

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

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30pm

1.Opening	Meeting opened at 7.30pm	Action
1.Attendance	Attendance: see attached Attendance Sheet  Apologies: Geoff and Jocelyn Billard, Kevin and Margie Lyons, Ed & Merryl Berry	
2. Guest Speaker	<p>Greg Gowlett, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services. How to prepare for bushfire booklet was available to the meeting. Prepare. Act. Survive. It is also obtainable on <a href="http://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au">www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Normally starts around July August, sometimes through to November. Cannot ever recall a fire season that has lasted til March as it has this year. Be aware that whilst Sunshine Coast doesn't suffer bad bushfires it won't always be the case.</p> <p>2 types of residential living – high density with bush on the edges Other type of communities – acreage type allotments with houses and the bush intermingled with houses. More so in Twin Waters we have the first type. They are a necessity for many of the types of vegetation they have. Some species in fact have been lost as there has not been enough bush fire. High temps, high winds and ignition but it still needs to be dry. If there is no moisture then it is more like.</p> <p>These conditions convert into a rating. For example, Maryborough had a fire rating of 199/200 just before the cyclone. Moisture is the key but wind is the nemesis.</p> <p>Terrain is generally quite flat but on hills it is more likely (ie Mt Coolum) Embers are the biggest risk for houses. Radiated heat can also set the property on fire. Embers can quite quickly take hold in leaf litter in gutters. FDR (Fire danger ratings) measure how likely a fire is. Three stages to community warnings: Advice – fire has started – no immediate danger but keep informed. Watch and act – take action now to protect yourself and loved ones Emergency warning- get out</p> <p>How to prepare for bush fire season: Reduce fuel loads near buildings, establish a defendable space around buildings, make sure gas cylinder safety valves are pointing away from buildings, seal roof gaps and spaces under the house, keep fuel trap areas clear of fine fuels, consider installing metal fly screens, consider installing external sprinkler</p>	

	<p>systems, maintain fire-fighting equipment and hose fittings if your decision is to stay. See the bushfire departure kit on the website or in the booklet.</p> <p>There are devices to help you fill the gutters with water that can for example be attached to the downpipes so the hose can be easily attached and fill the gutters.</p> <p>Get water stored ahead of time (buckets/sinks/tubs/baths etc). See if you can attach a hose to your washing machine fittings to use from within the house.</p> <p>The kitchen is the main cause of the fire within the home.</p> <p>Some electrical devices can potentially catch fire.</p> <p>The small pockets in Twin Waters are not a huge risk because they are very small areas and easily put out if they were to catch alight.</p> <p>To report a fire – call 000.</p>	
3. Vote of thanks	Warwick Daniels	
4. New Members	No new members	
5. Minutes of GM 13.02.2017	Minutes on Website – Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a true record. Moved by Rob Seconded by Max	
6. Reports	<p><u>Secretary's Report</u></p> <p>18.03.2017 – email from SCRC thanking volunteers for participating in Clean Up Australia Day</p> <p>17.03.2017 – email from Paul Glass, new Auditor with credentials</p> <p>14.03.2017 email chain with Karen Painter re TWW;</p> <p>14.03.2017 email chain with Ted O'Brien's office regarding his attendance at GM</p> <p>20.03.2017 email chain with Twin Waters Golf Club re golf day.</p> <p>02.04.2017 – email from Kathryn Hyman regarding Twin Waters West</p> <p>04.04.2017 – email from Kathryn Hyman regarding Twin Waters West</p> <p>05.04.2017 email from Sunshine Coast Airport re Community and Aviation Industry Forum representatives and meeting dates.</p> <p>06.04.2017 – email chain with Ted O'Brien's office.</p> <p>07.04.2017 – email from Tracey Hanna regarding Twin Waters West</p> <p><u>Treasurer's Report</u></p> <p>Started with \$12000 and ended with \$12000 in the bank.</p> <p>Revenue coming in from the advertising</p> <p>Members – 448 compared to 400 last year (about 12% up).</p> <p>One new member for the last period and a few members that have recently joined but yet made the records.</p>	

<p>7. Fiona Simpson</p>	<p>Legislative changes for bodies corporate. There is a review going on at the moment regarding this legislation – particularly regarding mixed use body corporate developments (residential and commercial together). The second stage of Twin Waters there was public opposition to that at the time. It improved the floodwaters in Pacific Paradise. Whatever happens, we need to scrutinise it and make sure that it will not worsen. Because these matters are complex, it’s hard to get the level of information needed. The concerns may or may not align with the facts. The State needs to ensure that the advices are publicly available and accurate and Fiona will ensure this is done.</p>	
<p>8. Cr Jason O’Pray</p>	<p>Cr O’Pray reported: Reported on the recent fires, the cyclone and the outstanding job Council did in cleaning up in a matter of days after Cyclone Debbie. Jason is out doing a survey. Residents of Twin Waters and Pacific Paradise are very generous. Has been given specialist advice regarding the survey and is getting around to as many people as he can. The dry weather was great for tourists. Broke all records in 2016 for tourism. 2005 held a lot of records. Our ‘Olympic Year’ had \$100M worth of events. SC hit 13-14% growth in tourism in 2016. We were 3<sup>rd</sup> in Australia behind Sydney and Melbourne. Record number of passengers through the airport. US &amp; Germany visitors were unexpected but welcome. \$2.1b of economic benefit this year in tourism to our area.</p>	
<p>10. NHW</p>	<p>Turning the Screws on Crime – Kerry Vincart reported between 9 and 12 – at Apex camp – get your number plates changed to the screws that cannot be undone.</p>	
<p>11. Group Emails</p>	<p>We are now using MailChimp. MailChimp is a work in progress. We are getting there and will sort it out.</p>	
<p>12. Defibrillator</p>	<p>Tony Freeman has done a little bit of research about these. The Novotel has a defibrillator – not any other public spaces in the area have one. If a defibrillator is used, the chances of survival for heart attack patients. Incident on the ABC recently reported where a lady was walking along the street fell to the ground and someone knew where a defibrillator was located and without this she would have lost her life. TWRA have suggested we do this and put it in the shopping centre and make people aware of it. Cost is under \$3,000. The whole of the meeting seemed supportive of the idea to do further investigations.</p>	
<p>13. Any other business</p>	<p>Andrew from Stillwater Drive. Has had trouble getting internet connection. Q1 next year as being the year. Telstra and a couple of other suppliers came to our meeting. We asked heated questions and corresponded with them over a period of time but they just told us to get nicked. If estate approaches nbn about a fibre to the premises. NBN is being rolled out to Living Gems at this stage. TWRA could ask NBN co to come out to a meeting to discuss whether or not it is possible as an Association to contact nbn to put some pressure on them to do fibre to the premises. We will follow this up.</p>	

	<p>Malcolm Smith is selling the Entertainment Book (\$65) - \$13 from every book goes to the Association - \$300 or \$400 each year.</p> <p>Christmas in July at the Novotel (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>) year Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017. \$55 per head. Malcolm is collecting money up to the 1<sup>st</sup> July so that confirmation of numbers and be given to the Novotel. Same luncheon as last year in a buffet style.</p> <p>Malcolm congratulated the SES for their outstanding service for removal of fallen trees blocking Hetherington Drive.</p> <p>DTMR have advised road surface is not in need of immediate repair. They said it will be monitored and repairs undertaken if needed.</p>	
<p>14. Acknowledgement Of Sponsors</p>	<p>Novotel (thanks for the room and food), Foodworks (Theona and Cody).</p>	
<p>President Chairperson</p>	<p>Next Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm at the Novotel Twin Waters. Guest speaker TBA. Ted O’Brien couldn’t attend today but is locked in for October.</p> <p>..... Date...../...../2017</p>	