

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion

The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project is another step closer towards delivery, with the Minister for State Development Anthony Lynham releasing the State Coordinator General's report accepting the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

Mayor Mark Jamieson welcomed the news, saying the Coordinator General's report and approval was an important step towards the region's game-changer project becoming a reality.

The Airport Expansion Project includes delivering a new 2450m x 45m runway fully compliant with regulatory standards; runway end taxiway loops, an expanded apron and terminal facilities, a new air traffic control tower and associated infrastructure.

"The Project will deliver a world of opportunities and is a major game-changer for the Sunshine Coast and surrounding regions," Mayor Jamieson said.

"It will enable direct flights to more destinations across Australia, Asia and the Western Pacific, enhancing national and global connections.

"It will also generate jobs and economic growth, boost tourism, help export businesses and secure air access to the Sunshine Coast for generations to come.

"The Commonwealth Government will now review the Coordinator General's report and council looks forward to receiving approvals, due within 30 days of the report being received. Further specific project approvals will also be required before works can commence.

"I congratulate council's project team on the quality of the Environmental Impact Statement and the work they have done on this project to date.

"Today is another chapter of this exciting project which has a long history, having been on the drawing board since the 1980s and I look forward to the day the first plane takes off on our new runway."

Mayor Jamieson said the council would now consider the conditions and recommendations contained within the Coordinator General's report and envisaged the new runway would be open for operations in 2020.

Sunshine Coast Council Aviation Portfolio Councilor Steve Robinson said the \$347 million Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project would help grow passenger numbers and support the needs of the growing Sunshine Coast community.

"It is anticipated it will contribute \$4.1 billion to the local economy and result in 3500 fewer dwellings being affected by noise each day," Cr Robinson said.

The announcement comes on the back of news that Sunshine Coast Airport is the fastest growing airport in the country for the eighth consecutive month.

Recently released data from the Commonwealth Bureau of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Economics (BITRE) confirms a 24% year on year increase in total passengers for the month of February.

Growth can be attributed to strong ongoing demand for services at Sunshine Coast Airport from both local residents and visitors, as well as the introduction of Qantas services to Sydney in December last year. The introduction of flights from Adelaide to the Sunshine Coast three times a week starting this September, will also add 56,000 seats each year to the airport's capacity.

Nojoor Road Boat Ramp & Car Update

You may remember an article in the May newsletter about the upgrade to the Nojoor Road boat ramp. The upgrade was due to be completed by October this year. You will be pleased to hear that in the words of councilor Jason O'Pray that the initial completion date has been "blown out of the water". The project is currently on track for completion by the end of July

The project is now on track for completion by the end of July – a fantastic outcome for all of our local recreational boaties.

Date Claimers

TWRA AGM

at Novotel Resort

7.30pm, Monday 8 August

Along with the two-lane boat ramp this upgrade also includes a floating walkway, a new bitumen car park with 54 spaces and connecting pathways.

It's a major improvement on the previous gravel entry point that had limited parking. Council undertook this project after conducting a study of our recreational boating facilities and it's sure to make it easier and safer for people to launch their boats into our beautiful Maroochy River.

New Photo for Members Cards

TWRA members have voted on a new photo as background for the membership card. We asked members to submit their best photo that they thought showed an iconic Twin Waters view. Many were submitted and a shortlist of five was then voted on by the members. There was a clear winner and this photo will now be adopted as the background for future TWRA membership cards. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and to the many who voted. It was an excellent democratic process! If you are not currently a member of the TWRA, then the best way for you to see which photo was voted as the iconic Twin Waters photo is to join, using the Membership Form in this Newsletter. There are many reasons to join the TWRA. This is just another one!

Which also reminds us - 2016-17 membership renewals are now due. So if you have not already paid your membership renewal, please do so as soon as possible using the form in this Newsletter. Thank you to everyone for your support. We reached a record membership last year of 400 families in Twin Waters and we would like to match or beat that number for 2016-17.



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Twin Waters is Turning 20!!!

The Twin Waters 20th birthday celebration is on Sunday 16 October at Lakeview Park. This year the beneficiary is the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club, who coincidentally are also celebrating their 20th Anniversary too.

Planning and organising for this major yearly function has started thanks to convener Max Mills and sub committee. Further volunteer help is needed both in the planning stages and for the set-up and organisation on the day. Also, if anyone has a Ute with a tow bar or a 4WD and could help out on the day it would be most appreciated.

Contact Max on 045114 4088 or marmaxmills@bigpond.com if you are able to assist.

Parking Issues Around Twin Waters

We are aware that some parts of Twin Waters are having issues with residents using our narrow streets and casual parking bays to permanently park their caravans, boats and trailers. While the existing council parking regulations do not prohibit this, we urge you to consider your neighbours when parking vehicles, caravans and boats as these parks are there for all to use.

The TWRA is considering options to minimise parking disputes and while imposing a 12-hour parking limit across Twin Waters was considered it was deemed unworkable across the whole community.

Another solution must be found to this problem and it will probably involve a change in the parking regulations, so it is unlikely to happen in the short term, but it is something that the committee will continue to work on.

Piano Accordion

A senior Twin Waters resident would like to hear from an understanding piano accordion player / teacher to provide him with lessons on his musical instrument. He wants to play the accordion for his enjoyment and satisfaction but would appreciate a helping hand. Is there somebody out there who would be interested to provide him with such lessons? He is happy to pay for the lessons. Please respond to us at info@twra.net and we will pass on the information to him.

Safe Driving for Seniors

Did you know that once you reach the (young) age of 75, there is an additional requirement attached to maintaining your drivers licence in Queensland?

Everyone 75 and over who holds a Queensland driver licence must carry a current Medical Certificate for Motor Vehicle Driver at all times when driving.

More details about this can be found at the following web site:

www.qld.gov.au/seniors/transport/safe-driving/

Perhaps we don't like to admit it, but as we get older the way we process information, our vision and our ability to move or our range of movement can change. So there is some sense in these requirements. If you would like to test yourself, there is an online RACQ self assessment questionnaire that you could use at: www.racq.com.au/cars-and-driving/safety-on-the-road/educational-programs/older-driver-programs

Better still, why not take a refresher driving course? A local driver training business that has a specialised seniors course is operated by Lynn Stege. You can contact her at lynnstegedrivertraining@gmail.com or call her on 0412 313 276.

Ever Thought of Starting a Reading Group?

Have you often thought about starting your own book club? It can be a great way to open up discussions, read books outside your usual genre and share some of your favourite authors. From small groups that gather in living rooms and libraries to the millions who tune in to find out Oprah's picks each month, reading groups are as popular as ever. If you are not sure how to get started, here are some tips.

The easiest way to start a reading group is to phone a friend! Call or e-mail one or two friends who share your love of books and suggest you read one together. Pick a book you think you'll all enjoy and set up a date to discuss it. If each of you brings a friend to the next meeting, soon you'll have a regular group going!

You can also contact your library as they often have reading sets available to loan. This also, avoids the cost of purchasing every book you read..

The ideal group size is between 8 and 12 members. While commitment is important, not everyone will be able to make it to every meeting. Fewer than 8, and some days you might not have enough for a good discussion. More than 12, and you risk not allowing everyone to be heard.

Once you've gotten your group going, you'll want to discuss how you'll be organized, and consider how you'll make your book selections. Some groups specialize in certain types of reading: nonfiction, mysteries, foreign authors. It's a good idea to appoint a secretary who keeps track of your book lists (both what you've read and what you plan to read), sends out reminders about your meetings and contacts a local bookstore/library about getting enough copies of the book for your group and you can take it in turns to play host.

You can also swap and share your treasures of favourite books at each meeting as well, just pop your name in the front cover or get your secretary to keep track of who has what. This is a fabulous way to access to a great supply of books that come highly recommended.

People join reading groups for many reasons: the reading of good books and the discussions they inspire, exposure to new ideas and differing viewpoints, and an opportunity to socialize with other book lovers. Whatever your reasons for starting one or joining one, as long as you remember to keep it fun and keep the focus on books, you're sure to find your reading group a rewarding experience!

Bowls Day Sunday 14 August

The next Bowls Day at the Twin Waters Retirement Village is set for Sunday, 14th August, starting at 2.00 pm and followed by a BBQ dinner at about 5.30 pm. Cost is \$15.00 each. It is a mixed day and spectators are most welcome. Bowls are supplied and it is a great day for learners. Please register your attendance (for catering purposes) by phoning Bob Gavin 5450 6036 or Warwick Daniels 5450 5148. It is a fun day and always enjoyed by those who have attended in the past. We look forward to seeing you there. Come and have some fun!

Island Style Clothing

Island Style Clothing is a local Twin Waters based online business selling Hawaiian Shirts and resort style clothing. Debby has been in business for 3.5 years and in that time has seen amazing growth.

With the growing popularity of online shopping, a 100% Web-based business was a great opportunity for Debby as a busy mum. She started out selling just Hawaiian shirts but as demand grew the business has expanded into matching dresses and kids clothing, sarongs and resort wear. They have a stunning new array of hand painted floral sarongs and Kaftans for the ladies.

Island Style Clothing found their niche market as specialists in matching clothing. At the recent 'Aussies' Surf lifesaving titles held on the Sunshine Coast, they outfitted several teams in matching shirts. Island Style Clothing are specialists in dressing groups for weddings, golf days, corporate events, cruises & much more.

Recently they have also expanded into Wholesale sales and were excited featured in the April edition of Jetstar Magazine. The business has now grown to the point where Debby employs several staff.

For your next cruise or tropical holiday, a Hawaiian themed party, or for large corporate events and team uniforms, Island Style Clothing website is the place to shop.

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