

PRESIDENTS REPORT

AGM

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I am convinced Twin Waters is the greatest place to live!

We have virtually flat land, water in the lake and the beach nearby. We have 65 parks, small and large and the levy we contribute gives a superior level of service and care from Council.

We work closely with Council and generally have good lines of communication. We also work closely with our State member of Parliament, Fiona Simpson and Fiona and her team in the local office also look after our best interests.

For TWRA to care for the community we have a good team that makes up the Management Committee and they are the people I'd like to thank first:

- Sophie Lever – Secretary for 14 years; looked after our grant applications; and found time to lead the Carols team and work on the committee!;
- Bruce Pratten, our Treasurer has made sure there is money in the bank!
- Geoff Billard – mentor, guide, leader, friend; leadership on the Newsletter and the Ad sheet and encouraging the advertisers to get into the Advertorials and kept us informed on the Twin Waters West DA and progress through the Court
- Rob Ruskin – we affectionately call him our HR Manager - a great friend to many but if he wants to have coffee and a chat, be prepared He has a job for you! Rob also worked on the TWW Sub-committee led the Carols "A" team and continued on the Carols committee
- Kevin Lyons – our Social Manager ... organised the casual evenings at Loose Goose that were originally established by Peter Braithwaite and Kevin has been our representative on the Community Airport Forum; organised the Golf Days and the prizes and found time to work on the Party in the Park committee
- Sherrill France – has kept the website going, created the booking pages and worked closely with our Internet Service Provider – Rock Paper Digital.
- Geoff Baker --- keen to have the Ocean Drive footpath replaced which started our broader conversation with Council
- Derek Brown -- Took the first 50 photographs of some problems with our footpaths which has led to a commitment from Council to create a repair programme over the next few years
- Merran Dobson edited the newsletter a few years back and has continued to show interest and be involved

- Dan Seeney – managed the Mailchimp and looked after our interests in the kids playgrounds
- Dave Dunwoody – stirred the Council on rubbish issues, trees overhanging that were a safety issue and was the instigator of the safety briefing from Council following the bushfire problem a few years back
- Max Mills – has been a great representative on the Maintenance Review Committee
- Mark Hamlyn – has Edited the Newsletter this year and coming from a media background put a new slant on the profile of the newsletter
- Christine Bormann – has worked on the committee despite some health scares
- Emilia White – also edited the Newsletter and worked on the Carols sub committee

Beyond the Exec/Management team there have also been a number of people who do a great job and are not really seen:

Ed Berry has coordinated the distribution of the newsletter for years and had a team of about 20 volunteers! He's also organised the Dine-Out social gatherings and looked after the Clean Up Twin Waters event

Behind the scenes Steve Sturgess formalises the Newsletter layout and organises the printing

Margaret Hamlyn led the Carols team with help from Meryll Berry, Ruth Geitz and a long list of volunteers for the band, the music, the set-up team and ushers! And this year Margaret is leading a small team of planners trying something new

The team of newsletter volunteers each month; the team who gather up the rubbish in the clean up.

Mal and Cynthia Smith organised the Christmas in July for the last 11 years ... and this year had to manage the change of date, the price increase and then the cancellation!

The Maintenance Review Committee Max, Geoff, Derek, Jim and Rob have met regularly with Council to make sure there is value for the Levy money

John and Josh at LJH who coordinated the Birthday in the Park last year and the whole team at LJH this year who are taking on all the planning and coordination with a team of TWRA people trying something new

Lydia Kirn has been generous with sponsorship, prizes, the kids sweets at Carols and Joanne Reilly has been a great sponsor/supporter paying for some of the signs.

Our friends at APEX who have our storage container

The last few years have been interesting

- TWRA has been affected by Covid – with cancellations, delays, postponements, and we have survived
- Christmas Carols had to endure a late change of date and comply with Covid rules and a rush to find a new Santa and because of the teams, we survived
- Party in the Park was cancelled because of the weather one year and then nearly blown out of the park last year because of the wind
- The feedback and suggestions we have been given has shaped the new and different events that we are trialling this year.
- We have had some amazing guest speakers at our TWRA meetings Turtles and Beach Care, the recent Blue Heart project, The progress on changes at the airport, the new runway and the on-going development; the rubbish and waste recycling and of course the amazing presentation by Dr Simone Bosshard and the migratory shorebirds
- We have collected truck loads of rubbish And we are a clean area! And it's thanks to the dog walkers who take an extra bag to collect the fast food wrappers, and stuff thrown out of cars
- Twin Waters West, or Canelands as it was originally known; the planning, the Development Application and the harassment by media; the activity leading to the Council meeting and the rejection by Councillors. And now the volumes of paperwork associated with the Planning and Environment Court hearing.
- When we have had success with events like Party in the Park and Carols, we have been able to share the profits and proceeds After the fires we donated money to the local Bush Fire Brigade in Bli Bli ... if the bush catches fire here, they are the ones to come and help;
We donated some money to Mudjimba Surf Club for their renovation and it's wonderful report a Twin Waters philanthropist quietly donated the money to fix their roof!
We supported Lions and in turn they used our donation to fund equipment at the Apex camp as well as a Defibrillator that is located in the shopping centre; from Carols last year we gave money to North Shore Community Centre to help look after their kids on the spectrum and in need.

So for the last few years while President I have had the support of a great team and they have worked hard to make sure Twin Waters remains the best place to live!!!
