

# TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

**Newsletter - August 2022**

## This Month

**Twin Waters West court case**

**Nominees for the TWRA  
Committee for the next year**

**Ocean Drive Fence  
Black is the thing!**

**Function to help local  
cancer victims**

## Upcoming Events

**Annual General Meeting for TWRA  
will be part of the general meeting  
on Monday 8th August**

**TWRA Golf Day 25 September.**

**Twin Waters Party in the Park  
6 November**

**New Look Christmas Carols  
18 December.**

## President's Report

Like most organisations TWRA has an Annual General Meeting (AGM) where office bearers are elected to manage and guide the organisation on behalf of the members. We elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer and a Committee of volunteers to take the interests of all residents into consideration. I have been President for the last four years, leading a team of dedicated Committee members and great volunteers who support the Management Committee and help in the community – we would also be lost without this collection of support.

It's now time for me to take a step back and invite someone else to be President and lead the team and I am delighted to say that our long serving Secretary, Sophie Lever is the only nomination for President.

Our Community will continue in good hands with Sophie, Bruce, Emilia the TWRA Management Committee and our team of Volunteers.



**Left to Right: Fiona Simpson, Member for Maroochydore, Tony and President Nominee, Sophie Lever at the April General Meeting at Novotel.**

We have also worked closely with our State MP Fiona Simpson and her team and also Cr Jason O'Pray and his team in Council and while I take a step back and continue to work on the Committee, I know that Fiona, Jason and the teams in their offices are only a phone call away!

Cheers,

*Tony*

## Site Visit to Twin Waters West as Appeal Case Begins



On Tuesday, 19 July, the appeal case over the proposed Twin Waters West housing development 'came to town', to see the proposed site for themselves. The pic above shows the small party at Settlers Park on the edge of the affected area. The case officially began the day before in the Planning and Environment Court with opening statements from developer, Stockland and Sunshine Coast Council. Hearings are expected to last 4 weeks. For full details of the proposed development see the June Issue newsletter special report.



## The fence that isn't there

This is the Absolute Last Word on the Ocean Drive footpath beside the Twin Waters Golf club. With the new footpath down after more than a year's wrangling, the last gasp came from a point rarely mentioned: a significant fence to ensure golf club security. A fence high enough to do two things: not be jumped by those wanting a free game; and yet, not an eyesore blocking the 'green and pleasant view'. The solution after research by TWRA? Make it black! See the pic above. The poles holding it up can be seen, but the mesh in between disappears. So, this is a contradiction: a photo to show something you can't see that well! Just right

# THE TWRA TEAM

The following list of Nominations for the TWRA Management Committee offers a chance to meet the people who will guide the organisation in 2023 and work for the Twin Waters Community . The Nominations will be formally put to the Annual General Meeting at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort on 8 August, at 7.30. The AGM is part of the General Meeting held every two months. The meeting is open to the public, whether TWRA members or not.

## THE EXECUTIVE:

The TWRA is led by a three-member Executive consisting of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.



### SOLE NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT - SOPHIE LEVER

Sophie has lived on the Sunshine Coast since 1994 and been the Secretary of the TWRA for the past 14 years. A longstanding businesswoman, her substantial solicitor practice is located in Twin Waters. Sophie also holds a Surf Life Saving Bronze Medallion and has been awarded a Commendation for Brave Conduct by the Australian Government. In 2018, the TWRA awarded Sophie Life Membership in appreciation of her continuing support. In accepting the nomination, Sophie has acknowledged the work of previous Presidents over the years: Tony Freeman, Kerryn Vincart, Rob Ruskin, Geoff Billard, Rob Fletcher, the late Peter Braithwaite and Warwick Daniels – and committed to maintaining their level of professionalism and dedication to the Twin Waters community.



### NOMINATION FOR SECRETARY - EMILIA WHITE

Born and bred in Melbourne, Emilia moved to the Sunshine Coast two and a half years ago with husband, Chris. Having spent many wonderful holidays here, she says, it wasn't long before Queensland became home. With a house backing onto the golf course, husband Chris is living the dream, while Emilia faces the adventure of learning how to hit that little white ball! In 2021, Emilia edited the TWRA newsletter. Emilia finds the Twin Waters community very friendly and welcoming and loves working as part of a team and meeting new people.



### NOMINATION FOR TREASURER - BRUCE PATTEN

Born in New Zealand and a trained carpenter, Bruce spent his early years in Australia before marrying in Brisbane and returning to New Zealand to Dairy Farm for the next 34 years, followed by seven years as operation manager for a distribution company. After retiring, Bruce returned to Australia in 2018. For a keen sportsman dedicated to golf, cycling and kayaking, Twin Waters was perfect.

## THE COMMITTEE:

The TWRA Committee consists of 13 residents, both new and long established, demonstrating the evolving nature of our increasingly dynamic local community. Nominations are below.



**GEOFF BILLARD** has been actively involved in the Twin Waters community over 20 years. A Life TWRA Member and former President, he led the development of the unique Twin Waters Landscape Maintenance arrangements before the original developer, Lend Lease left in 2005. Geoff was also instrumental in the TWRA's defeat of the original Twin Waters West development proposal and the 2018 Town Plan amendment, which followed. This requires any future Twin Waters West development to be "equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters". He also guides the association newsletter and website.



**CHRISTINE BORMANN** moved from Melbourne to the Sunshine Coast 3 years ago to transition into retirement. Christine says: "We are loving the lifestyle, weather and beautiful surrounds of Twin Waters especially the wonderful community atmosphere.

My keen interests are gardening, walking, cooking & photography. I love entertaining and socialising with friends whilst sipping a good drop of white wine. I joined the TWRA to support and represent the local community."



**DEREK BROWN** arrived in Twin Waters mid 2019 with wife Jan following his retirement after 41 years with an international oil and gas company in a variety of foreign countries. Since joining the Committee, Derek took a prominent role in the development of TWRA's 5-year footpath renewal program negotiated with Sunshine Coast Council. Derek says, "he and Jan walk around Twin Waters daily, love cycling and the peace and quality Twin Waters provides; qualities he wants to protect though his work on the committee.



**TONY FREEMAN** and wife Marilyn retired to Twin Waters in 2014, after a successful and busy life in Sydney and Brisbane in advertising and marketing. In addition to his four years as TWRA President, Tony is a keen Rotary member of 30 years – and four times President. He is a member of the Alexandra Headland club. He is also a Life Member of the Samford Chamber of Commerce following his 11 years of committee work there. Tony and Marilyn thoroughly enjoy life in Twin Waters, where Tony remains enthusiastic about serving on the committee.

\*See Page 4 for Tony's reflections on life and work as TWRA President.



**KEVIN LYONS** is a former TWRA Vice President who first arrived in Twin Waters in 2004 with wife Margie. Kevin represents the TWRA on the Sunshine Coast Airport Community & Aviation Forum, having spent most of his career in tourism, before retiring in 2015. A keen golfer and member of the Twin Waters Golf Club, Kevin loves the district's lakes and walking paths, as well as the local social life.



**ROB RUSKIN** following a career in New Zealand and Australia in the newspaper and printing industries, has been a committed TWRA member since 2011 and a two term TWRA President (2015 – 2017). Over the years, Rob has served on a variety of committees responsible for major TWRA events, such as Christmas Carols and the Birthday celebrations in Lakeview Park. Rob enjoys golf, good red wine and the sociable Twin Waters company. He remains an active committee member to preserve the area's unique and compact character.



**MERRAN DOBSON** has been a happy resident of Twin Waters for eight years. She also spent two busy years as Editor of TWRA newsletter. Merran loves a game of golf and is a member of Maroochy River Golf Club. She says, she "loves walking our dog, Brandy, around Twin Waters & chatting with locals or welcoming new residents"



**MAX MILLS** was appointed to the Management Committee in early 2010, soon after his retirement following a long career in Automotive Engineering. Since then, he has been an active member of TWRA/Sunshine Coast Council Landscape Maintenance Committee with its important work ensuring the upkeep of Twin Waters public areas. Amongst other issues, he also liaised with original developer Lend Lease when management of the Twin Waters lake was transferred to Sunshine Council, an issue he understood well, having lived happily close to the water in the 'ViewPoint' complex with wife Margaret since 2009.



**SHERRILL FRANCE** and husband Mark, moved to Twin Waters in 2020 after 25 years of living and working in several countries. Sherrill's work background includes market and industry research, digital publishing and administrative roles for the United Nations in Europe. She now works in healthcare administration. Sherrill currently oversees the TWRA website.



**MARGARET HAMLYN** moved to Twin Waters from Sydney in 2016, with husband Mark, into the house they had owned since 2003. Margaret is keen to be involved in the community and is organising the TWRA Christmas Carols this year, after also working on the event in 2021. Margaret says, "I am a keen long-distance walker and love dancing." Before retiring, she worked for many years at the ABC in Sydney, mainly in television.



**MARK HAMLYN** has been editor of the TWRA newsletter since January 2022. Mark's working life was spent in media, as a journalist, TV producer and later executive. He plays bad golf, but is a better typist, although not as good as Margaret. He is also a keen lap swimmer, photographer, and occasional scuba diver. He thinks Twin Waters is a 'jewel of the Sunny Coast' and values how TWRA committee work has connected him to the local community.



**NAOMI MCQUEEN:** I've worked at Sunshine Coast Airport as a Tower air traffic controller since 2004. My job is incredibly rewarding and something I am proud of. I am also a student pilot and a director of the Sunshine Coast Aero Club. I love that my work and interests are so close to home in Twin Waters. My husband, our three teenage children and our standard poodle, Lucie, love the relaxed and friendly Twin Waters lifestyle. I look forward to assisting and learning from existing TWRA committee members to best support our community.



**GEOFF BAKER** is a long-term resident of Twin Waters and keen member of the Twin Waters Golf Club. As a committee member he showed a close interest in the restoration of the footpath along Ocean Drive and has also been a member of the Maintenance Committee that liaises with Sunshine Coast Council to manage the upkeep of Twin Waters many parks and public areas.

## Locals Helping Locals

Help support 3 beautiful local families dealing with Cancer



Join us for an afternoon of Monster Raffles, Cash Prizes, Live Music and an Auction to raise funds for these deserving families

DATE: 7 AUGUST 2022

TIME: FROM 2PM

VENUE: SURFAIR BEACH HOTEL MARCOOLA

## Special Event Helps Families Battle Cancer!

The community minded team at North Shore Realty at Marcoola are getting behind three local families facing significant battles with cancer. They've put together a special function at the Surfair Beach Hotel, on Sunday, 7 August. See the brochure on the left. Former TWRA Committee member, Liz Hope, also a long-term member of the North Shore Realty team, says it was just something that the local staff wanted to do.

But it's also part of a well-established company culture of reaching out to the community. North Shore Realty are on-going supporters for TWRA's Christmas Carols in December at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort – and more than 30 other local organisations.



## Tony Reflects After Four Years as TWRA President

### The public duties:

Tony presenting Graeme Shiel of Sunshine Coast Riding for the Disabled Association – with a \$2,000 donation at the TWRA's General Meeting in December 2021. The donation came from the proceeds of the TWRA's Party in the Park celebrating Twin Waters 25th birthday in October.

### Below, Tony reflects on four years as TWRA President in the age of Covid and wild weather...

*"We live in interesting times...". Our Birthday in the Park had to be cancelled because of the weather; delayed another year; skipped because of Covid and this year we are moving it to a new date of 6th November and a new venue in the park area at the Twin Waters shops.*

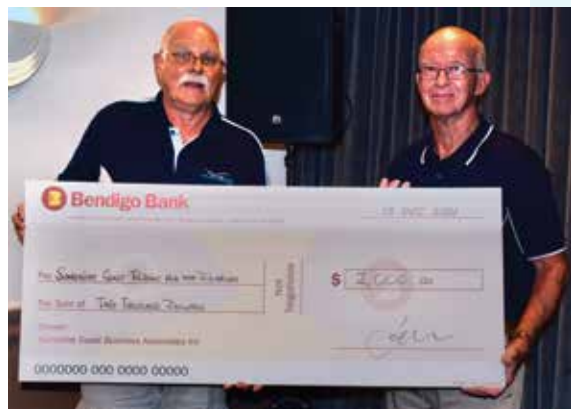
*Christmas Carols is our signature event and it has also been affected by weather, Covid and Covid regulations. This year the Carols will still be at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort but an outdoor event for family of all ages, outdoor summer food, a Novotel Bar and traditional Carols. It is planned that Santa may even arrive on a jet-ski powered sleigh!*

*I was disappointed that our 12th Christmas in July had to be dropped! We were forced to move the date; price had to be increased and we didn't reach the minimum numbers ..... so it's back to the drawing board and some new planning for next year.*

*Our regular bi-monthly general meetings have had some great guest speakers and wherever possible linked to our local community. Federal Member Ted O'Brien, the airport development team, Beach Care and turtles on our beaches, waste collection and recycling, the Blue Heart project spring to mind. One of the most memorable guest speakers was Dr Simone Bosshard from Council who gave a wonderful presentation on the migratory shorebirds which visit our area and how we can also care for these birds."*

**Editor's note: Thanks for a great effort, Tony.**

**At the Annual General Meeting on 8 August, Tony has been nominated for Life Membership of the TWRA in recognition of his service to the Twin Waters community as President for 4 years.**



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