TWIN TOWNS

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BORDER'S OPEN, EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

WHEN THE BORDER CHECKPOINT FINALLY CAME DOWN LAST MONTH AND RESTRICTIONS EASED FOR TRAVELLERS, AN AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF WAS HEARD RIGHT ACROSS THE SOUTHERN GOLD COAST AND TWEED.

Along with businesses on both sides of the border, Twin Towns was celebrating too as Queenslanders could once again travel to the Clubs and Tweed locals could come back to the heart of town without trepidation. No more traffic delays nor the onerous task of completing online border passes.

Life became so much easier for all who endured more that two years of on again, off again border closures.

"People are coming back to the Club and the vibe is great," says CEO Rob Smith.

"It's clear that many are now finding the confidence to get back to doing the things they love – a night on the town, lunch or dinner at a restaurant or seeing a show. We're seeing the momentum build and long may it continue.

"Some minor restrictions remain for the hospitality industry but they are only a hindrance if you allow them to be.

"It's the new norm and we all need to adopt a positive approach to the future."

Rob encouraged those who visit the Club to also make some time to explore the local shops, restaurants and cafes at Kirra, Coolangatta and Tweed.

"Many of our local businesses have really struggled with problems created by border closures.

"While you're in the vicinity, show them some love too. A quick holiday at home, or near to it, is a great way to get back to life as it should be."





Join the Twinnies Team

If you would like a brand-new job working for Australia's premier licensed Club group, in an idyllic destination right on the Queensland and New South Wales border, Twin Towns would love to hear from you.

You will be sharing your new workplace with around 225 valued Twinnies team members who work across the main Club Twin Towns at Tweed Heads, Club Banora at Banora Point and Twin Towns Juniors at Tweed Heads South.

Queenslanders no longer need a border pass and people now travel freely across the border for work and leisure.

Twin Towns HR Consultant Annie Walsh said Twin Towns' philosophy has always been to provide members and visitors with an exceptional experience when they come to the Clubs.

"Staff must be friendly, welcoming, customer-focused, professional and respectful at all times, and team spirit is a must.

"In return, they get a workplace where health and safety matters, compliance obligations are stringently met and award pay rates are assured and paid on time.

"Plus, it's a great place to work with an awesome bunch of people of all ages! Just ask one of the many staff who have worked at the Clubs for 10 or 20 years or more.

"Previous experience is not a prerequisite and over the years, Twin Towns has trained thousands of first timers.

"A smile and the right attitude will get you a start and this could be just the beginning of a lifelong career in the Club industry," said Annie.

Annie added that there are a few requirements for securing a job with Twin Towns. Staff must be aged 18 years or over and be fully vaccinated.

A NSW RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) accreditation is mandatory, which you need to work at any licensed premises. An RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gaming) accreditation is also required to work in a registered club environment.

<u>Click this link</u> to find out more about how you can obtain these qualifications.

A National Police Certificate (history check) is also required. You can apply for this online. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Right now, Twin Towns is seeking Casual Food and Beverage Attendants, a Full time Senior Sous Chef and Casual or Apprentice Chefs.

Whether you're seeking a career change or change of scenery, your new job could be just a few clicks away. Find everything you need to know or <u>apply</u> on the Twin Towns job portal.

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Welcome to 2022, I trust your holiday break was enjoyable and you had the opportunity to spend some time with family and friends which is such a huge part of Christmas. Marilyn and I were fortunate to be able to share time with our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren over the holiday they are a real joy and each one very special in their own unique way.

I had to pinch myself when the Queensland Premier announced she was removing the Borders and allowing all Australians access to the sunshine state. No more Border passes have to be applied to simply cross the road. The Police returned to their normal duties after spending most of the last two years doing one of the most boring jobs available and at the same time getting abused from members of the public for just doing their job. The members of the public on both sides of the Border have had enough. They simply want to get on with their lives and return to enjoying

their freedom and do what they want. Let's hope that this time around the situation with Border closures is never allowed to happen again. I have never observed so many shops closing their doors during January, which is usually their busiest time of the year, due to lack of staff available to satisfy customer's requirements caused by the current restrictions.

The opening of the Border did not come soon enough to save some businesses from closure, some who will never open again. Even now as I walk around the local area it is disappointing to see the lack of foot traffic not only at Twin Town's Club, but also at the major shopping centres. I can understand how these small business owners must feel when they see the decline in numbers visiting their premises and don't know how or when the situation will change. The terrible burden placed on families who are doing all they can just to survive on a day by day basis let alone prepare for the future.

The Clubs have been severely affected by the shortage of staff caused by the pandemic and the shortage of R.A.T's being available for staff to conduct a test on themselves. When a staff member attends work and during the course of their shift starts to feel unwell, the member will perform their own Rapid

Antigen Test and if the result is positive the staff member concerned will be sent home to isolate for seven days. A number of our staff reside in the same residence therefore if one person tests positive and is sent home then the rest of the household are required to isolate as they are defined as a close contact which also affects staff rostered for duty.

Enough of the negativity, let's move forward with a positive outlook, put Covid behind us and take the opportunity to return to doing all the things we enjoyed such as going out for dinner and drinks with family and friends at clubs and hotels, shopping, returning to picnics in the park or on the beach and once again enjoy socialising with other like-minded people which we have missed so much over the past two years.

Twin Town's Clubs and Resort are open for business. We can't wait to welcome you back. Please make the effort to come back and visit us - we have missed you. There are still some restrictions which have to be observed but by taking the first step which is always the hardest, the rewards you gain will offset them and in the long run it will be well worth the commitment.

Until next time

Brian Brown

SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

START PLANNING YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY PARTY OR CELEBRATION AND LOCK IN THE DATE NOW.

Members get exclusive discounted offers on parties at Twin Towns, including free room hire (a saving of up to \$850) and 10 percent off their dining package.

There's a fantastic range of menus for parties or functions at Twin Towns. From stylish la carte dining for a birthday lunch or dinner to elegant canapes for cocktail parties.

Members are welcome to bring along a birthday cake and Twin Towns will supply the candles! Add a beverage package or cash bar and the party is complete.

To take advantage of the offer, you must have held a

full Twin Towns Advantage membership for over one year. If you're not a member of Twin Towns, you can still hold your birthday party, function or event at Twin Towns.

Give the Conference & Functions Centre team a call for more information on 1800 015 015 or send them an email.

*Terms & conditions apply.

Watch the latest video and virtual tours of Twin Towns function rooms.





Twin Towns supports Green Heroes

THROUGH THE NSW CLUBGRANTS SCHEME, TWIN TOWNS HAS BECOME A MAJOR SPONSOR OF THE GREEN HEROES TURTLE INCUBATION PILOT TRIAL, A PROJECT DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE ENDANGERED POPULATION OF TURTLES NESTING ON TWEED BEACHES.

The Green Heroes Turtle Incubation program began in March 2021, when two fresh loggerhead turtle nests were reported on Fingal Head Beach.

Plans were discussed with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to create an incubation system should the nests require rescue.

Drawing on knowledge from his experience building temperature controlled systems for the medical industry, local Steve designed and created a state-of-the-art prototype for the incubation of marine turtle eggs.

Following a sudden drop in sand temperatures, compromising the outcome of the Fingal nests and several other loggerhead nests laid along the Tweed Coast, a decision was made to rescue the nests and conduct a pilot trial of the new incubation system.

The move resulted in the emergence of the first hatchling from the incubation chambers and over the next few days, 107 hatchlings emerged from a clutch of 113 eggs.



Another two clutches were rescued and hatched from Fingal Head and Pottsville Beach.

Green Heroes Director & Program Coordinator Sarah Jantos thanked Twin Towns for becoming a founding supporter and their faith in the project from conception.

"Without Twin Towns, the project would have been unable to gain the momentum and traction that resulted in overwhelming community support, national and international recognition and the expansion of marine turtle conservation efforts in Northern NSW.

"We attribute much of the success to our ability to move quickly thanks to the

the \$7,732 donation from Twin Towns ClubGRANTS.

"Our vision has always been to involve the whole community in wildlife conservation. Through our programs, community members, families and young people learn that to co-exist with nature is both a privilege and a responsibility.

"With Twin Towns help, Green Heroes, local marine conservation projects will expand this year to include regular turtle monitoring and underwater habitat restoration and preservation."

The Grant also enabled Green Heroes volunteers to engage in education and training at Heron Island Research Station this summer.

Sarah said she hoped reading about the project would inspire everyone in the community to play a role in local marine conservation projects. Follow Green Heroes on Facebook or instagram @beagreenhero to find out about local events and opportunities for involvement.

To find out more about Twin Towns ClubGRANTS, <u>click here.</u>

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DINING AT TWIN TOWNS

WHATEVER YOUR WHIM, YOU'RE BOUND TO FIND SOMETHING TO LOVE FOR LUNCHTIME, DINNERTIME OR ANYTIME AT TWIN TOWNS, CLUB BANORA AND TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS!

TWIN TOWNS

Find premium steaks and seafood, exceptional service and a breezy beachside atmosphere at **Harbour** Fresh on Fridays and Saturdays. Chefs are currently serving their indulgent Lobster Thermidore Special but be quick, they're only available while stocks last.

Flame Bistro opens every day for daily specials, roasts, schnitzels, seafood, steak and kids' meals with a free dessert (children 12 and under).

Flame's legendary pizzas are available every day - perfect if you feel like sharing some 'love' around the table.

On weekends, the BBQ Smoker fires up for lunch on the Harbour Terrace balcony. Kick back with a few jugs and a generous share platter of whole BBQ prime cuts, served with the must-have accompaniments.

Amigos Mexican Express Cantina on Fridays and Saturdays has all

the traditional favourites including tacos, nachos, enchiladas and burritos, teamed up with housemade salads and your choice of filling.

1st on Wharf Tavern serves serious pub-style meals every day, including the hearty \$18 members special with a free beer, wine or spritzer.

Head to the **Orient** at Twin Towns and take your tastebuds on an Asian adventure. Opens for lunch or dinner, Tuesday to Sunday.

Click here for all Twin Towns restaurant opening times.

SLICE AND FORK at Club Banora serves steaks and seafood, roasts, pasta, burgers, schnitzels and kids' meals.

WOK CHOP 'N GRILL at Twin Towns Juniors is the locals' favourite, with Asian Wok Selections, Chinese starters and mains, as well as a range of bistro meals.













TICKETS ON SALE 4.30PM NSW; DRAWN FROM 6.30PM NSW

WIN \$50 IN MEMBERS ADVANTAGE POINTS OR A \$50 TWIN TOWNS GIFT CARD

Two to be won every Friday from 4pm NSW.

Proceeds to Junior Sports. Tickets at the door.

Leah Wilson won an 85 inch TV in the Size Matters giveaway.

LONG LIST OF LUCKY WINNERS

Taking home one of four stunning 85" Samsung QLED valued at \$5,000 each were Banora winners Leah Wilson and Carmelina Smith and Juniors winners Phillip McMillan and Janice.

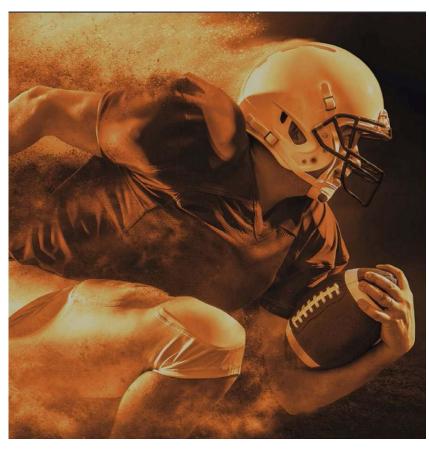
VALUED AT \$4995 EACH

Three people also scored

themselves a luxurious gold e-Trail Electric Mountain Bike last month, just by playing Keno.

Lyn McGregor of Indooroopilly was the Twin Towns winner, Brad Jenkings from Banora Point was the Banora winner and Ian Masman from Banora Point took home the Juniors prize.

Stay tuned for details of the next Twin Towns giveaway coming soon.



SUPER BOWL

COMES TO 1ST ON WHARF

Valentine's Day in Australia is all about America's famous Super Bowl this year and sports lovers can catch it live at 1st on Wharf Tavern on Monday 14 February from 9.30am Qld – 'our time'.

With the ticket prices ranging from around \$6,000 to \$21,000, only the 'cashed up' will get the chance to see the game unfold at the SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, California. Yet, it's tipped to be a sellout as is always the case with Super Bowl.

At the time of writing, the two teams to contest the Super Bowl NFL Championship are yet to be decided but the game is guaranteed to be a thriller.

Plus, you'll be amongst the first to see those incredible Super Bowl TV commercials, which can cost the advertiser up to \$6.5 million for a 30 second spot!

Get in early for the best seats in 1st on Wharf Tavern.





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The Killer Queen Experience

TWO BIG SHOWS ON GOOD FRIDAY

Since starting out as a local Queen cover-band in Brisbane in 2003, the Killer Queen Experience has evolved into an international touring show.

Frontman John Blunt is one of just a handful of tribute performers to truly go global, headlining concerts and festivals in London, Glasgow, New Zealand, Thailand and Macau, and touring Singapore and Norway.

John has performed as special guest at the Annual Queen Convention in the

UK and in 2018 was invited to join the cast of Legends in Concert, America's longest running Las Vegas Production, where he lived and performed in the USA for six weeks.

He was also chosen for the role of Freddie Mercury in the 2016 Bio Docudrama The Freddie Mercury Story - Who Wants To Live Forever, which regularly airs on the REELZ Channel and iTV throughout America and Europe.

"This was never just a job for us. We

take the word 'tribute' very seriously, down to every detail, including our instruments, costumes and the energy we bring to the stage.

"We are part of Queen's legacy, and they are part of us," says John.

Don't miss the opportunity to see the legendary Killer Queen Experience Lap of the Gods Tour at Twin Towns. Matinee and evening shows on Good Friday, 15 April. Tickets \$42 + booking fee. Book now!



OH WHAT A NIGHT!

TRIBUTE TO FRANKIE VALLI & THE FOUR SEASONS

This exhilarating, family-friendly musical revue thrills the audience with great choreography, boundless energy, humour and timeless classics, including Sherry, Big Girls Don't Cry, Walk Like A Man, Can't Take My Eyes Off You, My Eyes Adored You, Working My Way Back To You, Let's Hang On and Who Loves You. Between the score of recognisable tunes, OH WHAT A NIGHT! also tells a story, one that's laced with hilarious banter between its stellar, talented and high-spirited cast.

Twin Towns Showroom, Saturday 7 May. Tickets \$55 + booking fee. Book now.



MURPHY'S PIGS ARE LOOSE IN THE SHOWROOM

A BIG BAND, A BIG SOUND AND OVER 50 METRES OF SUIT FABRIC! THIS IS THE AWARD-WINNING CELTIC-ROCK BAND THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION IS WARNING EVERYONE ABOUT.

Throw caution to the wind and set forth on a musical journey through the land of the Celts as Murphy's Pigs drag you headfirst into their world of rugged mountains, stormy oceans, fearsome battles, unrequited love and a drop or two of whiskey.

Their unrehearsed style breathes new life into old favourites and firmly places their unique stamp on contemporary treasures and some nottoo-shabby stuff that they've written themselves.

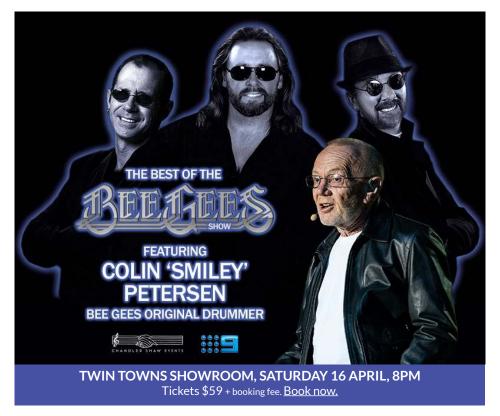
Mildly humorous onstage banter, an insane number of instruments and robust, manly voices unite to create an experience that will, unfortunately, be seared into your memory long after the show is over.

Murphy's Pigs have performed at some mighty fine gigs including the world's largest Celtic Festival 'Festival Interceltique de Lorient' in France (twice), Tamworth Country Music Festival, Woodford Folk Festival, Gympie Muster, Winton's Way Out Festival and the Australian Celtic Festival.

If you like stamping your feet, laughing until your sides split or simply enjoying some great entertainment, Murphy's Pigs tick all the boxes.

Murphy's Pigs, Twin Towns Showroom, Matinee performance Sunday 20 March at 2pm Qld. Tickets \$29 + booking fee. Book now.







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GOLD DUST WOMAN

The Stevie Nicks/
Fleetwood Mac Experience
Saturday 12 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$39 + booking fee

Relive the vocals of Stevie Nicks and electrifying guitar work of Lindsay Buckingham when this team of top musicians light up the stage with the timeless Fleetwood Mac classics of the '70s and '80s. Book now.



THE FABULOUS CAPRETTOS

Daryl Braithwaite, Jack Jones, Russell Morris & Rai Thistlethwayte Friday 4 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$65 + booking fee

Four great friends and musos join forces for the first time, performing together for the entire duration of the concert and presenting their individual hits and favourite songs from decades gone by. Get in early for the best seats. Book now.



YACHT ROCK REVIVAL

Saturday 5 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$45 + booking fee

Yacht Rock Revival pays tribute to the definition of '70s light rock, collecting favourite sounds, songs and grooves from an era when 'smooth' was everything. Melodically clever and harmonically unexpected, Yacht Rock is soulful, well-constructed music that just makes people, well, happy. Book now.



ANTHONY CALLEA

Together Again Tour

Saturday 12 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$65 + booking fee

Anthony is undoubtedly one of Australia's finest entertainers and the ARIA Award winner will take to the stage with his full band to deliver a truly spectacular live music experience. The country has fallen in love with his dynamic vocal abilities and you will too! Book now.

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SHORROCK & CADD

The Two Amigos

Saturday 19 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$59 + booking fee

Take a musical journey through five decades with The Two Amigos! Performing hit after hit, including Little Ray of Sunshine, Reminiscing, Ginger Man, Arkansas Grass, Cool Change, Help Is On Its Way and Don't You Know Its Magic. Book now.

THE PIANO MEN

Friday 25 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$49 + booking fee

Experience the greatest songs by two of the best-selling music artists and piano legends of all time: Billy Joel and Elton John. This powerful performance is presented by Paul Bacon as Sir Elton John and Gaz Jenkins as Billy Joel. Book now.





BLOOM

Sings Stevie Nicks, Carole King & the **Linda Ronstadt Songbook**

Saturday 26 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$30 + booking fee

In this brand new tribute show, powerhouse singer/songwriter, Bloom, invites you to experience the incredible hits that span several decades from three of the world's best loved Grammy Award winning artists, Stevie, Carole and Linda. Book now.

ARC - NEIL YOUNG'S HARVEST LIVE

Sunday 3 April, 7.30pm

Tickets from \$74.90 + booking fee

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of Neil Young's landmark album 'Harvest', four members of legendary Aussie bands, Spiderbait, Powderfinger, Jet and You Am I, present Harvest in its entirety, plus a selection of Neil Young classics. Book now.







SOME OF THE BEST BEACHES IN AUSTRALIA, BLUE SKIES AND SUNSHINE, GREAT RESTAURANTS, BARS AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, ARE ALL ON THE DOORSTEP OF YOUR ACCOMMODATION AT MANTRA TWIN TOWNS.

With water temps hitting the mid 20's this month, there's no better time to dip your toe in the water and book a stay.

Your Deluxe Room or apartment is just a short stroll to Coolangatta or Greenmount where you can swim, surf or take a long walk on the beach. There are also beautiful picnic spots along the foreshore. Pack your own lunch or buy some fish and chips or burgers from one of the friendly local cafes.

Spend the afternoon relaxing by the huge outdoor pool at Mantra or if you've had

enough sun for one day, there's an indoor pool too.

The Club is just a few minutes' walk across the overhead walkway which adjoins the Resort. Head to one of the bars or restaurants or relax with a cocktail or two on the Harbour Terrace balcony overlooking Jack Evans Boat Harbour.

You don't need to be a holidaymaker to stay at Mantra Twin Towns! Many Tweed locals and Gold Coasters regularly head to the resort for some R&R. It's an opportunity to

enjoy all the attractions of Twin Towns and the Southern Gold Coast without the need to drive.

Mantra offers Twin Towns members discounted midweek rates, including a Deluxe Room from \$159 per night. These rates are for a minimum two-night stay including breakfast.

Call Mantra Twin Towns on 1800 19 20 20 to discuss your members' rate and start packing your bag.

*Conditions and blockout dates apply. Limited time only.

SEE A SHOW, STAY THE NIGHT!





GOLD DUST WOMAN

Stevie Nicks/Fleetwood Mac Experience Saturday 12 February

From \$328 (2 people)

THE FABULOUS CAPRETTOS

Friday 4 March

From \$409 (2 people)

YACHT ROCK REVIVAL

Saturday 5 March From \$340 (2 people)

ANTHONY CALLEA

Together Again

Saturday 12 March From \$380 (2 people)

GLENN SHORROCK & BRIAN CADD

The Two Amigos

Saturday 19 March From \$368 (2 people)

THE PIANO MEN

Direct from London's West End

Friday 25 March From \$348 (2 people)

BLOOM

Saturday 26 March From \$339 (2 people)

ARC

Neil Young's Harvest Live Tour

Sunday 3 April From \$529.80 (2 people)

BUDDY'S BACK

The Buddy Holly Show

Friday 22 April From \$438 (2 people)

NEIL DIAMOND SUPER HITS

Starring Steve Cummins

Saturday 29 April From \$357 (2 people)

OH WHAT A NIGHT

Tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons

Saturday 7 May From \$360 (2 people)

MIRUSIA

Songbird

Sunday 8 May (matinee) From \$419.80 (2 people)

JOHN PAUL YOUNG

50 Years Young - The Anniversary Tour

Friday 13 May

From \$368 (2 people)

ARC - LET IT BE LIVE

Thursday 19 May

From \$369.80 (2 people)

WORLD OF MUSICALS

Saturday 28 May

From \$409.80 (2 people)