demanded that it be turned off. What a shame!

The hot weather has also created problems for the many palms throughout Twin Waters and necessitated a special clean-up of dead fronds to keep the area looking neat and tidy. You will have seen the workmen in the area in the last few weeks. Normally this type of palm is 'self-cleaning' with fronds dropping off and being taken to the tip.

Anyone who has any inside knowledge of how rain dances work we'd be happy to start a troupe with your guidance!

Free Buses for Summer

Travel by bus on the Coast will be free again this summer with the return of Sunshine Coast Council's Free Holiday Buses program. Council has partnered with Translink to provide free travel on all public buses for locals and visitors from Wednesday 26 December till Sunday 6 January.

Transport Strategy Portfolio Councillor, Rick Baberowski said the program funded by councils Public Transport Levy, helped make travel easier for people on the Coast during this hectic holiday period.

"We're encouraging people to jump on board and try public transport services free of charge to see how attractive catching a modern bus can be," he said. 300,000 passengers used public buses during the free period last year.

All Coast public transport will be free including:

Translink's Sunshine Coast Sunbus services (27 routes across the Coast); Glasshouse Country Coaches services (Hinterland Connect and Maleny-Landsborough-Beerwah); Flexilink services (Boreen Point to Tewantin, Conondale to Witta to Maleny, Kenilworth to Mapleton and Peachester to Beerwah) Normal procedures apply to Council Cabs and Flexilink services.

For timetables go to translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30 anytime.

Substation Update from Energex

Civil construction work is near completion on the new Energex Substation at Pacific Paradise located on the corner of Godfrey's Road adjacent to the Sunshine Motorway. Landscaping will be undertaken around the site in the first quarter of the New Year once construction work is complete.

The substation will form part of the SunCoast Power project which includes the construction of a new sub-transmission powerline from Palmwoods east of Pacific Paradise and an upgrade of the existing substation at Jones Road, Maroochydore. The project is currently due to be completed by October 2016.

Get a Puppy for Xmas?

Start now with the training. Contact David at The Canine Classroom Group Training Sessions on 0400 440 526 to find out more about their Puppy, Young Dog, Control Dog and Advanced Classes held at Coolum State High School on Tuesday nights and Kawana State High School Saturday mornings.

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Aboriginal Art

The Yulyurlu Lorna Fencer Napurrurla exhibition is still on till Sunday 20th January at the Noosa Regional Gallery.

Crocs Sighted

There may be sharks in the waterways but there are CROCS on the road. That's the Crazy Retired Old Cyclists Society. This 40-strong group of men and women, ranging in age from 30 to 70 meet at 5.30 a.m. (in the summer) every Sunday morning at the BP garage in Mooloolaba on Brisbane Road and cycle down to Caloundra; have the mandatory coffee then continue on to Pelican Waters and back.

They cover a distance of about 60kms each run and move along at a fair rate of knots too. Average speed 28-30 kph. If there are slower riders they split into two groups. You are welcome to join them. It's not a race and no one gets left behind. You go at your own pace.

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Sunshine Coast ratepayers have the chance to win up to \$1000 off their January rates bill just by signing up to receive their rates notice by email. Finance and Water Portfolio Councillor, Chris Thompson, said the \$1000 prize incentive is the first step in a campaign to move with the times and offer ratepayers the option to receive their rates electronically. Ratepayers can then use council's website to pay before due date, providing both convenience for the ratepayer and cost reductions to council. It does cost council a significant amount of money to print and then mail rates notices using traditional postal services.

To be in the draw simply visit www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au and sign up for emailed rates by 4 January 2013. Ratepayers will need to include their BPay Reference Number from their last rates bill.

Holiday Quizzes

We have many special days over the year Valentine's Day, Christmas Day, Australia Day and so on – but in some places there are some pretty out-of-the-ordinary ones – can you pick them?

1. A small village in Ireland has a tradition which involves honouring an old goat. What is this every August event called?
a) Kerry Days b) Coronation Country Fair c) Puck Fair
2. Which one of the following holidays is not really what is considered a "Hallmark Holiday"?
a) St Patrick's Day b) Father's Day c) Hillbilly Day
3. Unofficially, what event is celebrated on January 4th?
a) Eat Dessert All Day b) Trivia Day c) Pick Your Nose Day d) Bike Naked Day
4. "Nation Wear Your Pyjamas to Work Day" in mid-April. Why did this start? a) So you can skip doing laundry today
b) Sit around with your boss drinking coffee all day c) Everyone loves their jamas and wants to show them off
5. What is "Prove Your Fidelity Day" called? a) Who's She Day? b) Flitch Day c) Working Late Again Day?

ANSWERS: 1. PUCK FAIR is held every year in Kiltglavin. The story is that as raiders were approaching a village, a goat broke away from the herd & headed towards the village which alerted the villagers who were saved. Dates back to 1600s. 2. HILLBILLY DAY The dog culture term "Hallmark Holiday" was coined because these holidays resulted in big greeting card sales. 3. TRIVIA DAY Another one for the greeting card people and the website folk. 4. DRINK COFFEE WITH THE BOSS ALL DAY In the USA this is held on the day after tax reports are to be filed so it's time to goof off. 5. FLITCH DAY Fitch means half a pig. The town of Great Dunmow in England has revived this ancient tradition and holds it every year. It was originally started in the time of Chaucer in Canterbury Tales where where spinners and bachelors stage a series of questions to married couples, in verse, to check whether they have been faithful all year.



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