

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Newsletter - March 2019

#### President's Comments

Twin Waters is one of the best communities on the Sunshine Coast. We work together to maintain what we have and enjoy the outcomes. TWRA look after the community through many things such as Clean Up Twin Waters day in early March - and it's surprising how much rubbish we collect even in the parks and waterways and we appreciate the work done by volunteers. Many of the Twin Waters walking community pick up rubbish on a regular basis ... particularly the fast food wrappers and branded drink containers! We have social events like Birthday Party in the Park, Christmas in July, the Cocktail Party, and Christmas Carols – all organised by teams of volunteers. Our Neighbourhood Watch team work closely with the Coolum Police to ensure the safety of our whole community. Even our regular bi-monthly meetings have a great atmosphere and our community are not afraid to ask the leading questions or to make suggestions on making our community an even better place. One recent suggestion is that we should have more water fountains available for the people who “pound the pavement” around our community. The suggestion has been discussed at the Committee meeting and has been passed on to Council for consideration and comment. Another suggestion has been made to increase the availability of bags for the people walking dogs. It is a requirement to clean up after your pet and more doggy bags would be helpful – again this has been passed to Council for comment. Our volunteers are really appreciated by the whole community. Finally, a warm welcome and thanks to Mark Blomkamp for volunteering to take over from Poppy Solomon as our

Newsletter editor. As you know, Poppy has moved on and we wish her well, as we also wish Mark well as he takes over from her. If you have any items of interest for the community, you can contact Mark via our email at [Newsletter@twra.net](mailto:Newsletter@twra.net) Enjoy the cooler weather as we head into autumn and the cooler months ahead. Until next month, Cheers

*Tony*

#### Introducing our New Editor

Mark Blomkamp and his wife, Elizabeth have lived in Twin Waters since May 2017. Mark and Elizabeth were both born in Cape Town and emigrated with their respective families as young children. Mark completed all his education in New Zealand, became a partner in law firms in Auckland before moving to the Gold Coast 20 years ago. “I've had a long transition to retirement, maintaining a work-life balance, frequent travels and charity work. I continue to work part-time on a consultancy basis for a commercial law practice. I am a former Rotarian and I have been Honorary Solicitor to various sports and social organisations,” he says. Elizabeth grew up in Melbourne and has been living on the Sunshine Coast since 2001. For the past 8 years, she has been and still is the principal of Glass House Mountains State School. Together, they have a blended family of 7 adult children and 5 grandchildren. Mark is a keen sportsman and enjoys cycling, skiing, yoga, swimming, kayaking, bush walking, and golf. Both Mark and Elizabeth agree that Twin Waters is a great place to live and he is looking forward to contributing to our wonderful community

#### Notices

##### • **2019 Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday morning, 3 March.**

If you would like to help, meet at the Baywater Drive Park at 8:00am. It should take about two hours to keep your suburb clean and make some new friends. Bags and gloves are provided with rubbish collected from public areas of our suburb. If you have a kayak, you can join in by collecting on the lake.

A free BBQ is organised to thank helpers. Hope to see you there!

**For further information call Ed or Merryl on 0423 577 503.**

##### • **Mt Coolum National Park – Draft Management Plan**

The plan is open for public comments and the community is encouraged to participate. Go to: <https://parks.des.qld.gov.au/managing/notices/> and email your comments to: [ParkManagementPlans@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:ParkManagementPlans@des.qld.gov.au) Comments need to be provided by 13 March.

#### *March Calendar*

**3rd March - Clean-Up Twin Waters (8am Baywater Drive Park)**

**7th March – closing date for on-line Qld Parliament petition about public transport**

**13th March - closing date for Mt Coolum Management Plan public submissions.**

#### *Date Claimers*

**8th April - TWRA General Meeting (Novotel Resort)**

**10th June - TWRA General Meeting (Novotel Resort)**

**28th July – Christmas in July (TBC)**



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## Thanks for attending general meeting

A TWRA general meeting was held on Monday evening, 11 February at Novotel Resort. The meeting was very well attended by about 130 residents. Our Guest speaker was Ross Ullman, the Project Director Sunshine Coast Airport Expansion Project. He presented an overview of some unique challenges associated with this important airport project, including the key features:

- New 2,450m long by 45m wide east-west runway, capable of servicing aircraft such as the A350, B787 and B777
- Two end taxiway loops, navigation aids and expansion of the existing apron and terminal

- Dredging sand for fill from mooring of a dredge offshore at Marcoola and sand pumping to the project site (completed and now being spread into position)

- Environmental offsets – significant drainage and landscaping

In response to a question, Ross said that the bund on the northern side of the new runway was being extended and strengthened and that it would divert water from the northern side via channels to the Maroochy River. There would be a net benefit for all communities south of the new runway.

For more information on this project, go to: <https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Council/Planning-and-Projects/Major-Regional-Projects/Sunshine-Coast-Airport-Expansion-Project>

Thank you to Jason O'Pray, Divisional Councillor for attending the meeting.

He reported on local infrastructure developments, including the completion of a new car park by the North Shore Community Centre and sporting fields.

Jason recommended that we get involved, inspired and connected with the Centre.

Details are on their website at:

<http://northshorecommunitycentre.org/>

Viewing decks have been completed at Marcoola and Mudjimba beaches and now another is under construction at Twin Waters beach, near the lifeguard headquarters. Jason reminded us that the Twin Waters beach is patrolled every day from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Cr O'Pray also reminded us that tourism is an important part of the local economy.

He believes there has been a record number of visitors over the Christmas New Year period but there was also

some road congestion.

Jason was asked about removal of rubbish over the holiday period at Nojoor Road and Mudjimba Beach – He said complaints were usually handled within 24 hours by Council. There was some discussion on the need for additional bins.

The TWRA intends to monitor this as it affects the appearance of our area as well as having environmental consequences if the bins are allowed to overflow.

Our local member, Fiona Simpson MP was unable to attend, but provided a report. She said she is committed to working with community and fighting for the infrastructure, services and actions that will get that balance right. Fiona expressed concern about public transport and she believes the system needs fixing. She wants better bus services to support the Sunshine Coast's growing population, stronger action to tackle fare evasion and safety issues.

However, Cr Jason O'Pray commented "if we don't use it, we may lose it."

The MP has organised an on-line petition which closes on

7 March. To have your say, go to

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?>

Finally, at the General Meeting, Geoff Billard provided an information update on the status of the Stockland DA and there was some comments and questions from attendees.

Please see the GM Minutes on our web site for more information at [www.twra.net](http://www.twra.net) A brief report is also provided below.

As mentioned, the General Meeting was well attended. The Minutes are normally finalised within a few days and posted on our web site. Thank you to all members who attended the meeting.

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## Stockland Lodges Development Application

As reported last month, Stockland has submitted their Development Application for Twin Waters West.

There is a process to be followed that is set out in the State Planning Act. Two phases are currently in process - the Referral phase and the Information Request phase. Both are Council's responsibility to manage.

The Council must Refer relevant parts of the DA to other agencies, such as State departments like Environment, Waters, Main Roads etc. as well as independent agencies such as Unity Water, Energex and so on to get formal review and sign-offs from these agencies. Council must also review the DA for completeness and any queries and make a formal Information Request back to Stockland for supplementary information etc.

The IR was lodged with Stockland at the end of January. Stockland has up to three months to respond. Then Council must consider all the information and responses before proceeding to the next phase which is Public Notification when the public will have the opportunity to review and make its comments about the DA. The final phase is the Decision, which Council can make only after all the previous phases have been completed and considered.

Given the processes involved, it would appear that the Public Notification phase could occur around mid-year. At this stage, no specific dates are set.

The TWRA Sub-Committee is continuing to review the DA and we are planning to meet with Stockland to seek clarification and information on some matters. We will also review any additional information that becomes available as part of the IR process. Our objective is to form a view about whether the proposed development will be "equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters".

This is still a work-in-progress and will be so until all relevant information is in the public domain. We will continue to keep our

community informed.

The full DA and supplementary information is on the Council's web site.

## Do Your Knives Need Sharpening?

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Thanks to North Shore Community Centre Newsletter for this information.

## Grants from Carols

As previously reported, the Carols held at the Novotel late last year were a great success. The event simply would not be possible without the funding provided by the Monster Raffle organised by our member Mary Earnshaw. Our Association was recently able to donate \$2,000 to the Maroochy North Shore Lions group which represented our profit from the event. It was heartening to know that a lovely young carer from Estia Health was the winner of the Monster Raffle Tree. She cared for the late Betty Daniels during Betty's time at Estia and the pair became very close. We all feel that Betty had a hand in the win! For those new to the area, Betty and her husband Warwick were stalwarts of the Twin Waters community and ran very successful Carols events for many years prior to their passing. A lovely result for everyone. If you would like to join Maroochy North Shore Lions in their Community endeavours, phone Lion Gary on 5448 9587.

Below pictured left to right: Tony Freeman (President TWRA), Neil Shrader, Shirley Craig, Evan Flower, Sophie Lever (Carols Co-ordinator), Rob Ruskin, Merran Dobson and Kerryn Vincart.



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