

Twin Waters

Residents' Association

Minutes of the General Meeting of Twin Waters Residents' Association 12th October 2015 at 7.30pm at Novotel Resort

Opening	Meeting opened at 7.30pm	Action
1. Attendance	See attached Register. Apologies: Sarah Eccersall, Fiona Simpson, Warwick & Betty Daniels, Jo Reilly	
2. Minutes of General Meeting 17th August 2015	Moved Rob Ruskin that the Minutes be accepted. Seconded Peter Braithwaite	
3. Reports	<p><u>Secretary/Correspondence</u></p> <p>Various Email chain between SCRC and TWRA regarding Apex use of waterways</p> <p>06.10.2015 Letter from Coles donating a \$50 gift card for our picnic</p> <p>Various Exchange of emails between Morcombe foundation and us</p> <p>01.10.2015 Email from Council regarding Community Services Sector Mapping Project;</p> <p>05.10.2015 Email from NHW Area Co-Ordinator Fred McDonald advising that he has had to resign and Jenny Masche has been appointed until a new co-ordinator can be found</p> <p>27.07.2015 Letter of thanks from Malcolm & Cynthia Smith for TWRA in relation to the recent hosting of Christmas in July;</p> <p>02.09.2015 Email from Council arranging a meeting regarding Stockland</p> <p>26.08.2015 Email from Clive Shephard, North Shore Village BC regarding Abacus development and request to circulate to members.</p> <p>Various Emails with Novotel regarding meeting tonight</p> <p>Various Bank Statements from Bendigo Bank</p> <p><u>Treasurer – Financial Report & Membership Renewal</u></p> <p>Overall the number of funds have gone down by \$1,000 as we have made some purchase for the Christmas nativity scene which will be spectacular this year.</p> <p>We have received about \$1,800 for memberships being renewed.</p> <p>Received a generous donation from Sophie's office Lever Law for the \$500 towards the bags.</p> <p>Paid Office of fair trading</p> <p>Paid for the balance of the welcome bags</p> <p>Total amount in the bank is \$11,000 at the moment.</p>	

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	<p>Total memberships to end of September this year 298 members renewed which is households, not individual members. Last year 273. We had 54 new members last year, 35 new ones this year and 5 life members – 357 in total which is 44 better than at end of this year 313 last year.</p>	
<p>4. Life Member Presentation to Peter Braithwaite</p>	<p>Presentation to Peter of his Life Membership award.</p>	
<p>5. Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Bruce and Denise Morcombe were our guest speakers as representatives of the Morcombe Foundation.</p> <p>The meeting viewed a very moving video presentation of what the Morcombes have endured in the past 12 years of their lives. It was a very emotional presentation for those present to watch, and even after seeing it several times themselves, it is still incredibly difficult for the Morcombes to watch.</p> <p>The Morcombe Foundation began in May 2005 and their goal was to endeavor to link arms at a community, state and federal level and the corporate level as well to get their message across to parents and children. That message is to educate kids and their parents so that the kids are kept safe.</p> <p>As a result, their child safety curriculum has been adopted by the Queensland Education Department. There are 9 hours of lessons, over 9 weeks in every year. 5 year olds to 15 year olds are receiving instruction each year on the three Rs:</p> <p>Recognise – it’s about safety, not necessarily abduction or safety online. The content that the program delivers is very current. Social media and computers have come so far which is a good thing but also a risky thing. Kids are over trusting and want to be friends with as many people as possible. Unfortunately the Predators do not lurk in a trench coat in the park – they are anonymous and sometimes hidden behind a computer monitor. Kids need to recognize through their body clues if something does not seem right.</p> <p>React - They need to react and remove themselves to a safe location as quickly as they can.</p> <p>Report – Kids are encouraged through the program to establish a network of adults including two who are not relatives or don’t live at home. Principal/police/help line/sports coach etc. The reason for this is that unfortunately a lot of crime against children occurs at home.</p> <p>The Morcombes are not content to stop in their work here – they want the curriculum rolled out nationally. To that end, over time, the Morcombes have met every Premier (the Morcombes were endorsed as Child Safety Ambassadors by Anna Bligh back in August 2011), the Prime Minister, Federal Minister and the difficulty is that when government positions are turned over, they sometimes have to start from scratch with their message.</p> <p>Their message seems to be working – they credit this to the perspective they bring to the program – they are Daniel’s Mum and Dad. Kids connect with that when they suddenly realize that Daniel was a real kid just like them.</p>	

	<p>In addition to education in Schools, the Morcombe Foundation are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of the “Keeping Kids Safe” kit – 15,000 have been sent out since last September. • Distribution of the “Keeping Kids Safe” kit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities; • Distribution of the “Keeping Kids Safe” kit for children with disabilities and special needs. • Day for Daniel – this year being held on 30th October is the Day for Daniel which starts from Suncoast Christian College and walk the route which Daniel didn’t get to walk to come home. Our goal is to have 2000 schools register this year to participate at various locations across Australia. • Provision of counselling services for victims of crime – especially children. • Help children who have been through hard times with simple things like computers, dog, eye glasses, all variety of things. A pushbike was also given to a young boy who had been sexually abused and he now sleeps with it in his bedroom. • Lobbying for “Daniel’s Law” which looks to being passed soon in the Northern Territory – this is to approve the establishment of a public sex offenders register. Not all offenders can be listed as there have been crimes against their own children which may inadvertently disclose the identity of those children. 	
<p>6. Vote of thanks – Tony Freeman</p>	<p>Tony moved a vote of thanks to a very appreciative audience.</p>	
<p>7. Cr Jason O’Pray</p>	<p>Councillor O’Pray thanked the Morcombes for their contribution to our community. Congratulations again to Peter Braithwaite for everything he has done for our community. Apex have a temporary permit to do their training on the lake. They are about 1 month into it and are looking for a permanent permit in the future. Kids are responding very well to that. Any problems, contact Jason. Jason has been arranging for the drains to be cleared out around Pacific Paradise and Mudjimba of debris so that they are free for the big wet. That will be your lifeline if the big wet comes. Wunderlust – congratulations to Warwick of Novotel for hosting one of the biggest events on the Coast. They are locked in for 3 years. Very proud of our events portfolio. This Wunderlust festival will bring people from all over Australia and New Zealand which brings a lot of money to the region. Mt Coolum carpark – there is a dirt patch and a number of parking tickets given out recently. Jason thought it was appalling that they did this. People have been parking there (including Jason and the Mayor) for 20 years. Hoping to create a safe walking environment and safe parking. Bigger picture is to find out how to park more cars there in the future. There is a road reserve in towards the mountain. They used to quarry Mt Coolum. There are 40-50 trees to be sacrificed if we are going to do this – we need to ask the community as to whether we are happy to loose these trees.</p>	

	<p>Bull shark issue – coming into summer – remind kids not to swim in the lakes as it is not safe.</p> <p>Stockland – multiple meetings with TWRA and Stockland about the proposed boutique development they are intending. We have a positive response from this group. Stockland have been to other community groups as well. Went to council today and without giving away the detail it was debated for 2 hours and we will be the first to know the outcome. It’s a good result though.</p> <p>Dave Dunwoody asked what was happening about the Mosque in Maroochydore. Muslim group bought 14 Church St, already zoned “place of worship”. They have the rights to host and hold their congregation there. Completely out of Council’s control so far as planning issues go. Council have put regulations on them. They are going to take Council to court for doing that. We are looking at all places of worship. If they buy a parcel of land they have to go through impact assessable applications and face the community regardless of their denominations. They are currently allowed to meet in that location until it is otherwise determined. Affirmed his support for the Airport Development.</p>	
8. Hon Fiona Simpson	Fiona has apologized but has sent through a short report – see attached	
9. Stockland – Caneland Development	<p>Geoff Billard has not much to add to Jason’s report.</p> <p>Canelands issue goes back to 2008 and we have been involved the whole way through. It is approaching a turning point now. It has been done with extensive consultation with our community. It was all leading into the Council meeting which was held today.</p> <p>Traffic option – a condition of our support was that we didn’t want traffic exiting through Twin Waters. The option that has been selected and supported by Main Roads and Stockland and Council is for a 2 lane roundabout at the end of Twin Waters Drive and David Low Way with 4 entry points. It will be a substantial roundabout and a fantastic new entry statement to Twin Waters.</p> <p>Council was deciding today whether they would support applications to the state for an amendment to the planning scheme.</p>	
10. Picnic in the Park Update (Max Mills)	<p>Our picnic in the park is being held this Sunday from noon.</p> <p>Max reported that we have a Halloween theme.</p> <p>A top Jazz Band “The Jazz Factory” will be performing together with the Pacific Paradise kids band.</p> <p>The usual sale of books, craft, cakes will be there and in addition there are 15 top quality prints to be sold as silent auction items.</p> <p>We do need some physical help – putting up marquees etc. beforehand and then being on hand to help between noon and 3. The weather will be fine. Contact Max Mills for further information.</p>	
11. Christmas Carols (Evan Flower)	<p>Evan reported that it is progressing very well. There is very good community involvement, not just within Twin Waters but also Pacific Paradise and Bli Bli Schools. Living Choice are constructing a nativity scheme which they are very excited about. The Sunshine Coast Australian Junior Champion band.</p> <p>First class venue – thanks again to Novotel and Warwick.</p> <p>Fireworks, performers, family and fun!</p> <p>We are going pretty well with volunteers, the cost has gone up again</p>	

	<p>this year. The only thing that didn't go well last year was that we only had 11 hampers to hand out and there are far more unfortunate families that are in need of them.</p> <p>Goodwin Performing Arts – the Sequel to Annie – Annie Warbucks is being performed in Nambour Civic Centre.</p> <p>We have donation boxes to get food hampers together for the needy. Welcome bags are ready and shall be filled and distributed soon.</p>	
12. Airport Forum Report (Ken Vaughn)	<p>Brief update from Ken regarding the airport. Con is stepping down as a representative of the forum.</p> <p>Air New Zealand has put on an additional 64 services which has been helped by a great number of events on the Coast.</p> <p>Fly local campaign was started in June.</p> <p>Airport has a new duty free outlet running very well with considerably lower prices than in Auckland.</p> <p>Another 54 trainee pilots coming through soon, so there will be plenty more activity.</p> <p>Qantas Link services will be running 6 services a week then from February a business/economy class service to and from Sydney 6 days a week.</p> <p>Virgin and Jetstar have also increased services.</p> <p>A second EIS was submitted to the co-ordinator general and then the Cth Govt and the State Govt. There is no timing for a decision on that, still no commitment of a start date in 2020. The Council has engaged the Royal Bank of Canada to provide information on all options. There will be no money coming from residents though.</p>	
13. NHW	<p>Meryl Berry – Voted of thanks to Con Guard who has been our area co-ordinator for the last 5 years. Thank you very much for all he has done – he is moving to Atherton.</p> <p>Fred McDonald is unfortunately quite ill and has to resign. Jenny has agreed to take it on for 6 months so we are looking for someone else to be the area co-ordinator. We are running a stall where we are going to disseminate a lot of information – we will be running it at the barbeque in the park. Looking for helpers to put that tent up.</p> <p>Crime report – we don't have very much crime in Twin Waters. We did have a lost boy who was found. A few burglaries and domestic violence issues.</p> <p>Big thanks from Rob Ruskin to Con for getting things done.</p>	
14. Any other business	<p>Cynthia Smith noted Judy Blackall from Bendigo Bank is being moved to Cairns. Cynthia will forward the email so that members can be advised.</p>	
15. Recognition of Sponsors	<p>Novotel Twin Waters Resort, Friendly Grocer.</p>	
16. Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting is 14th December 2015 and the Guest Speakers will be Cr Steve Robinson and General Manager SC Airport Peter Pallot</p>	
17. Closure	<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</p>	
President Chairperson	<p>..... Date...../...../2015</p>	