



TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - August 2020

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Annual General Meeting

It's that time of the year again to review what we have done and consider the year ahead and the Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 10th August starting at 7.30 pm.

The AGM will (as prescribed in the Constitution) receive the financial statements of income and expenditure, receive the Auditors report and present the Audited statement to the meeting for adoption, appoint the Management Committee, and appoint the Auditor. In line with the Constitution nominations for the Management Committee closed on Wed 15th July. The AGM will be held at the Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort and will be subject to the applicable "social distancing" requirements to which we have become accustomed in recent months. Attendance will be limited and restricted to a specified number of people to comply with all the rules; we will be inviting people interested in attending to register in advance.

President's Report

WOW! How fast the year has gone and it's been an interesting time, particularly in recent months. We have enjoyed some great events and gatherings prior to "lockdown" Birthday in the Park: John and Josh (from LJ Hooker) and their great team ensured a day of sunshine and fun – even if it was a bit breezy!

Birthday Celebration at Loose Goose: for the last few years Peter and Margaret Braithwaite have organised a fabulous evening of mixing and chatting and 2019 had over 120 Twin Waters residents (and a few friends) attending.

The highlight of our year is of course Christmas Carols at Novotel Sunshine Coast. Rob Ruskin and Sophie Lever had a big team of helpers plus Santa and his lolly bags provided by Lydia Kirn. The Fireworks were spectacular over the Novotel lagoon and we must thank North Shore Realty and Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola! We would also like to thank Fiona Simpson MP and Cllr Jason O'Pray for leading the event. Fiona has a beautiful voice and Jason is great at miming!

To enable the TWRA to be an effective organisation and run smoothly there is a hard working committee operating behind the scene. A big thank you to Sophie Lever who has been Secretary for a number of years; Kerryn Vincart (Treasurer) looked after the money and paid the bills; Geoff Billard (Vice President) contributed enormously in too many ways to list. Others on the team Rob Ruskin, Liz Hope, Max Mills, Kevin Lyons, Craig Jury, Dave Dunwoody and supporting in the background were Dan Seeney and Roger Peffers.

Mark Blomkamp edited the Newsletter and was supported by Amanda Meredith who looked after the newsletter advertising for part of the year and then Geoff took over. And another thank you to the businesses who supported us in various ways Novotel, Foodworks, Lydia Kirn, LJ Hooker, Joanne Reilly, North Shore Realty and

Bendigo Community Bank Marcoola! There have been many other people and businesses that have also supported physically and financially and it recognises that we live in a wonderful community we love and call "home".

Until next month,

Tony

Apex School Holiday Programme

Have your children or grandchildren enjoy the outdoors the next school holidays and give yourself a well-earned break. Apex Camps Sunshine Coast runs an exciting outdoor adventure school holiday drop-off programme for kids aged 5-17.

Kids can choose from activities such as rock climbing on our fabulous outdoor tower, ropes courses (including our new high ropes with 'skate' and 'surf' the skies), our famous mud pit challenge course, exhilarating flying foxes, archery, fencing and much more. Morning tea and lunch may also be included!

Visit:

www.apexcamps.com.au/schoolholidayprogram to book, and enter code EBWIN19.

Looking for birthday gift ideas? Your kids will love you for giving them an Apex Camps gift voucher. They also provide one of the most adventurous birthday party packages on the Sunshine Coast! Contact Heidi Ramberg, Marketing Coordinator on 1300 122 677 or marketing@apexcamps.com.au

Mudjimba SLSC

These are exciting times at our local surf club – Mudjimba Surf Lifesaving Club, despite the challenges of the COVID situation. Stages 2 & 3 of their building expansion has commenced. Registrations are open for 2020/2021 Nippers season with a commencement date of 11 October 2020. All information will be up on the Nippers tab of the club's website shortly.



Twin Waters West Decision Imminent

As we finalise the Newsletter, Council announced that their Meeting on 23 July would consider the Stockland Development Application (DA) for Twin Waters West.

The Agenda papers included extensive documentation and, importantly, the recommendation from Council officers. The officers recommended approval, but subject to quite a number of conditions, which were set out in the papers. This information is all available on the Council web site.

As you know, we have a simple overarching objective - it must be equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters, i.e. a premium development which is of the quality and character of our community.

We believe this can be achieved.

It is up to Council to make its decisions - to approve, with or without conditions or to refuse, maybe with reasons.

Whatever the decision(s), Stockland will have a right to appeal to the State Planning & Environment Court, as will any community group(s), if they choose to do so.

The Councillor's decision at the Meeting voted the DA down 8:2 with the Mayor excluding himself because of a possible perceived conflict of interest! More information will emerge!

Action speaks louder than words

'Bulldozer' Bob's actions back in 2002 showed the real attitudes of Twin Waters' residents and have become part of our local history.

Twin Waters was developed by Lend Lease from 1996 as a premium waterfront community. The developers maintained high quality housing by having all purchasers sign building covenants covering architectural styles, colours, building materials etc. In 1998 Bob Gavin and Dorothy Weise inspected Blue Water Court in Twin Waters. All the allotments there were designed to enjoy the benefits of lakefront living and a relaxed lifestyle with panoramic views across the lake. "Living on the shores of nature" was the advertising pitch from Lend Lease.

Based on these representations by Lend Lease, they built and moved into their retirement home in 2000. At that time there were only a few residents in Stage 1 of the development, known as The Landings, including waterfront homes along Tamarind Place (which had a number of display homes), Lake View Drive (also with display homes) and Blue Water Court.

Lend Lease's master-planned residential community was a staged development and changes were made to the plans – sometimes without adequate consultation. In particular, the owners of the three homes on the eastern side of Blue Water Court were concerned with contractors moving the other side of the lake closer to their properties. From about late 2001, construction work had started with felling of trees, land clearance and dredging of lake. Nearby houses were covered in dirt and grime from the earthworks.

When residents moved into their homes in Blue Water Court, they could look across the lake at a pristine wilderness area with pelicans waddling along a sandspit. By early 2002 much of the waterway had been filled in and the stretch of water across from their houses was much narrower with a rock wall on the sandy beach. Homeowners had submitted complaints and meetings had been held with Lend Lease and the Maroochy Shire Council.

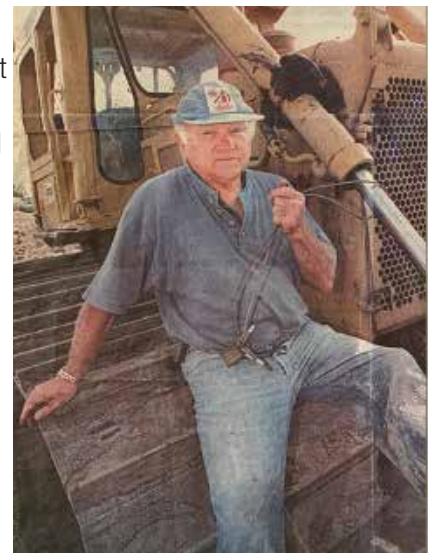
Residents were informed that the proposed units at View Point were going to be six levels and a road bridge was planned from Lake View Drive to link with Baywater Drive on the other side of the waterway. The affected residents along Tamarind Place and Blue Water Court, despite the meetings with Lend Lease and Council, could not get a satisfactory result.

Mr Robert Gavin, then aged 69 years, was irate.

He'd had enough!

On 9 April 2002 he waited for the contractors to stop work for morning tea and had his neighbour row him across the canal.

'Bulldozer Bob' in 2002 as photographed by Sunshine Coast Daily.



With a strong steel chain and three padlocks he secured himself tightly around his waist to the front bulldozer. (He also phoned Channel 7, who had their news cameras out there very quickly! The photo below also appeared in the Sunshine Coast Daily the next day.)

The earth works came to a halt. Hasty negotiations took place with Lend Lease managers, Council representative and other concerned neighbours. After a few hours, a compromise was reached on the undertaking by Lend Lease and Council to meet residents and further discuss these issues.

Bob's neighbour returned with the keys to release him.

Subsequently, meetings were held with Lend Lease senior management in Brisbane and the local Council. The residents from Tamarind Place and Blue Water Court reached an agreement regarding the location of the rock wall, the apartments at View Point would be built to a maximum height of three stories and the proposed traffic bridge would be changed to a pedestrians only bridge. These were significant changes and the community is the better for them. And that's how Bulldozer Bob's actions have become part of our local history!

But Bob has been much more than that. He has been a long-time stalwart community contributor, both through the TWRA and North Shore Lions. Bob & Dorothy will be moving soon, but we want to thank them and acknowledge their great community contributions over more than 20 years. All the very best, Bob & Dorothy!

Novotel News & Events

We have some very exciting updates coming up this month at the resort:

- Dining restrictions have eased allowing us to host more of our community within our restaurant and bar. To book your table, please call 5450 9521

- Seafood Special every Friday & Saturday nights – Seafood Tower for 2 for \$130 and fresh 1/2kg bucket of prawns for \$35. Availability is limited, bookings are recommended.

- Enjoy our exclusive 'Loving Locals' accommodation special. Stay one night from just \$150 and enjoy a complimentary \$50 food and beverage credit!

To book, call 1800 072 277.

Visit the resort at 270 Ocean Drive, Twin Waters or phone 5450 9544 or the website for full details: novotelsunshinecoast.com.au

Gardening

Maybe you've always loved your garden, while others are rediscovering the joys of their backyard with fresh eyes and vigour in this season.

Let me introduce you to a genuine gem for those who aren't already fans of Cooloom Community Native Nursery at 157 Warran Road, Yaroomba. Their freshly released history book sums up their ethos of being "more than just a nursery, growing people and plants". If you need plants native to our local area and a genuine community nursery whose profits go back into local environmental work, this is the place. It's very reasonably priced and also welcomes volunteers. Born out of Cooloom District Coast Care Group in 1997, you can find them also at www.coolumnatives.com or phone 5473 9322

Bees

A Twin Waters couple recently attended a day class on keeping bees in Yandina, The class was run by Sunshine Coast Beekeepers www.sunshinecoastbeekeepersinc.org.au They enjoyed the class and are now considering whether to set up a hive at their home in Twin Waters. They would like to make contact with anyone else here who has a hive or has knowledge that they are willing to share on this subject. We have established that Council regulations permit having a hive - one or two depending on the size of the block. We are sure the gardeners here would welcome more bees to do their work as they are a somewhat scarce commodity for those of us trying to grow veggies during these strange times! If you can help, please contact us at info@twra.net and we will put you in touch with the budding hive owners.

Indigenous Cultural Heritage

Researched and contributed by Elizabeth Blomkamp.

This is part 2 of a segment intended to provide a better understanding and respect for the Kabi Kabi Aboriginal culture and heritage in our region.

In 1988 Ian McNiven conducted a preliminary archaeological survey of the proposed Twin Waters Resort at the mouth of the Maroochy River. During the survey, McNiven located three sites and two site complexes. All sites consisted of varying proportions of shell and stone artefacts. In 1989 McNiven examined these sites in detail. They consisted of a

series of shell midden and stone artefact sites (5 in total) located at the mouth of the Maroochy River. McNiven found that shellfish remains dominated both sites, suggesting that Aboriginal people were choosing particular areas to process and collect shellfish material. oyster, cockle and club whelk were found to be the most common shellfish types at the sites indicating that collections were focused on the tidal estuarine mudflats and mangrove forests that border the Maroochy River.



In April 1842, the Colonial Secretary's office in Sydney under the direction of Governor Gipps, proclaimed a district around the Mooloolah/Maroochy Rivers westwards to the Blackall Ranges as a Crown Land Reserve for the use of Indigenous people.

In 1859, Queensland assumed full control of the alienation and administration of land. As one of its first acts, the new Queensland parliament passed the Unoccupied Crown Lands Occupation Act 1860, which repealed Gipps' 1842 proclamation of Crown Reserve for Indigenous Use, and provided for squatters' and timber cutters' licences in the area.

After European settlement and the development of the area, the numbers of Indigenous people living in the Sunshine Coast region decreased dramatically. European diseases were also a major contributing factor in the decrease of Indigenous populations at this time.

There were a few places where massacres and killings were believed to have occurred.

There was an incident at Murdering Creek (now named) where numerous Indigenous people were ambushed and murdered. Most of the Aboriginal people from the Maroochy region had been removed to Barambah Aboriginal Settlement (Cherbourg) by the early years of the 20th century.

They were joined by people from tribes all over Queensland.

TWRA Membership

Everyone who lives in Twin Waters, whether an owner or a renter, is encouraged to join the TWRA.

Joining TWRA is easy. Just go to the web site at www.twra.net and click on the link headed TWRA Membership.

This will open a form for you to complete, with basic details such as name(s), address, phone and email(s). If you submit that form, we will then send you an "invoice" with details for online payment of the membership fee (\$10 per annum per household) or you have the option of paying via credit card as part of the form completion.

Upon payment, we will send a receipt, which becomes your evidence of Membership. Renewals each year are even easier - we will send you an "invoice" each year for online payment by direct deposit or credit card.

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Block Co-ordinators

Check on TWRA.net and Community

Notice Board for contact details.



"I even had one caller ring to question the claim on my billboard.

I asked them, have you read the fine print?!"

From humble beginnings a little over 2 years ago, Joanne Reilly Property has grown to be a major player in the real estate market north of the Maroochy River. Today, Joanne's distinctive hot pink, black and white signs and banners can be seen outside properties in Twin Waters, Pacific Paradise, Bli Bli, Mudjimba, Marcoola and Mount Cooloolam, signalling a fresh new approach to real estate marketing in our area. New real estate thinking is seeing a transformation in the way our local properties; houses, apartments and rentals are being marketed. A bold new approach spearheaded by Joanne Reilly.

Joanne Reilly Property was born from Joanne's experience in real estate in Twin Waters initially. Establishing her own business was a natural progression, as Joanne realised that her passion as a local homeowner made it easy for her to sell the great lifestyle and benefits of our area. Working with just one goal in mind, to offer outstanding service to buyers and sellers alike, Joanne has established herself as the go-to agent for those of us looking to maximise our property investment. In line with the growth of the business, highly accomplished professional Kellie Paterson has recently joined Joanne Reilly Property as Executive Assistant. After a successful career in business management in Melbourne, Kellie has been lured to the Sunshine Coast, bringing with her a high level of professionalism, motivation and integrity, all of which is apparent in her every undertaking. Both buyers and sellers alike benefit from her naturally warm persona and dedicated focus on customer care. Kellie understands the need to actively tend to her clients' needs and is committed to effective communication throughout the entire campaign. With an eye for detail, passion for success and a 'can-do' attitude, Kellie delivers results every time. Together Joanne and Kellie make a formidable real estate team.

Signalling her professional and personal commitment to our area, in May this year Joanne opened her offices in Pacific Paradise. Located at 2/718 David Low Way, Mudjimba the colourful livery of Joanne's office front has already become a landmark in the area. When in the area "Pop in for a cuppa and a chat about Real Estate – we would love to see you".

Recognising the desire of local residents wishing to lease their homes, and to trust their properties to a 'local', Joanne has recently expanded her services to include property management. This too is a natural progression for Joanne, as many buyers are purchasing property as an investment. Who better to manage the leasing of that property than the agent who managed the purchase in the first place? Joanne is no new-comer to this area of Real Estate, she started her Real Estate career in Property Management over 10 years ago.

And the billboard on David Low Way adjacent to the golf course? Read the fine print. Who says that Joanne doesn't have a sense of humour ... as well as a keen marketing mind?

If you were looking to purchase or sell property in Twin Waters, Pacific Paradise, Mudjimba, Marcoola, Bli Bli or Mt Cooloolam, Joanne would love to hear from you. You can call Joanne on 0425 328 752 or 07 5448 6688 alternatively drop in to see Joanne and Kellie at their office in Pacific Paradise. Make sure that you check out the website at: www.JoanneReillyProperty.com.au