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Address to Council

Councillor Jason O'Pray did not attend our meeting in April – for those of you who wished to raise questions with him either contact him direct via Council website or info@twra.net. Mayor Mark Jamieson is our guest speaker at our 16th June meeting

Mother's Day Classic

This involves a 4km walk or an 8km run or come along for support. Register at 7.30am 11th May at Grand Parade, Kawana Island UBDn80 D13. Or register early online by 7th May. \$25 entry. Plenty of entertainment for onlookers and you can fill in a tribute card. Sorry no dogs allowed. For more info: normston@bigpond.net.au

To all mothers we wish you a Happy Mother's Day on 11th.

Upon presentation of your current Membership Card, financial members of TWRA are eligible for all offers and/or discounts from any of the advertised business in this newsletter.



NEWSLETTER - MAY 2014

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TWRA Facebook

Don't forget to check us out (and "like" us) at www.facebook.com/TWRA

Your Website

See what's happening on www.twra.net

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting in the Mudjimba Room at Novotel Resort at 7.30pm:

- 16 June
- 11 August (AGM)
- 13 October
- 8 December

Like to Lend a Hand?

Great exercise! Deliver newsletters on your walk – call Ed on 5448 9414.

Wet? Dry?

We had the driest 1st quarter for at least the last five years. Rainfall was only 368mm, which is way below our wettest similar period in 2012 when we had 1175mm in the first quarter. So it looked like we may have missed our wet season for a while. But we have had over 200mm in the first couple of weeks of April to make up for it. This has lifted the appearance of the area from dry and dusty to lush and green again. We thank Prime for the attention they giving us at the moment. Thank you to Len Gamble for his input of this information.

Airport News

At our February meeting one of our members, David Nielsen, put forward his views on a possible future commercial use of Maroochy airport. David envisaged making the Maroochy the hub for air cargo for Australasia, Oceania and SE Asia. We arranged for David, along with two of our members met with the airport's General Manager, Peter Pallot, to put forward these views, with the understanding that they were not endorsed by TWRA. Mr Pallot heard David's ideas and then explained in detail that air cargo was not big business in Australia. He said that no dedicated air cargo freighter planes operated here and that air cargo was carried in the holds of passenger aircraft around Australia.

Mr Pallot went on to explain that they were working towards making aircraft maintenance a major part of the future commercial use of the airport as well as increased flights to other destinations in Australia and other close-by countries. When the new runway is completed it will be capable of taking aircraft which could fly to Europe with one stop and

non-stop to the west coast of the USA. He further explained that despite the large amount of work which had to go into the Environment Impact Study the project was on target for completion in 2020.

Stockland Case-Last Word

The Canelands saga is over and the land will continue to be zoned as Rural. The revised Draft Town Plan submitted to the State Government by Council proposes no change to the zoning of that land. Our local State member, Fiona Simpson, is aware of this and supports the Council's submission to the State on this matter. A write-up of the full story of the TWRA's involvement in the case has been finalised and is posted on the TWRA web (www.TWRA.net). This is an important part of our history and the story should be recorded in our archive for future reference. Check it out at your convenience. This is the Last Word ...

Research Workshop

Dr. Claudia Baldwin, who in addressing our April meeting, along with 4th year student Ben Grant from Regional and Urban Planning at the University of the Sunshine Coast described an upcoming research project that seeks collaboration with Twin Waters residents to understand their perceptions of climate change impacts in the canal estate, identify possible vulnerable areas, and look at scenarios presented visually. It would involve two workshops, possible in June and August. More details and a formal invitation will be in the next newsletter and also on our website soon. If you have any queries in the meantime you may contact Ben at bengrant@optusnet.com.au

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1. One organ & tissue donor can save up to 10 lives.
2. In 2010, 309 organ donations gave 931 Australians a new chance in life.
3. 91% of Australians agree that organ donation has the potential to save lives – (yet less than 40% don't know their loved one's wishes).
4. Australia is a world leader for successful transplant outcomes (yet one of the lowest donation rates in the developed world).
5. There are 1700 on the waiting list at all times and they can wait from 6 months to 4 or 5 years.
6. The current waiting list is Kidney 1196; Liver 179; Heart 86; Lung 145; Pancreas 33; Intestine 3.

DISCOVER the facts about organ & tissue donation. **DECIDE** about becoming a donor. **DISCUSS** your decision with those close to you. Check www.donatelife.gov.au for suggestions on how to start the discussion.

A Date with Police

In a joint venture between Neighbourhood Watch, North Shore Lions, TWRA and Queensland Police we will conduct a project where number plates fitted to your car cannot be removed by criminals. These criminals have been substituting the plates so they can use their car to commit offences with your number plate. It will involve removing the existing screws and replacing them with new screws that cannot be removed. Bring your vehicle to Apex Camp in Nojoor Road on Saturday 31 May from 9 till 11. We do need some helpers and if you can assist please call Ed on 5448 9414.

Telstra Mobile Reception

Telstra's Regional Manager Kris Carver attended the TWRA General meeting on 14 April in response to the many concerns raised about Telstra mobile reception in Twin Waters. His address was revealing but did not allay the concerns forcefully expressed by residents. He stated that Telstra considers its mobile coverage in Twin Waters to be very good but this refers to coverage "in the open", which is, according to him how all Telco's refer to their coverage. Reception inside homes is affected by many factors, especially building structures – metal roof, insulation (Sisalation and the like in walls and ceilings) and the other building materials, plus trees etc in the line with the mobile towers. We are serviced by at least three towers (on Banyandah Towers, at the Toll Plaza on the Motorway and at the back of the APEX camp in Nojoor Road). The overlapping signal cells from the towers vary in size during the day according to the level of demand usage – they shrink during high usage. These are the problems.

The recent conversion to 4G transmissions may improve reception. Telstra has a new product that can be purchased or rented to boost signals inside a dwelling. We suggest you check with Telstra on the specific product details. Optus and Vodafone, who share the towers with Telstra, would appear to have the same issues regarding mobile reception. On a slightly different, relevant topic, there is limited/no capacity in the Mudjimba telephone exchange for new ADSL customers. This is also a problem for residents in Twin Waters in that has been exacerbated by the state of the NBN roll-out. Maybe we are now better informed, but this is a still a work-in-progress as far as we are concerned.

Strong Choices for Qld

The State Government has launched an interesting initiative to get feedback from Queenslanders about their priorities for the State to tackle the current financial problems. Without making any political judgement, this seems a worthwhile thing to do – what do we want, how should the state budget be framed and so on. There is an interactive site at: www.strongchoices.qld.gov.au It gives you an opportunity to have your say. Submissions close 19 May 2014.

Bali Hai

Here is a fantastic opportunity to view one of the coasts most beautiful gardens (you may have seen it featured on Better Homes and Gardens so now you can see it for yourself. Set on 5 acres there are tropical gardens, Balinese huts, water features and statues. Katie Rose Cottage is holding an open Garden and Market Day on 25th May at 32 Stoney Wharf Rod, Bli Bli. \$7 entry donation and plenty of parking.

TAFE Dineout

Feeling hungry? Tuesday 13th of May at 6pm. If you wish to attend the Annual TAFE Dineout please call Ed on 5448 9414 before the 6th of May.

Community Hospice Volunteers

A lot of Katie Rose wonderful volunteers have taken leave and gone, as 'grey nomads' do, on walk-a-bout which has left some gaps in their schedules at two of the op shops. The Sunshine Coast Community Hospice Ltd, known to a lot of you as "Katie Rose Hospice", is seeking volunteers to help out in two of their op shops.

Their shops in Maroochydore and Nambour have advised there are vacancies ready to be filled by volunteers in the area. The roles include assisting in the shops, sorting clothing, ironing, labelling and arranging clothing, books, toys, etc and assisting in serving customers. There are two shifts per day (am & pm) 5 days a week and Saturday morning, open 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 12 noon on Saturday.

If you or any of your friends have some spare time on your hands in the Maroochydore or Nambour areas, they would love to have you come on board for as long or as short in time as you can afford. If you can help please call 5479 0881 during business hours or contact them on admin@sunshinehospice.org.au

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