

Twin Waters
Residents Association

General Meeting Minutes of the Twin Waters Residents Association
held at Novotel Twin Waters Resort

Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm

1. Opening	Meeting opened at 7.30pm	Action
1. Attendance	Attendance: see attached Attendance Sheet Apologies: Fiona Simpson, Jason O'Pray, Tina Pietzch, Ed & Merryl Berry, Margaret Braithwaite, Liz Hope, Geoff Baker, Sheila and Aiden Haslam, Robin Bolton, Rob Fletcher, K & J Palmer	
2. Guest Speaker (out of sequence, Mr O'Brien spoke at approximately 8.00pm)	Mr Ted O'Brien, Member LNP Fairfax Ted O'Brien – welcomed to the meeting. Our Federal MP – giving us an update locally and nationally and then some commentary and advice or ask questions. Ted has been the member for Fairfax for just over a year. He has been working on with his colleagues Lew O'Brien (Wide Bay) and Andrew Wallace (Fisher) on the following locally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transport infrastructure as an area where we need to carve off federal support. Never has the SC been a recipient of funding ever before. Mainly due to funding for Bruce Highway, just north of Caloundra Rd turnoff – construction works have just begun to add additional lanes up to motorway, bridges, interchanges, service lanes etc. Up the road from there \$187m committed for Maroochydore Interchange, including digitalizing around round about as well as additional lanes, service lanes, etc. Business case has been completed, money has been locked in. 12 to 18 months away. Treasurer Scott Morrison announced \$353M for additional lanes from Caboolture to Caloundra. 80% federal, 20% state funding. We are hoping however wins the forthcoming election will give the remaining 20%. 6 lanes – 3 each way all the way between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. • \$181M concessional loan for the upgrade of the airport. That helped Council to complete its deal with the private sector and by the end of 2020 we should have an international airport. • Many other smaller grants have been given towards transport, communications, communities and environment Nationally: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Court is now deliberating on the citizenship issues. Wait to see what comes from that. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parliament returns next week and the big issues politically are around plebiscite for same sex marriage, citizenship and thirdly, energy and the price of electricity. • Federal Small Business minister was in town today and it is to no surprise that the number one issue is it is all about energy. Challenge for us moving forward is to do what we can and pull what levers we have to pull back electricity prices and bring more certainty and security over the energy system into the future. <p>Question time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key element to our future in Australia is our economy. We are \$500b in debt federally. That will soon be reduced to \$29.4M and hopefully by 2021 we will be back in surplus. Ted believes we need to be more competitive economically. We are more exposed to the global economy than many others. We borrow so much from overseas which is why we are more exposed. We need to remain competitive as a country and it means making sure our businesses are competitive. • This lead to the cost of electricity. Federal and State Governments are heavily involved as is the private sector. Both teirs of government need to work together to exert downward pressure on prices. Unlikely prices can reduce. Part of the problem in Ted's opinion is that there is a monopoly on the supply of electricity. The vast majority of generators are Government owned. The supply companies are laden in debt due to the tax imposed by the State government. • Retailers are collecting a set percentage fee on top of costs. That is not a good incentive to keep costs low. No incentive on big companies to think about the future when they need to deliver dividends today. The system is an absolute mess at the moment. We are uncompetitive as an economy and government has to act but not sure what the solution is. Should we be chasing a clean energy target? If so, what should the target be? • Health – biggest budget line item is social welfare \$164b, \$75b on health. Driving down those is key whilst giving a sustainable Medicare system. Also looking at a levy to make sure NDIS is delivered. As that rolls out it will be challenging for community organizations to challenge their business model. Can plug the gap in funding in the form of a levy Need to keep people healthy whilst at the same time not blow out the budget. There are some key reforms in social welfare. • What have I done personally as a newbie in parliament? I have gone into meetings and told the meeting what I wanted for this district. We are more strategic than that and we go in (3 of us) and it seems to hold more weight. • I have created Team Queensland which is a pack of 26 of us with a 9 point plan now which really holds weight in Parliament and that is why we have success with things like the upgrades to the Bruce Highway in the budget. • 410 visa holders remain on the mind of Peter Dutton. Multiple meetings held about this issue. We need to ensure that the economic cost is prosecuted well enough in the Treasurer's office, but to date no major movement. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Council rates – why do self funded retirees not get the same concessions as pensioners do? Ted had no comment – beyond his level of responsibilities. Jason O’Pray may be able to respond. Dave Dunwoody asked about an alternative rail - rather than duplicating line between Caboolture and Nambour, light rail through Caloundra, Hospital, Maroochydore? Ted responded that the main priority is the Bruce Highway which they are now delivering on. They have also delivered on concessional loan for the airport, the major remaining piece is rail. Ted would like to see rail built on both corridors - Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication and also Camcos corridor. More likely to see the duplication rather than Camcos. For Fed Govt to try to assist, they need State to also assist as it is their asset. Land has been resumed for a second line. There is no commitment from the State Government. In the Federal Govt in May Scott Morrison announced a 10B rail program (over a 10 year period). Need State Govt to put money on the table. Our railway towns would get a real opportunity with the duplication. There is land value in that corridor, State Govt need to recognize it and put money on the table to duplicate. All Ted’s colleagues on Team Qld have identified this as one of their priorities. Camcos is not part of that. Ted would like to see Camcos as part of it. If there is any chance of getting that as part of any bigger deal it needs to be an Urban development deal rather than a transport deal. There will be creation of new railway stations and you will then have the opportunity to build in the land as part of that funding/opportunity. David Greenhalgh from the audience noted far too many people involved in Government and questioned whether we are over-governed. If we got rid of one level of government we would be better off as a country. Most people in the room shared the view. Ted responded: if we had the luxury of a clean sheet of paper it would be easy but we don’t have that luxury. He doesn’t believe we’ll ever get rid of Fed or State Government as it would require constitutional reform. A referendum is required, which in turn requires a majority of people and a majority of states to vote in favour. Ted’s idea is to replace councils with states, thus creating more states. Still requires a constitutional change but an easier rather than stripping a tier of government. 	
3. Vote of thanks	Max Mills	
4. New Members	No new members	
5. Minutes of GM 14 th August 2017	Minutes on Website – Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Moved by Marilyn Freeman, seconded Rob Ruskin.	

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6. Reports	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u></p> <p>15.08.2017 – email from Kathryn Hyman;</p> <p>15.08.2017 – email from Brian Bolton supporting TWRA in its TWW position;</p> <p>15.08.2017 – email from Robyn Crommelin supporting TWRA in its TWW position</p> <p>15.08.2017 – email from Tina Pietzsch requesting explanation re TWW and reply</p> <p>16.08.2017 – email from Wendy & Jim Darcy supporting TWRA in its TWW position;</p> <p>15.08.2017 – email from Evan Flower supporting TWRA and its TWW position;</p> <p>17.08.2017- email to Mayor Jamieson re TWW (CC Fiona, Jason);</p> <p>17.08.2017 – email from Hans Seltenreich re TWW – and reply</p> <p>18.08.2017 – email from Tim and Edith Cragg and reply</p> <p>19.08.2017 – email from Reg Brine re TWW</p> <p>22.08.2017 – Email from Wendy & Jim Darcy re evacuation plan – reply?</p> <p>23.08.2017 – email to Tim and Edith Cragg</p> <p>23.08.2017 – email from Kathryn Hyman citing she is a member of TWRA and demanding a public apology by TWRA.</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email from Pat & Noel Salter expressing support for TWRA and its position re TWW</p> <p>24.08.2017 – Email from Barry Smith expressing support for TWRA and its position re TWW</p> <p>24.08.2017 – Cc email from Brian Bolton – he emailing Tim and Edith Cragg;</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email of support from William Armstrong;</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email of support from Linda Rule;</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email of support from Tony and Maris Sayer;</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email from Peter Pallot regarding firefighting foam – do we need to forward this to anyone?</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email from Max Mills to SCRC re grant;</p> <p>26.08.2017 – email from Tony Butt in support</p> <p>24.08.2017 – email from Paul Dignam in support;</p> <p>25.08.2017 – email from David Hyman re TWW;</p> <p>27.08.2017 – email from Keith and Jeannie Campbell re TWW;</p> <p>28.08.2017 – Email from Max Mills to SCRC;</p> <p>23.08.2017 – letter from M & B Brassey regarding TWW</p> <p>01.09.2017 – email from Lorraine Stott requesting she be left out of communications regarding TWW and STWWD.</p> <p>04.09.2017 – Email response from Council regarding TWW misrepresentation</p> <p>12.09.2017 – Letter from E & M Berry nominating Rob Ruskin for life membership</p> <p>12.09.2017 – email from Ian McMurtrie of Baker Finch Place regarding trip hazard;</p> <p>12.09.2017 – email from Anne Lawrence regarding TWW</p> <p>12.09.2017 – email to Anne Lawrence in response.</p> <p>15.09.2017 – letter from Fiona Robertson regarding parking in Seahorse Dve and Oyster Court</p> <p>16.09.2017 – emails to/from SCRC re permits for birthday;</p> <p>16.09.2017 – email to Ian McMurtrie regarding trip hazard;</p> <p>15.09.2017 email to Vince Paola and reply from Vince;</p> <p>20.09.2017 – Email to Fiona Robertson acknowledging receipt;</p> <p>21.09.2017 – Email from Fiona Robertson;</p>	
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<p>7. Cr Jason O’Pray</p>	<p>Apology</p>	
<p>8. AGM Election of Committee</p>	<p>Kerryn Vincart reported that in the last couple of days there have been queries regarding election of the Management Committee.</p> <p>When it comes to our AGM at this year’s meeting there was only 1 nomination for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary.</p> <p>Jason O’Pray chairs our meetings as he is not a member. The reason he steps into the chair is that he is someone impartial. It has been tradition to do this over the years.</p>	

	<p>Perhaps Councillor O’Pray could have been more precise with his words and stated that "there being no other nominations in accordance with the Constitution, the relevant nominees are therefore duly elected to each of the positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Executive Committee" or words to that effect. This did not occur and we can therefore understand why it may have appeared that the committee were ‘self-elected’. This is certainly not the case. Had there been, for example, several valid nominations for President or indeed any of the Committee positions, then a vote would have been held as to who should be elected to the position. In recent history, this has only happened once when there were two nominations for Treasurer several years ago.</p> <p>So then, where there are uncontested nominations, it would appear that the only result is that the nominees be accepted in the positions for which they have been nominated.</p> <p>We will ensure in future years that the correct wording is used.</p> <p>Tim Cragg asked several questions regarding the procedure for voting at the AGM and for nominations. He asked why members weren’t given notice of when they could nominate someone.</p> <p>Kerryn noted that we had complied with the terms of the Constitution.</p> <p>Tim proposed that the Model Rules applied and therefore the TWRA had not complied with the requirements of the legislation.</p> <p>The meeting was reminded that at any time, they may request details of who has been nominated to the committee.</p>	
<p>9. Warwick Daniels Memorial</p>	<p>Warwick Daniels memorial. Suggestions were called for as to how to appropriately remember Warwick. At the moment we are told that Lake View Park is not officially named, so it will not be a complicated task to get it named at Warwick Daniels Park or Warwick Daniels Memorial Park or something similar. Betty Daniels has reported to have said “it is either that park or no park at all”.</p>	
<p>10. TWW</p>	<p>Twin Waters West: At this stage, there is no outcome on the PPA from the State Government so there is no information and nothing to report.</p> <p>Tony Freeman moved a procedural motion that the subject of Twin Waters, West, the Canelands and all things associated with that, now be laid upon the table at the chair’s discretion.</p> <p>The Chair had the right to accept it and open it up to a vote, which she duly did.</p> <p>The motion was: The subject of Twin Waters West, the Canelands and associated subjects be now laid upon the table.</p> <p>35 for votes 7 against votes</p> <p>Carried</p>	

11. TW Golf Day 24.09.2017	<p>Kevin Lyons reported that we had missed a couple of years but we had 48 players this year. Had golf course completely to themselves. Most pleasing thing was that the businesses of Twin Waters really supported it. We are a very close knit community and it was shown in their support. Had committee members doing the desk. Had around 80 people for lunch all together. The Golf Club were delighted with the day. It gives confidence to making it an every year event.</p> <p>Kevin was thanked for his contribution to the day.</p>	
12. Birthday in the Park 'Coming of Age' Celebration	<p>Coming of age celebration – This Sunday is our 21st birthday celebration. It will be a great day. Expecting 300 people down there. We have the PP girls choir, jazz band. Two things we could request help on – ladies there to sell cakes – please bring your baked goods. Tony Freeman is the plant person and would appreciate any cuttings on the day. 12pm to 3pm on the day.</p>	
13. Loose Goose Birthday party	<p>Peter Braithwaite reported that our 'other' 21st birthday celebration on the 19th November 2017 at Loose Goose we have a wonderful night – red and white wine, champagne (with thanks to Kevin and Adrian for their donation of 12 doz Pinot Noir and Sauv Blanc) – much appreciated. Delicious food from Loose Goose – kicking off at 6pm. More information will follow online.</p>	
14. Christmas Carols	<p>Carols booked for the Wandiny Room - 17th December 2017 Looking for helpers to sell raffle tickets – contact Sophie at info@twra.net for further information Fantastic variety of performers have been booked plus we have been reliably informed that Father Christmas himself may make an appearance towards the end of the evening. The night will finish with a spectacular fireworks display over the lagoon. We hope that you can all attend.</p>	
15. Maintenance update	<p>Maintenance company – Prime were no longer available to do the work and Council put in an interim contractor to do all of the maintenance work in the public areas.</p> <p>In the last week, they have extended for 5 years the Contract of that company. Johanna (from Prime) has now joined The Maintenance Company which is great. Give them all a wave when you pass them.</p> <p>We have people that concentrate on areas and we have a vacancy or two to be filled – to keep an eye on it and meet every 3 or 4 months with Council to identify any problems and point out issues.</p>	
16. Airport Forum	<p>Kevin and Tony are going to a meeting tomorrow night so nothing much to report tonight. At the next meeting we will report more.</p>	

17. Any other business	None	
18. Acknowledgement Of Sponsors	Novotel (thanks to Warwick for the magnificent food). Thanks to Theona and Cody from Food Works Twin Waters.	
President Chairperson	Meeting 08.45pm Next Meeting – Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm at the Novotel Twin Waters. Guest speaker is Dave Graham, Rock Paper Digital & Barry McMenomy, NBN Date...../...../2017	