

Twin Waters Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2012

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Date Claimers

TWRA General Meetings:

- 8 October
- 10 December

Birthday Party:

- 14 Oct

Christmas Carols:

- 16 Dec

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For newsletter delivery call Ed on 5448 9414.

For party set-up call Con on 5450 5012, Max on 5450 7289 or Rob on 5450 6575.

Stockland Appeal on Canelands

In 2007, Stockland Development Pty Ltd applied to Sunshine Coast Council for approval for a re-zoning of the canefields between Twin Waters and the Motorway to allow for a residential development. After a public consultation period in 2009, (there were more than 900 objections) Council refused the application. Stockland appealed to the Qld Planning & Environment Court against Council's decision.

TWRA, on behalf of its members, joined the appeal as a Co-Respondent. TWRA has been involved in the case to ensure that the interests of Twin Waters residents are given due consideration. A small Sub Committee has been managing the TWRA's involvement.

The Appeal process involves a number of phases, the most significant of which are the Experts Reports phase, Mediation and the Hearing before a Judge of the Planning & Environment Court. The Experts Reports phase involves a number of experts appointed by each of Stockland and Council to investigate and report on many aspects of any proposed development including Need, Flooding, Traffic, Ecology, Engineering, Planning, Noise, Visual Impact, Groundwater etc.

The Experts are charged to assist the Court by applying their expertise to identify points of agreement and disagreement in their fields relating to any potential impacts from the development. The Expert Report phase is nearing

completion and the Mediation between the parties may be conducted during October with a Hearing in the Planning & Environment Court possibly taking place before the end of the year if the mediation is unsuccessful.

TWRA will be submitting a detailed Non-Expert Report on behalf of its members. This will state our concerns arising from the proposed development and also any issues identified from the Experts Reports. It is now proposed to fill the site above the Twin Waters level. Potential flooding effects on Twin Waters has been and remains a concern. Traffic management is also a potential problem. Twin Waters has eight points of entry and exit from the estate.

Stockland's proposal is for one principal entry/exit via a new roundabout at Toyango Street and Ocean Drive (between the Wattlebird roundabout and David Low Way intersection) and a minor point of entry/exit at Esperence Drive in Twin Waters. The internal road structure for the development places the main collector road adjacent to the western side of Twin Waters. The huge volume of fill now required will cause significant noise, dust and traffic disruption as it is transported from external sources.

There are a number of other points of concern which will be raised. A number of residents will also be making individual submissions. This is a significant matter that could impact the amenity and lifestyle of Twin Waters property owners and residents.

Maroochy Airport Expansion & Aircraft Noise

Twin Waters is situated directly under the North/South flightpath of the Maroochy Airport. This means that we regularly suffer from aircraft noise which at times causes us quite severe disturbance.

Since the East/West runway was first mooted TWRA has been very supportive of the project. It will mean less overflights of Twin Waters and will also bring economic benefits to the Sunshine Coast. The proposed longer runway will mean that the airport will be capable of handling international flights which apart from being a convenience to locals will also be a boost to local tourism, one of the Coast's most important industries.

However, probably the most important boost to the local economy will be the expansion of the aeronautical industry and the other activities associated with an expanded airport.

There has recently been the announcement that a company which specialises in training aircraft cabin and maintenance staff is relocating from Caloundra to Maroochy Airport where they will substantially expand the size of their operation. Increased economic activity will bring benefits to all residents and will be a boost to the whole of the Sunshine Coast.

Two TWRA committee members are members of the Airport Forum and they report that the airport has already commenced with

preliminaries for the Aerospace Precinct and construction will commence later this year. The Environmental studies in connection with the new runway have already begun and the Environmental Impact Study will be completed by December 2013. A new landing and navigational aid called Required Navigational Performance (RNP) will be in place before next summer and will result in far fewer aborted landings and 'fly arounds'. The aid will be used by both Jetstar and Air New Zealand. Your committee believes that the new runway and the improvements that will go with it will benefit our community in many ways.

We appreciate that aircraft noise, in particular late night helicopter flights, does cause disturbance to residents. We understand that a separately lit helipad is operational so the helicopters can approach by other routes other than normal flight paths and Airservices Australia will focus on reducing the impact of aircraft noise on communities.

If noise is a disturbance we urge you to complain to the airport. The more complaints the more chance of action.

Landscape Maintenance

The TWMRG & Council have agreed that mowing should cease until it rains. The contractor is looking after gardens and mulching will be completed by end of month. John Geitz & Moorings Circuit residents have done some planting in the local park. Contact your local TWMRG member of you would like to take advantage of the free plants from our contractor to beautify your area.

Twin Waters Weir

The weir at the entrance to the river from Twin Waters Lake has experienced some serious failures with considerable sections being washed away and possible damage to the bridge being investigated.

TWRA have spoken with the Council who have advised that they are responsible for the rectification having taken it over from Lend Lease. They have advised that the bridge is safe and that they are talking with design engineers Cardno about re-building the weir to a standard capable of preventing future washaways. Shadforth's have been contacted about the cost of rebuilding.

The Council has also advised that the lifting of the revetment wall at Viewpoint is still to be carried out but has moved down the priority list at this time.

Donation of a Desktop PC

A Twin Waters couple have very kindly offered to donate a desktop PC system. The system comprises: Acer Power SK50 desktop PC with Windows XP; Acer 19" LCD screen monitor, Logitech mouse & keyboard. Installed software is Outlook Express and a legal student copy of Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint. The PC has hardly been used.

If you know of any very needy couple, family, club or association, small business or similar please contact TWRA President Peter Braithwaite at info@twra.net by October 12th.

Mudjimba Kindy Night Markets

Showcase your special talent at the Kindy's Annual Homemade/Home Grown Market on Friday 26th October from 6.00 to 8.30pm. It's on rain, hail or shine! Stalls are \$15 (Ring Robyn on 5448 7366 to book one) Sellers, bring your own table. Remember it is to be something you have made, grown or modified. Support the Kindergarten. See you at 39 Cottonwood Street!

Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch credit card sized magnets are still available (see your latest NHW Newsletter for your co-ordinator) or contact Conrad Guard 5450 5012 or Meryl Berry 5448 9414. These updated magnets show all the important contact numbers we hope you'll ever need in an emergency such as Fire, Police, Crimestoppers & Ambulance. We have now included the SES too.

Twin Waters Lake/ Waterways Handover

TWRA has been approached by a number of members and other residents expressing concern following receipt of letters from Lend Lease in relation to the management of the Lake/Waterways pending full handover to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. A sub-committee has been formed to review the very complex issues involved and will make recommendations to the full committee including the suggested position the TWRA should take in support of all residents.

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We would like a bit of a hand in the setup & wind up!

Saturday 9.30 – Erection of banner at Lake View Park

Sunday 9.30 – Run out cables & leads. Erect 2 marquees.

10.30 - Collect and distribute rubbish bins

11.00 – Erect 2 marquees & set up tables.

We need raffle ticket sellers, sausage sizzle helpers throughout the day from the 12 start to 3pm

Sunday 3.15 – Pull down & tidy site. Volunteers enjoy a complimentary glass of wine.

If you can help please call our organisers: Con Guard 5450 5012, Max Mills 5450 7289 or Rob Ruskin 5450 6575.

New Secretary

A special thanks to Sophie Lever who has returned as Secretary after a break since 2010. Sophie, a solicitor at Lever Law, has a practice adjacent to the TW Shopping Village. We welcome her back. Thank you to Toni McCulloch who has over the last few years been our Secretary and now because of work commitments must move on.

A New IT man!

Clark Marshall has kindly offered to join our association with IT support and assistance. Clark, who lives at Water Gallery, has his own business, Blue Dog Web Design. He is available to assist small business owners or individuals with IT support as well as web design. He can be contacted at 0487 395 745. See his website at www.bluedogwebdesign.com for more details.

Noisy Parties

If you're intending on holding a party - advise your neighbours! It is the responsibility of the person holding the party to keep the guests' noise and the music at a reasonable level. It is just plain good manners to consider families in your area who are trying to sleep and who have to get up for work the next day while you rage on till all hours. Police can become involved!

TWRA Membership

As you can see from the issues mentioned in this newsletter the TWRA is seeking to act in best interests of all residents. The amount of influence we can bring to bear is directly related to the size of our membership. Being a financial member is the best way of showing your support for the Association. If you are not a financial member of TWRA please join as soon as possible.

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