

President's Report to Annual General Meeting on 12 July 2010

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am pleased to present this Report on the Twin Waters Residents Association for the year ended 30 June 2010.

The TWRA continues to be an important part of the Twin Waters community and the past year has been another successful one for us. We have maintained our membership at a satisfactory level and we have continued to be involved in two development issues that were perceived as threats to our Twin Waters lifestyle. We have had successful social and sporting events. Our communications with members and the community have been maintained. Our relationships with our stakeholders, especially the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, are excellent. 2009/10 has been a good year. Thank you to our members for your support.

TWRA Issues and Activities

The first Objective of the TWRA is to represent members' interests in regard to the quality and amenity of the Twin Waters Community.

In 2009/2010 this has again covered a wide span of activities. The TWRA's involvement on behalf of our community has influenced the outcome of two key issues. The Development Applications (DA) for the Canelands area between Twin Waters and the motorway was rejected by SCRC and Stockland is now appealing this decision in the Planning & Environment Court. The TWRA has joined the appeal as a Co-Respondent so that we can be involved in any further moves that may occur. A DA for the tennis courts site at the Twin Waters Golf Club was rejected last year. The owner is now considering further options, but we expect that some tennis facilities will be maintained whatever the outcome.

Elsewhere in our area, funding for the long-awaited North Shore Community Centre was approved during the year (special thanks to Pacific Paradise Progress association and Councillor Blumel for their untiring efforts on this project) and also progress is being made with the East-West Runway project with engineering and environmental studies being funded and starting during the year.

Other projects completed in our area during the year include the "missing link" walkway between the bridge in Ocean Drive and David Low Way, including the underpass at the bridge and also further signage and road safety improvements in Ocean Drive. The bikeway from Novotel to Mudjimba was also completed. The hand-over of the lakes and canals from Lend Lease to Council is still under negotiation but we are confident that the maintenance items around the weir will be addressed as part of this negotiation.

As I mentioned last year when speaking about the TWRA's involvement in the various issues affecting Twin Waters, we have two principal criteria to guide our involvement – first, it must have an impact or potential impact on our Twin Waters lifestyle and second, we will always seek to play a constructive role in resolving the issue. We made a substantial submission on the proposed SEQ Water Strategy, including opposition to proposed desalination plants, and we also responded to the SCRC Our Place Our Future discussion papers on the future planning and development of the Sunshine Coast.

Another of our Objectives relates to activities for the community. Once again, our social activities have been important and successful during the year. Our biggest event is the Carols & Fireworks held in conjunction with North Shore Baptist Church. Again, this proved very successful. We had circa 500 people, including many guests from the Novotel Resort, participating in a wonderful family Christmas celebration. We have continued the Birthday celebrations in October with a family BBQ event, which this year included the burial of a Time Capsule to be opened in 25 years. The Entertainment Book sales were successful once again. The Golf Days and the Bowls Days have provided enjoyable opportunities for combining some sport with social activities. Social and sporting activities are an important part of our Twin Waters community lifestyle. We need more events and more participation in the future to further improve our sense of community.

The Twin Waters landscape maintenance arrangements continued to work very well. Our unique arrangements are standing the test of time and we have been able to maintain the high standard of public landscape infrastructure. They are now seen as a model for other developments.

Communications with our members and within the community have continued to be important. Our Newsletter has been the cornerstone and every residential property in Twin Waters receives a Newsletter each month with timely and relevant news about the community. The Newsletter is supplemented by our web site. We continue to encourage members and residents to “Think local: Buy local” when buying goods and services. The use of broadcast e-mails has been expanded as our data base of addresses for members is expanded. Well over 90% of members have provided their e-mail address. This allows very timely distribution of news. The Community Notice Board at the Shopping Centre also assists with our communications with the residents.

Executive & Committee

All of these achievements cannot be accomplished without work by some community-minded people. The Executive and Committee elected last year have served the community well. For the record, the following have been office bearers during the year:

President	Geoff Billard	
Vice President	Ed Berry	
Secretary	Sophie Lever	
Treasurer	Ken Allcock	
Committee Members	Warwick Daniels	Danielle Burns
	Dennis Kyling	Jeremy Burns
	Con Guard	Barry Hancock

On your behalf, I express our thanks to all members of the Executive and Committee for their work in the interests of our community. We are all volunteers and our time and efforts are offered without reservation. I thank all of the Committee for their work and their support during the year.

Other Assistance

The work of the Committee was assisted by many others in the community who assumed responsibility for particular tasks. We acknowledge also their contributions during the year and I thank them on your behalf. Some of those who assisted (in addition to the Committee members), not in any order or priority, include:

TW Landscape Maintenance Reference Group Zone Co-ordinators & Liaison with SCRC	• Jeremy Burns Peter Carey Mick Sweetman
Newsletter Co-ordination	• Irene Sunn
Newsletter Delivery	• Grant Ormrod & LJ Hooker staff
Web Site Business Directory	• Debby Nielsen
Community Noticeboard	• Kevin Carter
TWRA Meetings set-up and advertising	• Ron Clark Chris Breen
Reviews of Stockland Appeal, DAs & Various Submissions	• Rob Fletcher, Ken Taylor, Bob Cody
Christmas Carols & Fireworks	• Pat Hamilton, Merryl Berry, Pat Taylor, Ruth Geitz, Faith & Angelo Giovas and many others
Airport Community Forum	• David Figgins
Entertainment Books	• Malcolm and Cynthia Smith
Birthday BBQ Function	• Bob Gavin and many others, especially Apex Camp Mudjimba, North Shore Lions Club, Novotel Resort & Mudjimba SLSC
Gym in Park project	• Jenny Masche
Golf Day	• Len Lever
Bowls Day	• Bob Gavin and representatives from TWRV
Clean Up Australia Day	• Terry Hamilton, Dave Dunwoody
Light Up Twin Waters	• Mudjimba Beach News and The Olive Tree Restaurant

There are others who have helped as well and whose assistance we appreciate. Thank you one and all.

Once again, Debbie Blumel has been an outstanding local representative for us on the SCRC. We thank her for her representations on our behalf that have been so productive in allowing us to achieve the results detailed in this report. Fiona Simpson has provided continuous support, including being co-compere of our Carols event. We also acknowledge the work of the Plant Management Group on our landscape maintenance and the support of Council Officers, in particular Stefan Georg, in coordinating this work.

Novotel Resort has been generous with their assistance in providing facilities for our use. Also, we thank Bendigo Bank Marcoola, Beachside North Shore Realty, Maroochy RSL and Sunshine Coast Regional Council for their support for the Carols & Fireworks. Some local real estate firms pay the initial TWRA membership for new homeowners in properties they have sold at Twin Waters. LJ Hooker also delivers our Newsletter and assisted with printing flyers for various events.

Once again, SPAR Express Twin Waters and especially David and Leona have continued to be outstanding and unstinting in their support of the association and the community. We really appreciate their support.

We are very grateful for the support of everyone, whether a Committee member, helper for a particular activity, business providing support or a member who participates in the activities.

Membership

Membership at the cut-off date for this year reached 356, an increase of just 2 members over last year. Thank you to all our members for your support.

The membership fee has remained unchanged at \$10 per year (plus \$2 for an additional card if required). \$10 a year is an insignificant membership fee, especially when balanced against the benefits. Everyone who lives at Twin Waters, whether an owner or a tenant, benefits from the activities of the TWRA. Everyone should be a member!

Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch is separate from the TWRA but has our strong support and assistance. In particular, we use our broadcast e-mails to quickly get messages out to the community when NHW asks for our assistance. Fortunately, Twin Waters has a low crime rate, but the vigilance of NHW and its appreciated.

Future Outlook

As I mentioned last year, the TWRA is becoming a mature association. We have achieved much for Twin Waters. We are a very active association. But we must guard against complacency and resting on our laurels. Twin Waters is a wonderful place to live because we (all of us - the TWRA, members and residents) have helped to make it so.

With regard to the future, I am still keen to see the TWRA make more connection with the younger families in our community. Also, we still have some big issues to resolve. The future development of the Canelands needs to be settled; the lakes and canals are still not in acceptable condition (but under negotiation with Lend Lease and the SCRC) and the really big issue for us remains the earliest construction of the East-West runway at Sunshine Coast Airport.

Finally, we are always open to suggestions for improvements, and, especially for people who are willing to volunteer some time for the benefit of our community. Our community work needs to be in "bite-size" pieces that each person can handle. Helping in the community brings its own rewards and satisfaction.

In conclusion, I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who has helped the TWRA this year. Ours is a large and active association. It is something of which we can all be very proud. I look forward to continued growth and success in the year ahead.

Geoff Billard