

Minutes of the General Meeting of the  
**Twin Waters Residents Association Inc**

Held at Twin Waters Resort, Twin Waters

11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30pm



Opening	Meeting opened at 7.30p.m.	Action
<b>Present</b>	Quorum achieved with attendees noted in attendance book.	
<b>Apologies</b>	Fiona Simpson, Toni McCulloch, Con Guard, Ed Berry, Margaret Braithwaite	
<b>New Members</b>	New Members were welcomed	
<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<p>John Black, CEO of Unity Water was introduced by the President Geoff Billard.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Black commenced his talk by explaining about the government's decision to reform the water sector of local government following the amalgamation of local councils and the drought of 2006/7 when the capacity of Brisbane's main water supply reservoir was reduced to 16%, only one year's supply. He spoke of the formation of the Queensland Water Commission, water security and linking supply. This led to the formation of 4 authorities, 1 distributor and 3 retailers which was subsequently changed to 3 water distributors/retailers of which Unity Water is one.</li> <li>• Unity Water is a statutory authority with 280,000 customers, 900 staff from councils and \$440/450 million revenue.</li> <li>• Primary task was to set up retail billing which had to take into account several factors: the amount of water used and the cost and maintenance of infrastructure including the pipelines connecting all water storages in SE Queensland,, the treated waste water pipeline to the power problems and desalination plant as well as providing a return on investment to the council's Unity Water</li> <li>• In answer to questions posed prior to the meeting he responded:</li> <li>• The charges made in Sunshine Coast region Moreton Shire will be the same by 2017. At this time the charge for Bulk Water is to increase from 85c per megalitre to \$2.75 per megalitre. Moreton Shire has spent more than \$350 million in water infrastructure in 2006/7, mainly on treatment of waste water which is discharged into the Moreton Bay Area.</li> <li>• Excess water has never been billed. Those meter readers employed by SCRC are now employed by Unity Water. He advised that there were no estimated meter readings in the Maroochy Shire area. Investigations had found 660 leaks on the property side of the meters. Meter reading will be changed to quarterly from the present 6 months.</li> <li>• He advised that over usage is not estimated so that Unity Water can cover its budget.</li> <li>• He advised that the set up costs for Unity Water were \$7.8million, which was about 1/3 the cost of establishing the other distributor/retailer water authorities. He also advised the authority had saved \$30 million in capital costs and \$22million in operating costs. Across the areas there were about 900 pumping stations whereas only about 400 were required. Mr. Black also indicated that there would be further rationalization of staff and operations and</li> </ul>	

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	<p>more capital expenditure on systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large water users eg. Novotel Resort effectively subsidized domestic users.</li> <li>• The Board was appointed in line with the legislative requirements and the members were appointed by the owner councils. The Chairman, Jim Soorley was the ex Lord Mayor of Brisbane and had a particular interest in water. No traveling or entertainment expenses had been made to Board members. Owner councils can direct action by the authority if it is in the community interest.</li> </ul>	
<b>Vote of Thanks</b>	Peter Braithwaite moved a vote of thanks to Jon Black.	
<b>Presentation</b>	A presentation was made to David and Leona Clanahan. David advised that they are in the process of selling their SPAR convenience store and expect that the transaction will take place early in November. The purchasers Amit & Punita Shastri were introduced. David & Leona were thanked for assistance and involvement in the community and a certificate of appreciation was presented to them	
<b>Minutes of General Meeting 8/10/10</b>	Members were advised that the minutes were on the community notice board and on the TWRA website	
<b>Correspondence</b>	There were only routine items of correspondence	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	The financial reports were tabled showing a bank balance of \$6449.68 in the current account and a balance of %5333.24 on term deposit. The total membership number is 308	
<b>SCRC Reports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cr. Blumel was unable to make a presentation on the Community Water Project due to computer malfunction</li> <li>• Contract has been let by Lend Lease for work on the weir and the retaining wall. Lend Lease is awaiting approvals from government departments before proceeding. It is expected that the work will be completed prior to Christmas</li> <li>• A question was asked about the wall in front of View Point and Cr. Blumel said she would follow this up.</li> <li>• Enquiries indicated that there was no restriction on the use of motorized craft on the lake. Council is in the process of putting together a lake management plan and will consult with the community in formulating the plan.</li> <li>• Apex Camp as a commercial operation has to apply for a permit to use the lake. They have done so. Legal advice is being sought.</li> <li>• <b>Questions asked:</b></li> <li>• Graffiti - the procedures to be followed if graffiti was found were explained</li> <li>• Tennis Courts: Explained that tennis courts were always privately owned and the DA to erect apartments on the site had been refused as the area was zoned for recreation.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car Park Karinya Island: What had been a public car park was now closed off by a steel railing. Cr. Blumel will investigate.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Social activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BBQ - 17 October</li> <li>• Bowls - 24 October</li> <li>• Dine Out - 10 November</li> <li>• Carols and Fireworks</li> <li>• Light up Twin Waters</li> </ul>	
<b>Transport Strategy Consultation</b>	Council has issued a paper for community consultation on transport including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transport</li> <li>• Paid parking in public places</li> <li>• Reduction of number of off street parking requirements in new developments.</li> <li>• Those interested in addressing these questions on behalf of the community were requested to make themselves known.</li> </ul>	
<b>Stockland Canelands Appeal</b>	Present position was outlines and that expert opinions were still being sought to resolve the appeal process. It is not thought that there will be any resolution until the middle of next year.	
<b>Entertainment Books</b>	All entertainment books have been sold and the commission of \$663 deposited into the TWRA bank account	
<b>Acknowledgement of Sponsors</b>	The sponsorship of Novotel and Spar Express were acknowledged.	
<b>Next meeting</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2010	
	<b>Meeting Closed at 9.20p.m.</b>	
<b>President/Chairperson Execution</b>	..... Date ...../ 10 / 2010	