



Newsletter - October 2019

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TWRA General Meetings

The Guest Speaker at the meeting on 14th October will be from the Mudjimba Surf Life Saving Club Inc. The Mudjimba SLSC could not have been established without unwavering community support, and this sense of community has and always will be at the core of the Surf Club values. The Mudjimba SLSC is a community asset, that was originally established by community members some 20 odd years ago, and while the current building has served the Mudjimba community well, the time has come to progress towards a planned solution that delivers a sustainable future for lifesaving within the Mudjimba community. The Club has submitted an application to Council for a Material Change of Use to extend and modify Clubhouse. The last meeting this year will be held on Monday evening, 9 December 2019

TWRA Social Events

- Birthday Party in the Park – Sunday, 20 October at Warwick Daniels Park, Lake View Drive
- Cocktail Party – 24 November (tbc) at The Loose Goose
- Christmas Carols – 15 December at Novotel Twin Waters Resort

Presidents Report

Wow! The year is moving rapidly and suddenly we are well into Spring with plenty of flowers and flowering shrubs in bloom and attracting birdlife!

I walk around the lake and ride my bike through many parts of Twin Waters simply enjoying our fabulous neighbourhood. Last week I stopped and looked at flowering white azalea . . . but it was quite different as it had one branch of pink-purple flowers and they had not been grafted on! Just one of the colourful sights within Twin Waters.

The boys from LJ Hooker, Josh and John and their team are well underway with planning the Birthday Party in the Park on Sunday 20th October and this should be a great event! Although we could use some rain, we are hopeful that the Party will be on a fine and sunny day so that we can all enjoy the park and the festivities.

This event will also allow us to show off the Twin Waters marquee kindly donated by our local Member of Parliament, Fiona Simpson. Because of the lack of rain, some areas of the Sunshine Coast are incredibly dry and that hampered the recent bushfires in the Peregrin area.

Some of us were able to take in friends and animals who had been evacuated from the Peregrin area. I was told that one of the evacuated families loved their stay in Twin Waters so much they are coming back to look at the possibilities of moving into the area! We were recently asked by Council to review the Lake Management Plan 2019-2029 and we were able to comment on a number of areas and provide clarification for other areas. The new plan highlights some changes and defines boats and leisure craft that can use the waterway.

One area that has been defined is the maximum speed on the water of 6 knots or 10 kmph and watercraft cannot use a motor that exceeds 10 horsepower.

The Lake Management Plan, which has been in use for 20 years, also identifies prohibited uses including fishing from the weir structure and bridges and diving or jumping of any structure over or in the lake!

We will review the updated plan in more detail in a future newsletter.

Council have provided the link which includes the 2013 version of the Plan as well as the Council Handbook on waterways and adjoining properties.

We are also trying to get copies of the recently updated Handbook so they might be available at the TWRA meeting on 14th October.

Until next month,

Tony

Please Join or Renew Memberships ASAP

TWRA memberships expire on 30th June each year.

A Membership Form is included in this Newsletter and, if you haven't yet renewed your membership for 2019-20, please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you to all of those members who have already renewed their TWRA membership. If you live in Twin Waters, whether you are an owner or a renter, we would welcome you as a member of the TWRA.

We are very active to maintain our community as a great place to live. Please show your support by joining the TWRA if you were not already a member.

History of Twin Waters

The Editor talks to Rob Fletcher about TWRA: The 1990s were a time of change on the Sunshine Coast. One of the Coast's top developers, Rod Forrester (founder of FKP Property Group) remembers the 90s as a boom time for economic growth, development and a growing population.

Lend Lease bought the Twin Waters' site in 1996. It had formerly been farm land on a low-lying coastal swamp on the north side of Maroochy River. The northern boundary of the 157ha block was Ocean Drive which had been a dirt road leading to the mouth of the Maroochy River. The company's aim was "to create a master planned community catering for a variety of budgets and lifestyles and encouraging pride of ownership, peace of mind and a sense of belonging"

Rob Fletcher was one of the original residents of Twin Waters. In 1997 Rob and Derry moved into their new home. Rob mentioned that trees were felled but some larger ones were retained, for example along Tamarind Place. Sand was dredged from the canals and lake and pumped onto the residential sites. Initially, it was dredged to about 5 metres and the sand pumped was left to compact in layers by bulldozers. Another one metre of sand was taken from the water so that the ground level for housing was about 2.5 metres above the high-water mark.

The first stage, 'The Landings' was released in 1997 and by August, 69 of 73 blocks in Stages 1 and 2 had been sold. Individual owners had lobbied Lend Lease for work to be done in their neighbourhood but often they were fobbed off. The Twin Waters Residents' Association had its first meeting in Rob's backyard in 1998. I am reminded of the quote from Margaret Mead: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens

can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." At that time there were only about 50 houses in the estate and 27 attended the inaugural meeting. From the beginning residents have always taken pride in helping create a vibrant community with assistance from the developer.

Rob was the first Secretary of TWRA, and then became the President for 3 years. During those formative years, residents volunteered to carry out work around Twin Waters. An example Rob related was a working bee over three Saturdays with up to 30 persons constructing a footpath from Tamarind Place along Ocean Drive to the Golf Club in collaboration with the Council and Lend Lease. Rob acknowledges the assistance of the then local Councillor, Errol Middlebrook who continued to provide support during his term in office.

Rob recollects the rather strict building covenants. The range of guidelines was to ensure that a property investment at Twin Waters was secure then and for many years ahead. Design guidelines set rules for designing and building a new home to the highest standards, to maximise the value of the house and contribute to the enhancement and value of the Twin Waters community as a whole. Home buyers were required to submit house plans (including site/floor/landscape plans, elevations, colours and material selection) to Lend Lease for approval before starting home construction.

By 2007 Twin Waters had 1,200 homes, a 40ha recreational lake, 16ha of community parklands, 4.5km of communal waterfront and 30ha of conservation area. It was and remains a special place to live and we are grateful for all our residents who live in this wonderful community. Rob and Derry Fletcher add that the appeal of Twin Waters is definitely the people: "The general

atmosphere of the place makes everyone enjoy life, and everyone is here for a good time and that's what we are having."

Ten Years Ago

On 23 October 2009 Twin Waters' residents had a double celebration: the 13th anniversary of our own community, and Queensland's 150th birthday by burying a time capsule at Lake View Drive Park. The TWRA collected over 30 items for residents to recover in 25 years. The then President of TWRA, Geoff Billard commented that it was important for our local community to acknowledge the significance of Queensland's history. He said: "I'm sure the future residents of Twin Waters will enjoy discovering what life was like in 2009 and to understand just how much, or how little, the lifestyle and environment has changed."



TWRA Christmas Carols

For our Twin Waters Carols this year, we would like to add a local singer or two. Do you know an amateur singer who could perform a Christmas Carol? We love to promote local talent. (Young people are especially welcome). Please phone Merryl 5448 9414 or email info@twra.net if you or a family member were interested.

Dog Droppings

Twin Waters is a beautiful neighbourhood. Residents appreciate the well-maintained parks, gardens and footpaths. A lot of people ride bikes or walk regularly around Twin Waters.

An increased amount of dog faeces has been noticed. It spoils the tidiness of our attractive estate. There are free dog bags and rubbish bins at several locations. Fines apply to anyone being seen leaving dog waste on our streets.

Please help to keep Twin Waters clean and picturesque by picking up after your dogs.

Exercise Trail Refurbishment

You may have noticed the work recently to refurbish the "soft fall" in the Exercise Trail along Twin Waters Drive. What you may not know is that the construction of the exercise trail was the suggestion and the initiative of TWRA member, Jenny Masche, back in 2010.

Rob and Derry's 'best' decision

When Rob and Derry Fletcher first inspected Twin Waters in 1997 it was little more than a large paddock with a single sealed road, a small sales office and a strip of park. Back then the newly retired Victorians had no way of knowing the development would one day be voted the world's best address. But they could see its potential.

"The block of land we were looking at was piled high with sand and topsoil so it was difficult to see where it started and finished," Rob says. "But the park was so well done it just looked like it would be a top-quality development so we decided to make some enquiries about other Lend Lease projects."

The Fletchers were equally impressed with what they heard and in June 1997 purchased one of the first Landings blocks of land in the original blocks of land for less than \$100,000. Four months later they moved into their new home, becoming two of Twin Waters' early residents. Today the Fletchers remain convinced their decision to move to Twin Waters was one of the best.

"It's everything we ever wanted – it's relaxed and comfortable and just so beautiful," Rob says. "Lend Lease has done a fantastic job in maintaining a high standard throughout the development and they've really fostered a sense of community through thoughtful



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design and their willingness to always lend residents a hand in doing whatever they can to make life here even better."



The TWRA supported the initiative and contributed \$5,000 to the cost of the project, with the main funding contributed by Sunshine Coast Council. The project was constructed and has been maintained by Council. It was officially opened by Cr Debbie Blumel on 28 October 2010. Many residents now use the facilities on a regular basis and it is definitely an asset for our community. Jenny still lives here and is still a "fitness for health" advocate and more recently was the initiator and organiser of the very popular Seniors Fitness classes at the North Shore Community Centre.

Lake Management Plan

The Sunshine Coast Council have changed the speed limit from the old Lend Lease speed limit of 4 km/ph to the MSC speed limited for controlled waterways to 6 knots (10 km/ph) for consistency. Council will remove the 4 km/ph speed limit signs from under the Lake View Drive Bridge (and any others they can find).

Council has introduced a new section 3.4 Private Landowners' Responsibilities – which points out that damaged revetment walls are the responsibility of the landowner. Many of the lot boundaries are actually in the water so the revetment walls are within the proper

Golf Day

TWRA Golf Day was held on Sunday, 22 September. We had a tremendous response. Thank you to those who helped Kevin Lyons with organisation and those who played on the day. We also thank our sponsors: Lydia Kirm Real Estate, LJ Hooker Twin Waters, Lever Law, Madigan & Turner Travel Associates, Twin Waters Golf Club, Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola.

The format was a single Stableford event playing from both the 1st and 10th tees. Stableford is a scoring system used in golf. Rather than counting the total number of strokes taken, as in stroke play, it involves scoring points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole. Unlike traditional scoring methods, where the aim is to have the lowest score, under Stableford rules, the objective is to have the highest score. The aim of Stableford is to accumulate the most number of points over the course of 18 holes.

Depending on a player's handicap a certain number of strokes are allocated on each hole.

Congratulations to all prize winners, including for the men, Jon Pratlett with 41 points and for the ladies, Trish Jones with 37 points.



More photos of the Golf Day will be available on the TWRA Facebook page.

Bushfire safety

We were fortunate with the bushfires on the Sunshine Coast. Twin Waters and the immediate surrounding area did not have a fire problem. However, on 9 and 10 September both the Sunshine Motorway and David Low Way were closed and some parts of Peregian Springs, Peregian Breeze, Marcus Beach and Lake Weyba areas were evacuated.

We are grateful for the hard work of the firefighters who fought the bush fire under control and saved homes around Peregian Beach.

We must all be vigilant - the risk of fires remains high with hot, dry and windy weather. Every household should be prepared as the threat of bush fires can change, particularly if one lives near bush land. Keep gutters clear of litter, trim trees, remove rubbish are some preventative steps we should take.

What would you do if a fire were near your house? Be prepared - refer attached plan (thanks to Courier Mail), follow advice of QFES and Police, and be ready to evacuate with a few personal belongings e.g; mobile phone, ID (Driver licence, passport), portable HD/USBs and jewellery.

Fire services recommend that you develop a written bushfire survival plan and discuss this with your family. For further information refer:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/pl-an-for-an-emergency/bushfire/> or https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au/BushFire_Safety/Pages/default.aspx

Fire Management Information Night

Council and emergency services will host fire management information night. Bushfires can affect anyone, anywhere on

the Sunshine Coast. During the storm and bushfire season it is important community members prepare for fire and understand the importance of bushfire management. Sunshine Coast Council, together with representatives from South East Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Rural Fire Service Queensland, will host a free fire management information night to share information and offer advice about being prepared for bushfire season.

The fire management information night will be held at the Palmwoods Rural Fire Brigade, Margaret St, Palmwoods on Tuesday 1 October at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Environment Portfolio Councillor Jenny McKay said it was vital people prepared their home, property and family and had a bushfire survival plan in place. Cr McKay said, "Being prepared is one of the most important things you can do to keep your home safe in a bushfire. Deciding if you will leave early, remembering pets and checking in with neighbours are vital.

"Managing vegetation around your home is also important, but remember to first contact council to check if any planning approvals are required." Rural Fire Service Inspector Andrew Allan said property owners were encouraged to take advantage of the valuable information that would be shared during the fire management session. "This event is a great example of different agencies coming together to share our experiences and knowledge," Inspector Allan said. Remember, if you spot active fire or feel your property is under threat, call Triple Zero (000) immediately. For all the information you need to be prepared for and informed during a disaster event visit council's website:

<https://disaster.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au>



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Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.

Thinking about Renovating?

Stepping through your front door and smiling is a great gauge as to whether you love the space in which you live! If you find yourself frowning, then stop to consider why, and whether it relates to the energy you feel within that space. Is it feeling tired, out of date, or just doesn't meet your needs any longer?

Renovating may appear like a daunting task. However, it doesn't need to be.

Planning the steps is imperative to a stress-less experience. Having a professional who can guide and manage the trades coming and going from your home is a great start.

The investment will be well and truly worth your peace of mind!

Relating to the Designer with the knowledge that you are in safe hands, and that the project reflects not just your vision but meets your needs and provides solutions to areas of your home that may have been problematic in the past or when thinking of your needs well into the future.

Discover that choosing colours, fabrics, carpets, tiles and window treatments is an efficient, streamlined experience as the Designer will have the most up to date selections available in the marketplace.

Finally, try to always remember "trends" come and go – it is very important that when deciding on your final selections - remember you may be living with these choices for some time to come. Choose classic pieces that you can alter seasonally.

Whether renovating one room or an entire home – the first step in the process is to have an unbiased opinion from a Designer who will assist to create beautiful spaces you will enjoy well into your future. Call me today, to arrange an obligation free appointment where your needs may be discussed.

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Novotel News & Events

Sam Greentree Marketing & Loyalty Executive (Ph: {07} 5450 9544) reports on a couple of events coming up at the Novotel Twin Waters Resort:

- Join us at the "Secret Garden by Pimms", the pop-up venue overlooking the lagoon with live music, fresh food and cold drinks including the summer favourite, Pimms! Open daily | 4pm - 8pm | 20 September - 5 October

- Nightly Buffet Dinner resumes at Nouveau Restaurant from 20 Sept 2019.

Visit the resort website for full details:
www.novoteltwinwatersresort.com.au

Tax Cuts

Ted O'Brien MP, Federal Member for Fairfax reported in his latest bulletin that the Government passed legislation to bring down taxes. This means that low and middle income earners will benefit from tax relief of up to \$1,080 for singles or up to \$2,160 for dual income families.

Taxpayers will see the benefits on lodging their 2018-2019 tax returns.

For further information, phone (07) 5479 2800 or email: ted.obrien.mp@aph.gov.au

Dog Walker

Garry and Karel are keen to have a dog in their lives. For a small fee they can give your pet dog 'a home away from home.'

Please phone Garry or Karel 0414 366 280 if you need their help.

House sitting – 2019

Mike and Anne Radmall are available for house and/or pet sitting from 19 November to 21 December this year.

Contact Anne 0423 577 503 or Mike micann@ozemail.com.au

TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

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