

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2014

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Date Claimers

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

13 October
8 December

Golf Day:

21 September

Party in the Park:

19 October

Like to Lend a Hand?

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

President's Report

At the AGM in August the President said he liked to think that our Association helps to make Twin Waters such a great place to live. He said many of our members personal efforts make a major contribution to the sense of community we have. TWRA continues with the various activities of the Association, the Carols, Birthday Picnic in the Park. Clean Up Australia, Bowls and Golf days, Neighbourhood Watch, Landscape Management and until it was resolved, the Stockland Canelands Development Appeal. The Caneland development was eventually resolved when Stockland's appeal to the Planning & Environment Court was refused by the Judge after a long hearing and an even longer wait for the decision to be announced. This was a great result for our community and Peter thanked all those involved, in particular, Geoff Billard, for their involvement over a long period of time. We must bear in mind that Stockland still owns this land and are free to make further applications to re-develop the property.

We continue to keep a close watch on the Sunshine Coast Airport re-development as the proposed east/west runway will relieve Twin Waters of a lot of aircraft noise. We are represented on the Airport Community Forum which meets on a regular basis. It is expected that the Environmental Impact Statement will be released shortly. Council and the airport management are confident of a 2020 completion date.

Our other activities, the Picnic, the Carols, Bowls and Golf days, Light Up Twin Waters etc. continue to be supported by the community and many of our members contribute to their success.

Neighbourhood Watch continues to keep the community informed and encourage residents to look after their and their neighbour's property. Neighbourhood Watch is undergoing a transition to be a more "online" information provider.

Our newsletter is still distributed monthly to all houses in Twin Waters. Dinah McCulloch does a great job as Because of the income from advertisers our newsletter is self-supporting..

Thanks also goes to Cynthia and Malcolm Smith for their organization of the Christmas in July luncheon at Lily's on the Lagoon and also for their efforts with the Entertainment Book which financially assists our Association.

We continue to be supported by a number of generous sponsors. Novotel Resort and Lever Law for making meeting rooms available to us FOC, the Friendly Grocer who helps in many ways, the Loose Goose Restaurant, Bendigo Bank, L J Hooker, North Shore Realty, Sunshine Coast Council. I urge our members to support those who help us.

During the year you have been served by the following committee: Peter Braithwaite – President; Warwick Daniels – Vice President (Infrastructure); Sophie Lever – Secretary; Kevin Tinker – Treasurer (until his resignation); Jacqueline Eegdeman – Treasurer (taking over from Kevin); and Committee – Geoff Billard, Ed Berry, Dennis Kyling, Max Mills, Dinah McCulloch, Joanne Reilly, Conrad Guard, Ken Vaughn, Rob Ruskin and Sarah Caddy. And we welcome two new members for the coming year - Greg Clarke who is a real estate agent with Ray White in Mooloolaba and Evan Flower, a retired businessman.

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Going Forward

We are considering whether we can distribute our newsletter to all residents in Twin Waters electronically. We are looking at the possibility of having CCTV along Ocean Drive and at the intersection of Nojoor Road to try to prevent hooning in our area. We are also looking as to whether we can do anything to improve the Telstra mobile reception and the number of ADSL portals available in Twin Waters.

The President stressed that for TWRA to be influential with the various levels of government we need the strength of numbers. We encourage all within our community to join TWRA so it can continue to be persuasive in our dealings with the authorities.

Hooning on Ocean Drive

Please make sure you report hooning events on Ocean Drive to the Police Hooning Hotline on 13HOON (13 4666) quoting date, time and location and of course any vehicle details if available. It is very important that Police have a record of these incidents. At this stage, Council and Police consider that we do not have a sufficient incidence of hooning to justify a stronger approach such as CCTV, which was being investigated by the TWRA Committee. We will continue to pursue options with the Police that can assist to eliminate this anti-social behaviour.

Good-bye Dennis

Dennis Kyling moves from Twin Waters during September and hence our Committee. Since he and Jenny arrived in 2001 both have been actively involved with our community. He completed 3

terms as President of TWRA and was involved in many activities including the first upgrade of the newsletter to include advertising; developing our website; the Future Maintenance Committee which guided development of our then unique landscape management arrangements; the evolution of the Carols from a lavish Lend Lease sponsored event to our own Event (in collaboration with the North Shore Baptist Church); establishing Light Up Twin Waters, plus active involvement in the Birthday Picnic Committee and the Twin Waters responses to development issues especially the proposed development of apartments on the tennis courts at the TW Golf Club and the more recent proposed Stockland development of the Canelands.

Dennis was made a Life Member in 2006. Now they have retired and sold their home and will travel Australia in the caravan before finally settling in Maleny. They leave here with our good wishes and gratitude.

More from AGM

Faye Gledhill from St John Ambulance was our vibrant and informative guest speaker who had us all involved with demonstrations (not many times one can call Sophie Lever a 'dummy*') and Q&A's. In fact a couple of time she had us all on our feet. As time was limited Max Mills will now look into whether we can arrange courses for TWRA members in First Aid applications. *Sophie kindly offered to be the patient for Faye's demonstrations.

Fiona Simpson MP acknowledged how active a community gathering TWRA was and that she always enjoyed joining our functions and meetings. She announced the win for

our community in that an extra 15 hectares of land will be protected thanks to State Government's decision to incorporate it into the Maroochy River Regional Park at Twin Waters. Something she has been lobbying for over much time – to both protect high-value vegetation and restore other areas as well as forming a natural corridor for fauna and flora.

Councillor O'Pray with his usual enthusiasm Jason outlined the details of the boat ramp area soon to be undertaken at the end of Nojoor Road; the relocation of Bli Bli House; the construction underway of the 'upmarket' retirement village; the repairs to 70 metres the revetment wall which commenced on 12 August and to be completed prior to the handover by Lend Lease. With his portfolio being tourism, sport & major events he gave us a sneaky preview on his BIG plans for the Sunshine Coast in 2016.

Your Dog

If you have a dog you are expected to act responsibly. There are rules and regulations to which you MUST adhere. Your dog must be on a leash whilst you are out walking. It is the law. You must carry a "poo" bag and you must clean up after your dog. It is the law. . With so many incidents of dog attacks dog owners have to shape up and the Sunshine Coast will soon be policed a lot more stringently.

Fun at the Novotel

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Contact Ken Vaughn now to register 5448 7797 or 0402 346 719 or email sakeil@bigpond.com or Graeme Lavender 5450 7250 or 0417 788 294 or glavender@bigpond.com

Happy Father's Day

There are suggestions that Father's Day had its origins in pagan sun worship as they see the sun as father of the universe (which of course we all think you are).

Even today in some countries it is celebrated on the third Sunday in June which is closest to the June solstice.

A special day to honour fathers was introduced in modern times in Spokane, Washington on June 19, 1910. In Thailand it is celebrated with a public holiday on December 5 which is the King's birthday.

Hope you all have a great day!

Party in the Park - 19th Oct

This year we have the usual attractions plus more... there'll be a 2nd hand book stall (time to clean out your shelves - they can be left at Century 21 offices prior to the event); animal farm; a band; raffles with oodles of prizes; sausage sizzle; games; drinks; plant stall (spring clean your garden

- bring some of your seedlings, herbs or plants and buy some newbies); a cake stall.

If you can bring something contact Rob Ruskin on 0459 030 400 or tututeddy@gmail.com or Dinah McCulloch on 0429 196 206 or rodmcculloch@bigpond.com

Let us know if you can help for half an hour on the day!

Weird Aussie Facts

The Queen's birthday is on 21 April but it is celebrated in June by all states except WA which celebrates it in September.

Australia is as wide as the distance between London and Moscow.

The biggest property in Australia is bigger than Belgium.

Gina Rinehard, Australia's richest woman earns \$1 million every half hour or \$598 every second.

Each week in Australia 70 tourists overstay their visas.

Australia has the highest electricity prices in the world.

If you visited one new beach a day in Australia it would take 27 years to see them all.

The Great Barrier reef is the largest living structure on the planet - and it has its own postbox.

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Time Flies

Powerful earthquakes can permanently shorten the length of the Earth's day by moving the spin of the Earth's axis. The 2011 Japan earthquake knocked 1.8 microseconds off our days and the 2004 Sumatra quake cost us around 6.8 microseconds.

The Buderim Beast

Sightings of a catlike marsupial in the Buderim area go back to the 1800s and even before then, the Aborigines had a name for the creature – the Yarri.

In the 1950s, scientists had to abandon all references to what they were calling "The Queensland Beast" because there wasn't enough evidence to back up the creature's existence, but it's still subject to sightings today. So if you see a cat faced, tiger striped, marsupial with a long tail, it could be the Buderim Beast...

Community Corner – For Sale or Wanted

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