

# *Twin Waters* Residents Association

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the  
Twin Waters Residents Association Inc  
held at Novotel Resort on  
8th December 2008 at 7.30pm**

<b>Opening</b>	Warwick Daniels opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed new members.
<b>Attendance</b>	See Attendance book (67 in total)  <i>Quorum reached</i>
<b>Apologies</b>	Geoff Billard, Ed Berry, David Clanahan, Fiona Simpson
<b>Minutes</b>	<i>Moved</i> that the minutes of the General Meeting of the Association held on 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 were a correct record. <i>Moved</i> WD, <i>Seconded</i> CG.
<b>Guest Speaker – Marion Allen of the Smith Family “Surviving Christmas”</b>	Marion shared with us her experience so far with The Smith Family and an overview of their philosophies. Importantly, Twin Waters residents can help by doing hamper deliveries at Christmas time, by mentoring families, providing direct financial assistance or administrative support. The Smith Family website has further details. Vote of thanks by Merryl Berry
<b>Correspondence</b>	Correspondence In: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter from Ken Hicks &amp; Associates to SCRC 29.10.08 in relation to the request of Lend Lease to put the application for material change of use (tennis courts) on hold.</li> <li>• Letter from SCRC regarding Ed Berry’s nomination to become a community conference member was declined.</li> <li>• Letter from Lend Lease regarding tennis court site development and them transferring their rights over to Yamaji Australia Golf Pty Ltd.</li> <li>• Email letter from Resident Peter Quirk regarding a complaint to police in relation to hoons.</li> <li>• Letter from SCRC with Australia Day Awards 2009 Nomination Form;</li> <li>• Copy various email correspondence between Debbie Blumel and Kerry O’Brien of Sunbus regarding a bus service at Twin Waters;</li> <li>• Copy letter from Dieter Gogel to other home owners and a draft letter to Apex from Dieter Gogel.</li> <li>• Letter from SCRC giving minor grant of \$1000 to TWRA for the Carols.</li> </ul> Correspondence Out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ltr to SCRC 28.10.08 re Ocean Drive pedestrian crossing, Nojoor Road speed signs and hooning.</li> <li>• Letter of thanks for help at the Birthday BBQ to Coates Hire, Mr and Mrs Hodgson, Specialty Castles, The Smith Family, Lions Maroochy North Shore &amp; the Apex Club;</li> <li>• Letter to SCRC Grants requesting a reply to our Application.</li> </ul> <i>Resolved</i> that the correspondence be accepted.
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	<i>See attached</i>
<b>Council Report – Cr Debbie Blumel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pedestrian crossing – Council pursuing the “arrangement” made with Lend Lease whereby they agreed to fund \$15,000 towards the cost of a crossing. If they refuse to pay, Cr Blumel will endeavour</li> </ul>

	<p>to find the money in the capital budget to do it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic into Magnolia Lane – doesn't comply with Council standards. Has referred to Legal department to write to Body Corporate as Cr Blumel believes either the Council or the Body Corporate or both may be culpable if the risk is not managed.</li> <li>• Traffic calming – considering a narrowing near the Bill Kear Waterway to alert drivers to the upcoming 60 zone.</li> <li>• Sealing and raising of Nojoor road still happening.</li> <li>• Apex end of Nojoor Road State Government department have offered to fund a boat ramp – need to formalise parks at Black Banks – compost toilet etc will be required.</li> <li>• Bike path – 2 missing links – Novotel to Shops at Mudjimba will be done this financial year</li> <li>• Maroochy River Bridge – bike paths stop dead – developer Twin Waters West will obviously no longer be paying for those as that development is not proceeding so Council will have to take it back on.</li> <li>• Bus – Sunbus to start a new service before Christmas – no bells and whistles at this stage but there will be a few services throughout the day to the Plaza – USE IT OR LOSE IT!</li> <li>• Mobile Library – Early new year the mobile library should be stopping outside the shops at Twin Waters on Ocean Drive. Also a sub-library planned for the Twin Waters Retirement Village.</li> <li>• Community Centre – still pushing for this via local and federal government funding. Competing with Quad Park and Noosa Transit Centre.</li> <li>• Airport Funding – East West runway – hopefully Cr Blumel will have more news for us soon on this.</li> </ul>
<b>Qld State Govt Report – Fiona Simpson, MP</b>	No report – apologies
<b>Ian Savage – Maintenance Reference Group</b>	Street trees management plan is continuing to remove incorrect species and replant – 1/3 <sup>rd</sup> the way through. Day to day matters of maintenance nature to be report to Council
<b>Light up Twin Waters</b>	DK – Lucky draw for prizes for Christmas lights. See the website for registration forms.
<b>Fun Run</b>	Looks set to go ahead on the 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2009 thanks to Jana Ewing.
<b>Clean Up Australia Day</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> March 2009.
<b>Social Report – Warwick Daniels</b>	Carols 21.12.08 Golf Day 05.04.09 – put it in your diary Bob Gavin now looking after the Bowls Days Lynda Szegedi now looking after the dineouts
<b>Neighbourhood Watch Report – Con Guard</b>	Let neighbours know if you are going away – get mail collected, bring bins inside etc. Remember not to leave valuables in cars (locked or unlocked).
<b>Apex Noise</b>	Dieter Gogel delivered a report (attached) regarding problems with noise levels on the lake.
<b>Acknowledgement of Sponsors</b>	Novotel for the supply of the meeting room, SPAR Express, Living Choice and Twin Waters Retirement Village.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> February 2009 at Novotel Twin Waters Resort at 7.30pm.
<b>Closure</b>	WD closed the meeting at 9.05pm.
<b>President/Chairperson Execution</b>	..... Date ...../...../2008

Account: 133045211 - Statement Account - (1601) - \$4,148.47

Current Balance: \$4,768.47

Period: Last 14 Days

Available Balance: \$4,148.47

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Date	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
05-Dec-2008	DEPOSIT - CASH & CHEQUE(S); #Chq:4		\$660.00	\$4,768.47
02-Dec-2008	MAGNOLIA 20080026 ; DIRECT CREDIT; KEYCO P/L KEAY 0209916588		\$90.00	\$4,108.47
02-Dec-2008	00152578191201 ; PAY ANYONE; 0023041130 INV20080029		\$1,000.00	\$4,018.47
01-Dec-2008	00000074 209818863 ; CHEQUE; 44 061677	\$5,000.00		\$3,018.47
01-Dec-2008	GARRY GALLEN ; DIRECT CREDIT; GARRY GALLEN 0209738940		\$90.00	\$8,018.47
01-Dec-2008	TRANSACTION FEES CHARGED; TRANSACTION FEES CHARGED 11/08	\$0.00		\$7,928.47
28-Nov-2008	00000073 209525495 ; CHEQUE; 44 042387	\$135.00		\$7,928.47
28-Nov-2008	20080017 KEATING ; DIRECT CREDIT; KEATING AND ASSO 0209440993		\$90.00	\$8,063.47
26-Nov-2008	NORTH SHORE MEATS ; DIRECT CREDIT; BANK OF QLD 0208954646		\$90.00	\$7,973.47

WORKING ACCOUNT \$4768.47

APPROX \$3000 EARMARKED FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

FIXED DEPOSIT \$5000 - (4 MONTHS)

## SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1. We began construction of our house for retirement in August 2008. I quickly became aware that the Apex Camp was using the park and canal area beyond for canoeing activities. (film footage)
2. Geographically The Sound is effectively an amphitheatre shape and as the children do not leave the Sound the resulting noise echoes around the area affecting all the residences for many hours at a time, sometimes up to 4 or 5 days a week. I personally was disturbed by the noise and felt that the levels were beyond what is normally acceptable for a quiet residential street. I started to listen around the neighbourhood to hear what other residents had to say on the matter. It soon became clear to me that there were many other residents in The Sound area who were also disturbed by the Apex Camp's noisy activities and had been "suffering in silence" for a considerable amount of time. I spoke personally to a number of residents, some elderly, who had been verbally abused by both children and Apex Group Leaders when they had complained about excessive noise. The Group Leaders are generally fairly young and fit men and women and my understanding was that when any of the residents complained directly to them, they felt somewhat intimidated by these Group Leaders.
3. I decided to take some action to consolidate the concerns of the residents who were being adversely affected and drew up a petition along with a letter outlining our concerns to the camp Manager Vince Boeske. Some 25 residences in the affected area signed the petition.
4. By the end of November I felt that the petition was ready to be handed to Mr Boeske and I planned to telephone him and make an appointment for early December to discuss the matter and hand the petition over to him.
5. On the weekend of 29 and 30 November I was in New Zealand when I received a telephone call "out of the blue" from Mark Bode of the Sunshine Coast Daily. He asked me about the petition, and advised me that he had a copy in front of him. I was startled and asked him how he knew about the petition and where he had obtained a copy. He would not answer my question. I then told him that I had not had an opportunity to meet with Mr Boeske to hand him the petition. Mark Bode then gave me a verbal undertaking not to publish anything in the newspaper until he contacted me later the following week after

my meeting with Mr Boeske. I also stated to him that if Mr Boeske and I were able to resolve the matter amicably and in a manner acceptable to both parties, then there would be no newsworthiness in the story anyway. Later on that same day, I telephoned Mark Bode to reiterate to him that I did not want him to publish anything and he once again gave me his word not to do so.

6. On Wednesday 3 December I telephoned Mr Boeske and arranged a meeting for Friday 5 December at 9.30am to present the petition. I also had a meeting with Sophie Lever, Secretary of the TWRA and I spoke at length on the phone to Warwick Daniels, Committee Member of TWRA about the matter and told them about my intended meeting with Vince Boeske (both had no objections).
7. On Friday 5 December I met with Mr Boeske at the Apex Camp and presented him with the letter and petition on behalf of the concerned residents. I also showed him some film footage of the activities and explained to him what the main problems were. Mr Boeske requested his "right hand" man join our meeting, but he was extremely aggressive towards the situation and me in general and Mr Boeske then requested him to leave the meeting (several times). For the remaining part of the meeting Mr Boeske became rather sympathetic towards the issues. He admitted that he had never been to the park to witness for himself what was happening there and recognising the seriousness of the matter, he finally agreed to work together to reach an amicable and peaceful solution.

**It was suggested by Mr Boeske :-**

- (a) That the canoeing groups disburse out of The Sound and in to the greater lake/canal system of Twin Waters to lessen the impact on the residents of The Sound.
- (b) Stricter supervision of the children by the Group Leaders.
- (c) To look at planning and organising a new launching area for the canoes away from the residences in The Sound, or other residential areas.

It seemed to me that it had been an amicable and fruitful meeting and he had no objection when I indicated to him my intention to relay his plans at the following weeks TWRA meeting. Towards the end of the meeting I told him about my encounter with The Sunshine Coast Daily and I

agreed with him that I would not comment to the newspaper whilst negotiations between us were progressing.

8. On Friday at approximately 1pm Mr Boeske telephoned me to let me know that he had had a meeting with the Group Leaders and that they were trying to work out a solution. (It appears that another recreational group from Mt Coolum has been using equipment from the Apex Camp and using the Sound for its activities – the permits and supervision, however, seems to be in the hands of the Apex Camp).

Mr Boeske also told me that he had had a phone call following our meeting from Mark Bode of the Sunshine coast Daily and that they had arranged a meeting for Saturday 6 December. I again told him that I did not intend to speak to the newspaper during our negotiations.

9. On Sunday 7 December the Sunshine Coast Daily printed a front page **“Wealthy Residents Want Kids Camp To Take a Hike”** and stated that residents were demanding that **“Apex Camp Mudjimba Close Its Gates”**. This is **TOTALLY** untrue.

#### **I state that**

- \* I had no interview with the newspaper or any other media regarding this matter. I have not submitted anything whatsoever to the newspaper or any other media.
- \* I have not discussed with Mr Boeske any other issues concerning properties close to the Apex Camp.
- \* I only addressed the problems directly concerning myself and the other residents of the Sound.
- \* The petition and letter, which was submitted to the Apex Camp last Friday related only to the canoeing activities in the Sound.
- \* **There was absolutely never any suggestion that Apex Camp should move or “shut its gates” as was reported in the paper.**