

## **TWRA President's Report for year ending 14th August 2017**

2016-17 turned out to be a very productive and successful year for the TWRA .

For as long as the TWRA has been going it has had a membership target of 400 members, but now we have close to 500 members. 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 could put in a positive word and tell them the benefits of becoming a member.

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

- The August general meeting was very informative, with Kevin Hegarty giving us a presentation on the new State of the Art Sunshine Coast University Hospital.
- The October General Meeting's Guest Speaker was a TWRA Member, Marilyn Freeman, who gave us a great insight into the workings of Toastmasters.
- In December we had quite a coup in getting Mayor Mark Jamieson to be Guest Speaker. He gave us a detailed report as to what had been achieved since his re-election i.e. SSC Airport expansion, SSC CBD project etc and a forecast of what was being planned for the future benefit of the SC
- February's General meeting saw us have presentations from Peter Pallot, General Manager Sunshine Coast Airport and Ross Ullman, Project Director, Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion. This was a complete outline about this development. What an amazing project.
- In April we had Greg Gowlett, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services who gave us a presentation on what they do around communities, what we can do to prevent fires and what to do in case of a fire.
- We saw the introduction of "Mailchimp," the broadcast email platform we use to communicate with our members. It is a fantastic tool and is working well. Once again thanks to Geoff Billard for setting this up with the help of Dave Graham.
- October's 20th Birthday in the park was a great success. Max Mills and his band of helpers did a great job last year with new and innovative ideas. And probably the best attendance so far. Max has an even bigger and better programme planned for this year.

- Also in October Peter Braithwaite, helped by his wife Margaret organised the inaugural 20th BIRTHDAY PARTY. This was held at the Loose Goose. We all gathered on the deck outside and enjoyed each others company, sipped wine and nibbled on tasty canapés. Personally I hope this is an annual event.
- We had a great year on the “Dine Out” front with Ed and Merryl Berry continuing to do an outstanding job in organising all the dinners and lunches at a variety of restaurants which have been very well attended.
- Ed and Merryl also organise the Clean Up Twin Waters event and as always this was well attended with a great sausage sizzle and prizes as a great incentive prior to us all going off and cleaning up the parks and waterways.
- 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 sponsor by the Bendigo Community Bank were sensational as always. Evan Flower and his band of willing volunteers really stepped up to the mark inviting a variety of well received talented guest artists. Our very own secretary Sophie is the co-ordinator this year and I am sure she will well and truly keep the momentum going.
- The Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion is now under way and we look forward to the day the first Big jet arrives in 2020.
- The Twin Waters West Proposed Planning Amendment, which the TWRA supported is now in the hands of the State Government as the Sunshine Coast Council voted in favour of the PPA. We now await the States decision.

## **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. I want to thank Merran Dobson 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 are always full of great content, even though some months are quiet on news items. She has also put her unique mark and spin on it's content.

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 now settled down after some years of being a challenge 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. Thank you Liz!! The good news is that now she can call on our very own member Dave Graham who is a professional in this field and gives his time generously. Thank you Dave!!

Twin Waters continues to be the envy of other residents' association groups, thanks to the efforts of a team led by Warwick Daniels ( Sadly, Warwick who was a Champion for Twin Waters and hard working member of the TWRA Executive Committee and sub committees passed away on 21st July, 2017. He will be missed) in the Landscape Maintenance Group. Our Parks and Public Garden areas are always kept in pristine condition. I am sure the standard will continue under the watchful eyes of Max Mills and Tony Freeman

Neighbourhood Watch is still an active association in Twin Waters. We have a close working relationship with them. Kerryn Vincart, Jenny Masche and Merryl Berry organised Turning The Screws on Crime and Bike Engraving along with volunteers and both were very successful.

## **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.

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. She is the ACE of minute taking.

Mary-Helen Boag took over the role of Treasurer after Jacqui Eedgeman resigned. She is a treasurer any association would love to have. She has a terrific attention to detail attitude and what she can't do with spreadsheets is not worth knowing.

I want to thank Ken Vaughn, Tony Freeman and Kevin Lyons who give their time to attend the Airport Forums. This helps us to keep abreast of happenings around the airport. I would suggest that this is going to gain momentum in the near future.

We all owe Malcolm and Cynthia Smith a great big thank you. Each year they organise the fantastic Christmas in July and also look after the sales of the Entertainment Books which bring in some nice funds for the TWRA.

I would like to express my sincere thank you to all 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.

On a personal note I want to thank Peter Braithwaite, 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. This year Geoff has been invaluable to myself and the committee, I could not have done without him. 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. We are a close knit committee, we communicate well, respect each others views and work as a team.

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, free of charge. Warwick Kahl also arranges finger food for our general meetings.

We also get a special deal for Christmas in July.

Thank you to Theona and Cody from "FOOD WORKS" who collect our membership payments which is very convenient for our members and the TWRA committee and as well 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.*