

## Newsletter - March 2020

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### Council Election Community Forum

**Community Forum for Mayoral Candidates and Councillors for Division 8 will be at North Shore Community Centre Friday evening 20th March starting at 6.30 pm.**

**Candidate information has been supplied by each of the Candidates and is presented with complete impartiality.**

**Please note that only candidates who had nominated before the cut-off date for publication of the Newsletter are included. Nominations for the election close on 3 March, so it is possible that there may be further nominations. If there were, we will endeavour to have them to come to the Community Forum on 20 March.**

### TWRA General Calendar

**1st March – Clean-up Twin Waters, 8.00 – 10.00, Baywater Drive Park**

**17th March – Neighbourhood Watch meeting, 7.30 pm at Living Choice Retirement Village**

**20th March - TWRA Open Forum 6.30 pm at the North Shore Community Centre**

**20th April - TWRA General Meeting, 7.30 pm at Novotel Resort**

### President's Report

During the first part of 2020 we have discussed the weather, the heat, the drought and more recently the burst of rain and add to that the discussions around the Local Government elections at the end of March. Weather and politics are "normal" discussions.

The rainfall has meant the grass is green and the trees showing new growth.

The Council elections at the end of March give us the opportunity to profile the four candidates who have announced they are standing for the position of Mayor and also the two standing as our local representative on Council for Division 8. We present their profiles as supplied by each of the candidates and without influence or comment.

TWRA will host a Candidates' Community Forum on Friday evening, 20 March at the North Shore Community Centre where there will be the opportunity to hear from these candidates. In the interest of time and to avoid overlapping questions, we are asking that questions to the candidates be sent to TWRA in advance.

We will ensure as many questions as possible are asked of the candidates and because of time we will combine the same or similar topics. Questions can be directed to all candidates or to an individual candidate, Mayoral candidates or Division 8 candidates. Please send questions to [info@twra.net](mailto:info@twra.net) by Monday 16 March.

The Community Forum will be presented without cost to attend.

Until next month,

*Tony*

### Neighbourhood Watch

Queensland Police would like to remind residents to keep their dwellings and vehicles locked. The majority of property offences are committed by opportunistic offenders. Please also remember to keep garages, sheds and

windows locked.

The next NHW general meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 17 March in the Club Room at Living Choice Retirement Village. For further information email: [nhw.twinwaters@gmail.com](mailto:nhw.twinwaters@gmail.com) or contact phone David on 5448 8747.

### TWRA Christmas Carols

Money raised from the event held on 15 December was offered to the Maroochy North Shore Lions and the Lions Bushfire Appeal. After discussion it was suggested TWRA donate the proceeds directly to the local Bli Bli & District Rural Fire Brigade to enable them to put the money to valuable local use.



On Thursday, 30 January the Twin Waters Residents' Association, with members of North Shore Lions and Maroochy State MP, Fiona Simpson presented the cheque. We all want to thank the Bli Bli & Districts Rural Fire Brigade for everything they did to keep us and our properties safe.

### Knitting & Crocheting for Injured Wildlife at Estia Health

Throughout December and the beginning of January 2020 residents from Estia Health Twin Waters have joined a 'project knit' programme as part of Lifestyle and Leisure activities and have been knitting and crocheting to make pouches and blankets for our injured wildlife during this bushfire season. Our first donation has been made to Wildlife Warriors at Australia Zoo with over 40 pouches, 5 blankets and 20 pairs of cotton mittens being donated. A big thank you to all our residents involved who have contributed an enormous amount of time and dedication to the project.

## Council Elections

The next Sunshine Coast Council elections will be held on Saturday, 28 March 2020. All elections in Queensland are conducted by the Electoral Commission Queensland ECQ are responsible for all voting matters, including how and where to vote.

**For enquiries about the elections visit [www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 881 665**

## 2020 Mayoral Candidates



### Don Innes

My background is retail, fashion and business. In 1978 I came to the Sunshine Coast as a 16 year old and have never left, settling in Alexandra Headland thirty years ago with my gorgeous wife Kathy Frost and we have three adult children. No man is an island. So, no Mayor stands alone, rather they are one of 11 Councillors, and are merely given the special privilege of leadership.

My primary focus is residents' rights, first and foremost. In all their various forms and guises. As of right improvements. Rights to the quiet enjoyment of your abode, and rights to not suffer deleterious impacts upon your amenity, and the simplest of all rights, the rights to information and not suppression (code for "secret meetings") ... That is the inalienable ratepayers right to have competent and committed impartial independent representation on council - precisely because you are the key stakeholders.

The right to have a mayor not merely in the service of an industry that persists with the "grow or die" dictum - precisely the reckless attitude that has delivered the fiasco at the airport and the financial catastrophe that is the "bright city" CBD! The reckless damaging PFAS pipeline proposal. The apparently cash negative solar farm. The undersea cable that connects to no-one, and has tens of millions of undisclosed financial exposure for years to come. They weren't "vision" as the current mayor likes to suggest or imply that he is a man of!

When I put my vision 2020 glasses on, I won't be seeing smoke and mirrors. I will be dealing with the dose of reality that they all need. We genuinely need a leader for whom debt is not just a problematic "detail" and a leader who will focus on rectifying the parlous state which we all know we are in, but just can't seem to get to the truth of.



### Mark Jamieson

True Direction for a Thriving Community  
The Sunshine Coast is without a doubt, a piece of paradise in the greatest country on earth. Since I was first elected in 2012, the Council which I have led has pursued a balanced agenda focussed on liveability, opportunity and prosperity – underpinned by my commitment to preserving our beautiful natural environment. This is why I and many others, choose to live here and it is an attribute of our Sunshine Coast that I am not prepared to see compromised.

Over the last eight years, our Council has driven an array of opportunities and taken some bold steps to chart an exciting future for our communities. Most importantly, we have delivered results – and as the saying goes, the proof is in the pudding.

Our Sunshine Coast today has moved ahead in leaps and bounds from where it was in 2012. This has not happened by chance – it is the product of the clear plans that the Sunshine Coast Council under my leadership has put in place and we have remained steadfast in seeing them delivered.

It is little wonder, that our Sunshine Coast has been recognised as the only location in the southern hemisphere as one of the top 7 Global Intelligent communities.

The Council I lead will always be at the forefront of exploring new horizons, generating new ideas, developing community pride, preserving our natural landscapes and ecosystems and building opportunities for current and future generations.

This has been my unwavering approach as Mayor of the Sunshine Coast – because at the end of the day, delivering results for our community and the region which I serve is what matters.

My ethos is pretty simple – to not only do well but do good. That is my goal and it is what you can always expect from me.



### Chris Thompson

Chris is a long term resident of the Sunshine Coast having lived here for over 30 years. He is married and has 4 children, all attend schools on the Sunshine Coast. Chris is a family man at heart and understands the need to protect the Sunshine Coasts lifestyle so that our children can enjoy it.

Chris studied at the University of the Sunshine Coast where he obtained a Bachelor of Business and later obtained an MBA from the University of Queensland.

Chris has a proven track record in financial management and believes in honesty, integrity and community first.

Chris spent 6 years with the Royal Australian Navy and has held numerous senior positions with private enterprise.

Chris is well qualified for the position having previously served as Division 4 Councillor from 2004 – 2016. During this time, he held numerous Council positions including Deputy Mayor/Head of Finance, Governance, Corporate Services and Water.

If elected Mayor, Chris will:

- Provide Honest and Transparent Leadership that unites people
- Consider Community expectations in decision making
- Preserve the Coast Lifestyle
- Protect the Environment
- Put Community First
- Reduce Debt
- Restore trust in the Council
- Continue to grow our economic base

Chris is running for mayor because he believes in fighting for the future of the Sunshine Coast. Many people he has spoken with have said they feel the Sunshine Coast is losing its lifestyle, local community concerns are being ignored and there is no transparency in Council's decision making. Chris agrees and wants to respond before it's too late. Chris will lead with integrity, and stand up for the Sunshine Coast.

He believes it is important to have a prosperous economy but it cannot be at the expense of the Coast's lifestyle and environment.

Time for Change - Let's Get the Balance Right!



## Division 8 Candidates for Council



### Michael Burgess

I am standing because during my long association with the Coast. I feel I am particularly qualified to take the Coast in the right direction.

My wife and I began a business with a few thousand dollars and built it into a multi-outlet national chain.

I intend to represent the whole of the region in achieving the best combination of lifestyle, environmental regeneration and economic prosperity. It should be remembered we cannot preserve our lifestyle or regenerate our environment without the prosperity to support the long term jobs sympathetic to that lifestyle and environment

We must respond to the challenges of an increasing population and changing circumstances thrust upon us with new initiatives that will ensure a prosperous economy affords protection to our lifestyle and environment

The vast space between the shoreline and the hinterland is such a unique place it's a gift the community should treasure, preserve and turn to the enjoyment and benefit of the whole community as well as offering to the world an example of proper community development.

We need to create jobs and apprenticeships in:

- renewable energy industries,
- waste resource industry, and
- intensive horticulture

We also must create:

- training institutes in trades and urban agriculture, and
- tourist industry based on eco-experiences of all kinds

As Mayor I will push for the establishment of a Citizen Committee, composed of various community groups and other stakeholders. This will enable the community to request the presence of various local council executives and elected officials to engage with them in an open forum for information exchange. I believe my job will be to bring together a room full of the smartest people to deal with the issues we face, to allow this place to grasp its opportunity to be the best place in the world to live and preserve its space, its lifestyle, its environment and its economy.



### Kathryn Hyman

I live and grew up in Division 8. With studies in education and the international tourism industry, I have worked hard, travelled and arrived back home with my husband and children. Being a Qld Playgroup Co-ordinator for many years and a busy Mum, I understand the needs of families and the importance of job security and economic prosperity.

My former executive role with OSCAR, the peak ratepayer association on the Coast, and involvement with Twin Waters West I observed a lack of transparency and good governance in varying degrees with the current council structure, particularly financial transparency and public purse expenditure. Planning for our region's growth and our economy must keep rates and debt in check.

If elected I will work to reduce the number of secret meetings, bring accountable financial transparency in order to ensure we are getting value for our rates, the second highest in SEQ, and uphold the primacy of the planning scheme.

A balanced approach is needed across our region that is community and lifestyle focussed, with development and growth achieved in a sustainable manner where our vulnerable coastal communities are represented into the next planning scheme. Mortgages and properties in coastal zones are at risk of becoming 'risky financial products' – we need good policy and sensible planning to protect our assets.

I will actively lobby to introduce kerbside collect, emerging enterprises such as not for profit funerals, ride to school app and partnerships to foster tourism in wellbeing and eco luxe niche markets.

I will insist on meaningful community engagement in order to see decisions made that reflect your wishes. Advocacy for existing ratepayers and a strong voice is vital in our changing landscape. I will bring a fresh voice to achieve balance as we grow whilst preserving our lifestyle and our beautiful Sunshine Coast.



### Jason O'Pray

Jason O'Pray is aged 46, married to Ingrid and they have two beautiful girls, Lily 15 and Jay 11. I'm from a generational Sunshine Coast family, I'm born and bred and I absolutely love our region to bits. I've proudly and successfully been your local Division 8 Councillor for the last 8 years and I will again be running in the March 2020 local elections. I take great pride and delight in the many projects of all levels like our 5 Twin Waters bridge upgrades, table and chair replacements, car parks, drainage programs, street line markings, pathway renewals, street tree plantings, marine creature maintenance, netball hoops, weir works, water accesses, playground upgrades, my free tree days, birthdays in the park and of course co-hosting our Chrissy carols.

Over the last 12 months and looking to the future, my focus has been on shade sails in our parks, more shelters in our BBQ areas and public spaces, shade shelters at the North Shore sports fields, even rashes and hats for our nippers, board riding clubs and north shore junior sports clubs.

I'm absolutely certain every parent loves the idea of more 'shade' across the North Shore.

Other projects, amongst many others, I intend to expand and develop include –

- Our Tree Programs, adopt a tree, street tree program, vegetation and bushfire management programs and of course my 'free tree days'
- Sports clubs and Community group funding, grants and assistance programmes, junior sports development and participation
- Economic Development, small business and employment, education and business planning, small business development and staff upskilling and better business programmes

Twin Waters is a very special part of the world, I love it and I intend to continue to protect everything we love about it with everything I've got.

Thanks again, I look forward to your continued support at the March 28 local elections.

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## Block Co-ordinators

Check on [TWRA.net](http://TWRA.net) and Community Notice Board for contact details.



### TWIN WATERS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

The Annual Subscription is \$10 per family

Valid to 30 June each year.

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## A 14-year love affair selling Living Choice

Peter and Suzi Morland have been with Living Choice at Twin Waters since 2005. They remember driving into Twin Waters for the first time - the waterways sparkled, the trees were alive with birds and the homes were beautiful. The village was only partially built, with the Leisure Centre covered in scaffolding and tradesmen, but the grounds looked beautiful. Peter's interview went well and he was shown the display homes. That's when he became a little befuddled: "the apartment I was ushered into, not only was bright and airy, but seriously large with the biggest balcony I think I'd ever seen. It felt like being in the best statesman cabin on a cruise ship temporarily moored in a stunning waterway."



Peter & Suzi Morland enjoy scuba diving

Those initial feelings are repeated every time I show clients into our displays, to my great delight. And the best thing is when those clients move in, they know that they've hit the jackpot. They're not only on the Sunshine Coast with our perfect weather, they're in one of the premium suburbs and enjoying the most spacious retirement living on offer. Peter Morland was surprised by the fitness of some older folk eg; one bloke swam butterfly up and down the indoor pool; in the gym another gent was jogging vigorously on the treadmill. Many residents are also laid back and they can often be seen enjoying a coffee and a chat in the Leisure Centre.

Nowadays he sees people moving in who are younger than him! (Sixty is obviously the new forty). The 'younger set' frequently travel, knowing that everything will be taken care back home. Some move in because maintenance work takes up much of their lives. He had one lady who was still running a cattle property in NSW in her eighties, and "it was becoming a bit much!"

Some move in for the community, and that is probably the thing he enjoys the most about living there, and Peter said: "Whether you mean to or not, you become part of the fabric of the community. Your presence and the relationships you build up are in essence what the village is. There are always lovely homes everywhere, but that intangible quality, friendship and recognition, are precious commodities. And as we become older and wiser (hopefully), the more potent that is."



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### Sunshine Coast Concert Band

On Saturday afternoon, 14 March at 2.00 pm the Sunshine Coast Concert Band presents March Melodies at the Kawana Community Hall, Nanyima Treet, Buddina. Tickets (\$15) are available at the door and include afternoon tea.

For further information contact Toni 0404 193 912 or visit website: [www.sccb.org.au](http://www.sccb.org.au)

### Bush Poets' Breakfast

Thanks to North Shore Lions for organising and all those who came along to celebrate this incredible country we call home at the Bush Poets' Breakfast on Australia Day (Sunday morning, 26 January) at the North Shore Community Centre with a BBQ breakfast of bacon and egg burgers for the cost of a gold coin donation plus tea, coffee and damper. Entertainment was provided local residents enjoyed Australian songs and recitals of entertaining Aussie ballads.