

**Minutes of the General Meeting of the  
Twin Waters Residents Association Inc  
held at Novotel Twin Waters Resort  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm**

<b>Opening</b>	Meeting opened at 7.30pm	Action
<b>Attendance</b>	Refer Attendance Book (61 in total) Apologies: Clark Marshall, Ed Berry,	
<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome back to Sophie Lever & Clark Marshall – new to the committee. New Member Richard Zacks. Introduction to Mayor Mark Jamieson.	
<b>Guest Speaker</b> <b>Mayor Mark Jamieson</b>  <i>Please note that this is a summary only of the Mayor's speech and is not intended to be a verbatim account.</i>	<p>Mr Jamieson gave the meeting an overview of his objectives during his term including trying to improve economic aspects of region. Have already made it a more appealing place to invest. Trying to appeal to private sector to highlight opportunities that exist here by being consistent in our approach. Balance this with our environment, community and lifestyle.</p> <p>Initiatives included scrapping pre-lodgement fees; reduction in fees on 7 land use types, further 25% reduction if land use commenced within 2 years.</p> <p>Boosted funding for economic development. \$27M on environmental projects. Stella has announced it will establish a contact centre here. Council have been working with Stella for some months to achieve this. Creation of 190 jobs.</p> <p>More projects on the way including Kawana Health precinct – which will be on the scale of RWBH. University Hospital has commenced, opening 2016. Private hospital (Ramsay Health Care) to open in 2014.</p> <p>Purchase of Horton Park Golf Club and expansion of CBD – looking to attract investment of foreign and local companies in CBD. A convention and exhibition centre is planned. Cost \$350M which Council can't fund.</p> <p>Land at airport – some owned by State, some by Federal and some by Council. Council working to consolidate ownership and manages the facility as trustee.</p> <p>Council currently finalising the Planning Scheme which will cover the entire region.</p>	

	<p>Mayor Jamieson asked for question from the floor as follows:</p> <p>Regarding reports that the council are not going to contest the appeal against the council's refusal of a development application for a retirement village on the Coolum Sports Ground. Can you assure us that the council will continue to oppose the appeal by Stockland in regard their proposed development adjoining Twin Waters? Do you agree that development at all costs is not the answer to the Sunshine Coast's woes and that development must be weighed against available infrastructure and that development on flood plains is unviable?</p> <p><i>Ongoing appeal in the courts which Council can't comment on.</i></p> <p><i>In relation to the floodplains, the whole of the Sunshine Coast with the exception of a few areas, is a flood plain.</i></p> <p>What influence can council bring on Main Roads to improve the safety at the Sunshine Motorway/David Low Way intersection and roundabouts? There is a major problem with motorists who exit the motorway travelling north in seeing traffic coming under the motorway from the east. There is a double height crash barrier which impedes the vision of motorists, particularly those in lower sedan type cars. There is also a problem when approaching the intersection from the east along David Low Way. The traffic island has self sown wattles on it which make it difficult to see traffic approaching from the right. In both cases it is difficult to see smaller cars, cyclists and motor cyclists. Major accidents at both points are almost inevitable. <i>Ultimately the State is responsible for that intersection. Incidentally, the Mayor added, the cleanliness of the motorways was contracted to Council by State Government however they have now removed funding. Need to contact Fiona Simpson in this regard.</i></p> <p>What influence can council bring on Main Roads to beautify the Sunshine Coast Motorway/David Low Way intersection and roundabouts? They are very ugly and usually overgrown with weeds and grass. It appears that there has not been any effort to make any suitable plantings on the embankments, roundabouts or traffic islands. <i>Already answered in the above response.</i></p> <p>What can be done to separate SCRC from Unity Water? We ratepayers now have to support two bureaucracies, including a highly paid chairman. Currently water meters are read 4 times a year rather than 2 and we receive 6 bills rather than 2. We must get rid of this wasteful system and return water to more efficient council administration. <i>Unity Water is a very efficient organisation. They did encounter a few issues early on. Council investigated service levels and costs and there is no doubt it is more efficient this way. Jim Soorley is only paid \$105K. It will save us considerable money over time.</i></p> <p>There is a deal of concern from residents in particular those adjoining the Twin Waters lake and waterways about the council's plans following the handover of the lake and waterways by Lend Lease to the council. When these properties were purchased the</p>	
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	<p>marketing material indicated that purchasers could have almost complete access to the water and could build appropriate and approved mooring structures. This included ladders and steps for safe access and egress to the water. Residents with structures have been told that they will have to pay an annual fee of \$300 plus GST subject to yearly revision along with indemnification and insurance conditions. Waterfront residents already pay high rates and believe that any additional fees is a form of double dipping. Do you agree that we have valid concerns and will you investigate the wavering of any annual fee? Will you ensure that safe access/egress by residents will continue at all boat ramps/locations where the lake and waterways meet public open space? <i>Council policy is consistent whether Noosa Waters, Twin Waters, Parrearra or Pelican Waters. If people want to put in facilities such as a pontoon, they will have to pay a fee. I regret to say that there will be an extra fee on pontoons.</i></p> <p>Now that the State Government has given Noosa the authority to hold a plebiscite on de-amalgamation what do you think the likely outcome of that poll is likely to be? How can we rationalise the discrepancy between the de-amalgamation costs estimated by the Noosa separatists and the council? <i>Many other areas such as Eumundi, Kenliworth, Montville have very individual and unique values. The Mayor strives for unity whilst respecting that individualism. The Queensland Treasury Corporation will look purely at the financial benefits and disadvantages when recommending an outcome.</i></p> <p>The Twin Waters Community strongly supports the East West runway project. It is a significant project not just for amenity but also to diversify the region economically. We would like to see the project fast tracked. The present completion date of 2020 is too far away. <i>There are other airport facilities where people have objected to noise. \$250M for new runway \$200M for other development there. It will be a world class airport. For us to attract international investors, it needs to be viable. It may be that it needs to be sold to be of interest to an investor. Mayor's preference would be to attract investors who would invest in a variety of things such as the airport, CBD, hotel, light rail system.</i></p> <p><i>Gordon Barnard asked: Trial flights Auckland, NZ to Sunshine coast – how was the trial? Next year, hopefully we'll have more flights to and from NZ. We were successful in getting New Zealanders here, but not such many travelling back across to NZ from here.</i></p> <p><i>Barry Smith asked regarding de-amalgamation – extra costs for us. Will we be given a vote? State Govt has made it clear that we won't be getting a vote. It will only be people in the old Noosa boundary – they will have to bear the cost of de-amalgamation and setting up the new council. A lot of the current council's time is taking up on this issue and it's hard to switch on the meter and charge yourself out. When the QTC says this is how much it is going to cost, people will seriously challenge it. Needs to be a media marketing campaign showing the yes and no case.</i></p>	
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	<p>Thanked the TWRA for asking him along and for the pride we have in our community.</p> <p>Max Mills moved a vote of thanks to the Mayor.</p>	
<b>Minutes</b>	<b><i>Resolved unanimously</i></b> that the minutes of the General Meeting of the Association held in August 2012 were a correct record.	
<b>Correspondence</b>	Correspondence: None	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Financial Report: \$12,500 in the bank. The last month \$390 commission for Entertainment Book – thanks to the Smiths for all the effort they put in.</p> <p>SCRC has come to the party with a grant for the carols of \$3,000 to help us with the Carols</p> <p>Membership still down on last year – if you know anyone who was a member last year and hasn't renewed. We are about 50 down on last year. \$10 to join.</p>	
<b>Vice President Governance</b>	<p>Geoff Billard reported quick update on Stockland case. Expert report phase is coming to an end. Court ordered mediation this Friday. Geoff (and others from the TWRA Sub C'tee) will be attending on behalf of the community. If it doesn't achieve a result, it will be necessary for a Hearing before the Planning &amp; Environment court. Stockland have asked for 10 day trial in November or December. It may be optimistic to think it will be held this year. The TWRA will be submitting a non-expert statement on behalf of the community next Monday. We will submit it after the mediation when we may get some more information. It is a substantial document where we will be arguing very strongly to oppose the development on that site.</p> <p>There are major reasons for this opposition that will be outlined in the statement, including concerns about flooding, traffic, character and amenity and need.</p>	
<b>Vice President Infrastructure</b>	<p>Warwick Daniels reported it's our 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. TWRV said we can play bowls there on the 28<sup>th</sup> October - \$15 including barbeque. Let Warwick or Bob Gavin know</p> <p>Grass hasn't been mown around the area – we asked them to stop mowing because the grass hadn't grown and the efforts had been put into mulching instead.</p> <p>Footpath repairs – difference in levels between each slab. Council have taken note and are cleaning up the joints in the slabs. Congratulations to Council for doing this.</p> <p>We have been encouraging people to get plants for Council which are acceptable for the area and locals have been planting them where they are needed.</p>	
<b>Councillor Jason O'Pray</b>	<p>Hot topic is the waterway – it affects couple of hundred of houses. I'm with the community – it needs to be sorted out. We can't comment on whether funds need to be paid – needs to think a bit more about that and get his facts together.</p>	

	<p>TWRA needs to be applauded for its involvement as a co-Respondent in the Canelands project..</p> <p>Community needs to start to discuss the sale of the airport – it is crucial to the Sunshine Coast. Need \$450M to make it possible.</p> <p>Jason has the portfolio of tourism sport and major events portfolio in the council.</p>	
<b>October Picnic</b>	Rob Ruskin – Sunday is the day of the picnic. Sausage sizzles, bouncy castles – encourage everyone to come along. Thanks to Rob and his team.	
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>	<p>Con Guard reported that the AGM and GM was held last Monday night when we discussed the goings on in the area.</p> <p>Ben Cox was unable to attend the meeting. There were 8 different events of late – look after your property, make sure your cars and doors are secured. Speeding down Ocean Drive is a problem still. Use your fridge magnets which have numbers to ring – when you see incidents you could pass information on to Conrad.</p> <p>Thanks to Meryl Berry for helping in this area. Thanks to Jenny for her assistance with our SCC grant application (successful) for the purchase of two banners.</p>	
<b>Constitution</b>	We have approved the changes to the constitution which now has to go to OFT to be looked at. They haven't acknowledged receipt however they have banked the cheque. Don't know how long they will be with it.	
<b>Other business</b>	Gordon Pitt asked the latest of the lake – a lot of work being done at the footbridge. Peter responded that the river broke through and undermined the footbridge. The first job is for Shadforths to fix the weir and dredge the sand out of the lake. Bank has been repaired as at a few days ago.	
<b>Thanks to sponsors</b>	Thank you to the Novotel, Friendly Grocer and The Loose Goose	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Come along to hear about scams from an Office of Fair Trading representative. Next General Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2012	
<b>Closure</b>	Meeting closed at 8.50pm	
<b>President/Chairperson Execution</b>	..... Date...../...../2012	