

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - October 2022

This Month

Memories of the Royal Visit.

TWRA – golf day pictures

Twin Waters West – character and water decides the day.

More on the new Town Plan

Arguments over Maroochy Heavy Rail

The perfect rainbow.

Important Social Dates for the year

Twin Waters Party in the Park - 6 November

Cocktail Party at Loose Goose 27th November

New Look Christmas Carols - 18 December.

President's Report

What a time September and early October have been. It was with great sadness we heard of HRH the Queen's passing last month.

I am very much a Monarchist in the sense that I follow the history of the Royal Family and the various occasions of its working members with great interest. Such is my interest in them I was one of the people lining the David Low Way at the Town of Seaside in 2002 when Her Majesty's motorcade travelled from Twin Waters to Coolool for the CHOGM event. With my 4 year old daughter in tow and my point and shoot camera at the ready I hoped to capture the gloved hand of Her Royal Highness. After waiting a few weeks for the photographs to be developed, it was with much delight I discovered I had indeed snapped the Royal glove and almost the entirety of the Royal wheels.

In other news, the Twin Waters West decision was handed down last month in record time and I'm pleased to say that the hard work our sub-committee put in some years ago in ensuring the quality of the development was built into the town planning requirements for the site, has paid off. While the TWRA were not a direct party in this Hearing, our requirement to have any development there "equal to or better than Twin Waters" was significant. Well done to our leader of the sub-committee Geoff Billard. We all owe you a debt of gratitude.

What a turn out at the TWRA Golf Day! I am confident to say everyone enjoyed the company and competition. I am very proud that my own husband Len and his mate Rick took home the chocolates (and the Lever Law donated Champagne). I promise it was not rigged!

If you love coming along to our events, please follow our social media pages and the website where we will regularly update you with what is coming up.

Sophie

PRESIDENT

Royal Stay at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort Remembered

The late Queen is also remembered down at Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort, where new manager, Nick O'Donnell, set up a display in the foyer, recalling the Queen's stay in 2002.

The centre piece, a letter of appreciation from Buckingham Palace.

Nick has had his own 'Royal experiences'.

When Manager of the Shangri-La hotel Cairns, he hosted the new King, when the then Prince Charles visited on his last Australian tour in 2018.

While working in Malaysia, Nick also hosted the new Prince and Princess of Wales, William and Kate. Nick says, behind the scenes, he found the new King very easy going and approachable.



Dear Nick,
As we left Maroochydown The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh asked that I write reiterating their thanks to you and all the staff at the Twin Waters Novotel for your excellent service over the last couple of days. With the Commonwealth meeting taking place at the same time, and with the weather trying its best to put a damper on events, a Royal visit really has been the most wonderful of experiences.

Twin Waters Golf Day...Biggest so far! Celebrating the Twin Waters Community Spirit...



Golfers and the ever-present kangaroos massed for the TWRA Golf Day on a brilliant Sunday, 25 September



The biggest field ever climbed to 92 men and women golfers – that morphed up to 140 for lunch at the Twin Waters Golf Club restaurant.



This year's competition was an Ambrose event to bring people together. For the 3 people in Twin Waters not golfers – Ambrose can mean players form a team of 2. Both hit off, but then pick the best ball of the two – and then hit off from that spot, until they get to the end. Definitely helps to have a hot-shot partner! In other types of competition – it is every player for themselves.

Special Thanks to major sponsors, Lydia Kern Real Estate & husband Freddie who took the fabulous pics for the newsletter and others now posted on the website.

Also thanks to: Twin Waters Golf Academy, Drummond Golf, Lever Law, Living Choice and The Loose Goose.

AND Particular thanks to TWRA members, Kevin and Margie Lyons for their tireless work in making it all happen – both before and on the day. Get them to run the country: it would work better – and everyone would tee off on time!

Our next big social event is the REVAMPED PARTY PARTY IN THE PARK on 6 November 3 till 7 pm



Celebrate our wonderful community. Live music, jumping castle, animal petting zoo, face painting, plant stall, raffles, sausage sizzle and just the fun or getting out and about!

Pic on the left shows our dedicated TWRA Facebook poster and maintainer, Naomi McQueen, with her full-sized poodle, Lucie, and John Blackmore from L J Hooker (who are doing an amazing job leading the arrangements for the Party).

New Owners at Twin Waters Foodworks

Also a special welcome to Leigh Granby, new proprietor for Twin Waters Foodworks - pictured with TWRA President Sophie at the TWRA General Meeting at Novotel.

Leigh and wife, Kate and their three children aged 10,8,6 - are experienced professionals with 6 years at Foodworks Cotton Tree. They love the Twin Waters location and are throwing themselves into their new space.

Planned changes include more focus on fresh fruit & veg and local produce. They can also swap staff between stores to share experience and culture.



News and Issues

Future development was the issue over the last month in Twin Waters with 3 big stories....

First - Twin Waters West.

It's the Hamlet of modern development projects: To be or not to be? In 2007, developer Stockland put up its first proposal to finish the "greater" Twin Waters 'Dream' and was eventually knocked back, as not good enough. In 2018, they tried again with a major re-working of the proposal to fashion Twin Waters West as the mirror image of its older sibling launched in the late 90s by Lendlease.



As part of their revised design, Stockland reduced the density of housing and even included an extension of the saltwater lake into the new proposed estate – a signature feature of the original Twin Waters. What could go wrong? (See pic on left)

Well, maybe people just got to like the look of the open fields of undeveloped land where the kangaroos came out at dusk. But that didn't change the fact that this was private land, zoned originally as rural, but rezoned as Emerging Community development – kangaroos or not.

After the Sunshine Coast Council knocked the revised plan back following community backlash, the ball passed to the more reflective air of the Qld Planning & Environment Court that, as it happens, had also refused the appeal for the previous version 1.

The wheels of justice can grind slow, but His Honour, Judge Everson surprised observers when he released his considered verdict lightning fast in mid-September rather than the more leisurely expected December. To some, it was a shock!

It was – No and No. The first No – targeted the extension of the saltwater lake – that had first seemed a good idea. The engineering was not good enough to ensure no leakage to the nearby freshwater wetlands – long a feature of the district and a 'must be preserved' requirement of any future development. To underline the point, His Honour stated that this alone would have been enough to refuse the appeal.

The second No was – lot sizes. The proposed Twin Waters West lots were just smaller. It was noted that for the first stages of the development lot sizes were 543 sq m compared with the average of 705.9 sq m in the original Twin Waters. The Judge did not accept Stockland's argument that residential character was not merely a statistical concept but also a subjective visual idea influenced by street widths and landscaping. Despite the fact that the Council planning staff thought they were acceptable, Justice Everson did not agree it was the same 'character' as the low-density style of the original Twin Waters development. And, under the agreement with the TWRA in the current Town Plan, any future development had to be equal to or better than the existing Twin Waters.

What happens next is unknown. Stockland is studying the decision, while many existing residents are relieved. We shall see. In the meantime, the pressure for more accommodation on the Sunshine Coast continues.



Second: Train Spotting As Maroochydore Rail Link Jumps The Tracks.

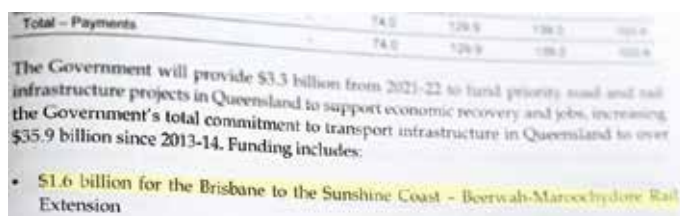
Followers of local MHR, Ted O'Brien's Facebook Page were treated to an interesting stoush over whether the previous Federal Government's funding for the extension of the rail link into the Maroochydore CBD was real or 'gone with the wind' of the last election. Ted published a snap of page 139 Budget Paper No. 2 with the \$1.6 billion figure clearly visible and called on the new Government to honour the promise. See pic below. But just as Ted's pic drifts into soft focus, State Labor Transport Minister, Mark Bailey put on the gloves suggesting the figure meant nothing, as \$1.6 billion on paper, is not the same as getting the paperwork done to make it real.

He snapped back with... "You didn't pass the budget, you nong!"

Ted also had a go at Sunshine Coast Mayor, Mark Jamieson tagging them a Labor Council and calling for them to get behind the campaign for the rail link. The Mayor, said he was not Labor, but suggested the devil was in the detail.

There was "no Appropriation Bill... (proving) the budget was passed by Parliament.... The bottom line is the Budget was not passed."

A response, Ted O'Brien dismissed as straight from 'Labor's talking notes..' The battle continues. Keep watching.



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TWRA Membership

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

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

This opens a simple application form. Cost is \$10 per year, but that includes every member of your household.

Payable by credit card or direct deposit.

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News and Issues Cont'd

Third : Sunshine Coast Council and the new Town Plan.... it's The Vibe!

The last month also saw the Sunshine Coast Council publish the results of its mega-community consultation on the next Town Plan designed to shape the region up till 2041. Council says around 8,000 people contributed.

Overall, the responses reflected strong support for 'protecting the natural environment and green spaces, maintaining building heights within set limits, improving our region's resilience to climate change, retaining local character and providing parks and open space. Attitudes a Council comment summarised as 'Maintaining a Sunshine Coast vibe.' The report notes most contributors were in older age groups, but Council made extra efforts to connect with young people.

While they also cared about environmental issues, such as climate change, those "(24 years and under) were concerned about ensuring there are jobs and houses available to enable them to stay on the Sunshine Coast."

Of special interest to Twin Waters Residents is the survey's note of the growing support for Dual Occupancies and Secondary Dwellings ('granny flats'). Currently, they are not permitted in Twin Waters under the existing Town Plan.

Diagram of the overall timeframe for shaping the new Town Plan.



Council plans to share its proposed draft for public consultation next year.



New Appointment

Sunshine Coast Airport has a new General Manager of Aviation and Commercial.

Scott Norris has more than fifteen year's experience leading aeronautical and commercial functions at Auckland and Perth Airports – and most recently was the Vice President Commercial Development and Vice President Strategic Customer Relationships at Vancouver Airport.

A moment on the lake

Finally, a snap of the lake from local resident Ev van Boheemen.

The perfect rainbow – taken after one of the recent endless bouts of rain.

Only, this was something more. Taken the day, the Queen passed!

