

TWRA President's Report for year ending 8th August 2016

2015-16 turned out to be a very productive and successful year for the TWRA .

For as long as the TWRA has been going (15 yrs?) it has had a membership target of 400 members, and YES this year we achieved that. This is fantastic, it proves we are doing some things right and residents appreciate it. However with 1200 dwellings in Twin Waters we should be able to double that!! Maybe all members who are aware that neighbours, friends or acquaintances are not members you could put in a good word and tell them the benefits of becoming a member.

Our activities over the past year have been many and varied:-

- Bruce and Denise Morcombe were our October guest speakers, as representatives of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This was a very moving and enlightening presentation. What an amazing family to be able to channel all their energy from such tragedy into this worthwhile cause in remembrance of their son.
- The 19th Birthday in the park was a great success. Dinah McCulloch and her band of helpers did a great job last year. With new and innovative ideas. And probably the best attendance so far. Max Mills is the event organiser this year and I know this event will get bigger and better.
- We had a great year on the "Dine Out" front with Ed and Merryl Berry continuing to do an outstanding job to organise all the dinners and lunches at a variety of restaurants that have been very well attended.
- The Christmas Carols were the highlight for our calendar year. Designed around doing something special for families at this important part of our year. The Fireworks were sensational. Evan Flower and his band of willing volunteers really stepped up to the mark inviting a variety of well received talented guest artists.
- Our councillor candidates/mayoral candidates forum in March was an important community service, for the first time this year we had the mayoral candidates attend alongside the division 8 candidates. This proved to be popular with candidates and TWRA residents.
- Another guest speaker at one of our general meetings, who was extremely interesting was John Knaggs, CEO of Sun Central Maroochydore. He really convinced us that the future CBD of the Sunshine Coast will be state of the art. A

future development that will create jobs, growth and will put the Sunshine Coast on the map.

- The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion has got the go ahead from Council, State and Federal bodies. This plan has been on the drawing board since the 1980's so what a relief that it can now move forward. This will generate jobs, boost tourism, help in our local export business and secure Sunshine Coast arrivals and departures nationally and internationally for generations to come. The TWRA has been very supportive and involved with local and state bodies to get this project approved.
- During the year we have built a good relationship with Stocklands with regard to their proposed new improved development on the Canelands. The SCC, Stocklands and TWRA are on the same page. Development will, if it proceeds, be a similar if not a better development than the existing Twin Waters. Stockland are very mindful of our concerns about flooding and traffic egress and ingress. They are happy to consult and get our feedback so they can move forward.

Other activities and acknowledgements :-

Our monthly Newsletter is a publication that is keenly looked forward to by our residents each month, full of up to date items of news and interesting, helpful articles. We changed the look and format of the newsletter late last year and I think it looks great. I have to thank Sarah Eccersall who has been the Editor over the last 12 months or so. She has been professional in her ability to keep up with what is happening in and around Twin Waters, the pages were always full of great content, but she also put her unique mark and spin on it's content. She has been a delight to work with and always had a happy and generous nature to go with it. Unfortunately Sarah has to stand down as editor as she is pursuing a major studying exercise. We wish her all the very best for her personnel and professional future.

Thank you! also goes to Ed and Merryl Berry and the enthusiastic volunteers who walk the streets of Twin Waters delivering the newsletters.

The TWRA website has been a challenge this year. A big thank you to Liz Hope who has had a major job as Administrator. She has faced many challenges to keep the website up and running, trying not to let members down. The good news is that she will be getting very professional help later in the year that will hopefully reduce her work load.

Twin Waters continues to be the envy of other residents' association groups, thanks to the efforts of a team led by Warwick Daniels in the Landscape Maintenance Group. Our Parks and Public Garden areas are always kept in pristine condition.

Neighbourhood Watch is still an active association in Twin Waters. We have a close working relationship with them. Kerryn Vincart, also a TWRA committee member is now heading up this organisation. It is good to have her wearing 2 hats. They had another great bike engraving day, that broke the record for the number of bikes engraved. Thank you to all who volunteers their services.

Thank you and Appreciation

There are many people who work behind the scenes in assisting the TWRA and the committee in organising and maintaining a quality lifestyle and environment in which to live. There are far too many to mention personally but on behalf of the TWRA Executive Committee and myself a big thank you!!!

We work closely with both Local and State Representatives. Fiona Simpson and Jason O'Pray. They are great supporters of TWRA. They attend and get involved with the Christmas Carols and Birthday in the Park and attend General meetings when they can.

Jason has grown into his position as Division 8 representative and has helped and supported us as required.

Fiona is always enthusiastic about all things Twin Waters. She has helped in getting a project up and running to tidy up, revamp and revegetate the "ugly" roundabout on the David Lowe Way and Sunshine Coast Motorway.

I would like to express my sincere thank you to the TWRA Executive Committee. Apart from attending committee meetings most of them are involved in other duties and work on numerous subcommittees. Some are still working full time!! They all put in countless hours to make the TWRA a success.

Membership is administered by Ed and Merryl Berry. They are also involved in other projects for TWRA, so a big thank you to two very busy people.

Newsletter Advertising is handled by Joanne Reilly, as this is a very popular medium to promote businesses Jo has to be a great juggler. Thank you.

Thank you to Sophie Lever, our secretary. She is the most efficient person you could meet. Always has a ready smile with every thing under control. Thank you Sophie for allowing the Executive Committee to hold our meetings in the Lever Law Board room.

Jacqui Eedgeman is the Treasurer who any association would love to have. She calls a spade a spade and also has the greatest sense of humour. Thank you Jacq for your efforts.

On a personal note I want to thank Peter Braithwaite, my predecessor, who has helped me settle in to the last year as president. Peter is a gentleman of intelligence and experience, who always puts that common sense spin on things. Also a big thank you to another past president, Geoff Billard. Geoff is the man behind the scenes, helping get things done, putting up new ideas, a lynch pin for the association. Sincere thanks Geoff.

I want to thank all the committee for their support over the last 12 months, not only for their amazing efforts but also in assisting me in making my role easier.

To finish up I have to, on behalf of us all, thank the generous sponsors that are always there to support the TWRA: Novotel are always there to help, allowing us to use the meeting rooms for our General meetings and the Wandiny Room for our Christmas Carols, and also for our Council Candidates Forum, free of charge. We also get a special deal for Christmas in July.

The very friendly "Friendly Grocer" collects our membership payments which is very convenient for our members and the TWRA committee and as well Amit and Punita always donate items for our Birthday in the Park.

We receive generous support from Sunshine Coast Council, Bendigo Community Bank, North Shore Realty and North Shore Lions Club, Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club. We are very fortunate to have established and maintained such good relationships through out our community.

I am very proud to be a small part of the successful team known as the TWRA.

Rob Ruskin
President.