

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2014

October's Guest Speakers

Thank you to Associate Professor Rod McCulloch, Head of School of Communication at the University of the Sunshine Coast who showed by example, after discussing his career through many years in the advertising industry then changing to his second career as an academic, how "It's never too late to go to Uni".

He outlined the new USC's Diploma in Languages course which provides you with a pathway to study Indonesian, Italian or Japanese for professional or personal reasons and gain a formal qualification. He said "Language proficiency enhances employability in a range of occupations including education, tourism, journalism, business, government and just for fun". The course is offered on a part-time basis. Any queries direct to FABinfo@usc.edu.au

APEX Camp

We also welcomed Peter Rowe, the new Manager of APEX Camp at Mudjimba, who gave us a brief history of APEX's birth in 1931 and the history of the Mudjimba camp which has been there since 1981 and can now accommodate 240 children per night where they enjoy such activities canoeing, bush skills, rope activity – in fact up to 20 different activities. He is looking forward to an increase of patronage of 30% and he

intends to set up a section for disabled kids.

TWRA has a long association with the camp and Peter is enthusiastic in extending that relationship. He closed his talk by entertaining us with a story of the Gubbi Gubbi people about the naming of Mount Coolum, Mount Ninderry and the Maroochy River. Any queries can be directed to Peter at peter@apexcamps.com.au

Airport Expansion

In a joint presentation at our general meeting on October 13, Airport Manager Peter Pallett and retired engineer Ken Vaughn, TWRA Committee member both gave extremely interesting presentations on the expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport. They also noted that the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed new runway expansion project at the Sunshine Coast Airport has been released for public review and comment.

Prepared by the SC Council, the EIS describes the project and its potential environmental impacts, both positive and negative. The project has an expected capital expenditure of \$347 million and includes a new 2,450m long by 45m wide north-west/south-east runway capable of servicing such aircraft such as the A330, B787 and B777 plus associated infrastructure. The single EIS addresses State and Commonwealth

Date Claimers

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

**Christmas Carols at Novotel:
20 December**

matters and also addresses impacts relevant to aviation airspace management. The public is invited to comment on the project's potential environmental impacts and/or the effectiveness of measures proposed to manage those impacts.

The TWRA long supported the proposed development of the East-West runway and welcomes the release of the EIS. The potential impacts for Twin waters are positive and we support also the jobs, tourism benefits and positive impacts for housing values etc in our area as well as for the wider Sunshine Coast. We will be making a submission in support of the EIS and encourage residents to make their individual submissions. If you require any further information the Information Line is 1800 210 755 It is staffed 9-5 Mon-Fri. The EIS can be viewed at <http://www.dsdp.qld.gov.au/assessments-and-approvals/sca-expansion-project-eis-documents.html>

Sekisui on the Coast

Japanese development company Sekisui House have recently released preliminary plans for a development on part of the beachside old Hyatt golf course at Yaroomba. The plan is for about 1470 apartment dwellings, a 250 room high class hotel, retirement/aged care and retail all on about 20 hectares and with some buildings having a height of 39 metres. Potentially it would have a population similar to Twin Waters.

This proposal is not in line with the Sunshine Coast Regional Plan released in

2014 and we understand that pressure is being put on the council to approve the development. Our local Councillor, Jason O'Pray, is strongly against approval outside the provisions of the current plan. While he recognises tourism growth is of major importance to the Sunshine Coast – in fact, stresses that we need a world ranking 5-6 star hotel but points out that we should note the majority of the current Sekisui plan is to build 1,470 residential apartments. This involves 17 buildings including 5 to a

height of 39metres+ (about the height of the buildings in Cotton Tree and Alex) and a 250 bed holiday hotel and 30002m of retail outlets on only 20 hectares. At our meeting on 13 October he stressed that he has received over 10,000 notations from the public on this matter. If you have an opinion on this structure you should contact Cr. O'Pray by email: Jason.opray@sunshsinecoast.qld.gov.au or on Facebook www.facebook.com/jason.opray or leave a message on 0417 574 638.

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and submissions need to be made direct to the Coordinator General's Dept by email at: SCAexpansion@coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au or by mail. Submissions close at 5pm on 13 November 2014.

Changing of the Guard

TWRA Committee member Conrad Guard has for several years doubled as our Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator as well as Zone Coordinator. He is now passing the Area job over to Fred McDonald and the new Social Media lady is Merryll Berry. Con, thank you so much for all your hard work in that time.

Cup Day

The Loose Goose are bringing in the big screen for Melbourne Cup Day. Doll up, book a table and meet your friends to enjoy their a la carte menu and you can BYO. Book on 5457 0887.

Light Rail on Coast

65% of Sunshine Coast residents surveyed on whether we need light rail on the Sunshine Coast have praised its proposed introduction despite the cost estimate for the 23km stretch costing in the vicinity of \$2billion. Mayor Jamieson suggests it could link the airport to Caloundra and

pass through Maroochydore CBD and Mooloolaba then on to Kawana Health precinct and terminate in Caloundra.

Statistics show that Caloundra will hold 60% of the Coast's population by 2031 and in the next 20 years the Coast's population is expected to grow by more than 50%. That's 150,000 new residents! Possible routes will be issued in early November then a 12-18 month feasibility study and community consultation will ensue.



TW Signs

Lend Lease have now 'turned' over the waterways to Sunshine Coast Council as was then planned time arrangement right back at establishment of Twin Waters. Max Mills, TWRA Committee member has met with Lend Lease and arranged that as a parting gesture they will establish a new sign at the entrance to Twin Waters and paint ALL the area display entrance signs in Twin Waters. Further meetings will soon take place with the painter, Lend Lease and Max. You will be kept up to date on progress.



Birthday Picnic Thanks

A fun day enjoyed by all. Thanks to Rob Ruskin, his group of organisers and his helpers on the day who all made the day a success.

Congratulations to these raffle winners Doug Stott- the bicycle donated by Con Guard; Shirley Wilcox - a bonsai and a lesson donated by Margaret Roberson; Max Mills - a pot plant donated by Pat Taylor; Trish Gleeson - a Hamper donated by Living Choice; Aiden Cook - a gift pack donated by Twin Waters Pharmacy; Nicole Doherty -a hamper donated by Grub Organics; Julie Stalker - \$50 voucher donated by Go Girl at Novotel Resort;

Dinah McCulloch - a set of beginners golf clubs donated by Dennis Kyling; Jacqui Eegdeman, Kay Kither and Jocelyn Pitt all won vouchers donated by Bean There Done That Coffee Shop at Pacific Paradise; Wine Bottle winners were Maggie van de Hyde, Lil Merr, Nicole Doherty, Aiden Cook, Margaret Fairhurst and Jacqui Marmont and beer winner was Olivia Caddy.

Events such as this require many hours and lots of hands-on so we also would like to thank Sarah Caddy (photographer), Coates Hire, APEX Camp Mudjimba, Crimestoppers, The Friendly Grocer, Mudjimba Surf Club, North Shore Lions,

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St John Ambulance

As a postscript to our very vibrant meeting where the St John Ambulance lady gave demonstrations, arrangements are underway for 20 TWRA members to be able to partake in a 4 hour basic course at North Shore Community Centre.

We are hoping one of these courses will be before Christmas. Keep an eye on our TWRA website.

Light Up TW

The annual Christmas/Festive season programme when we encourage all residents of Twin Waters to put out some lights to celebrate Christmas and New Year. Put them up in early December and then go



Sunshine Coast Regional Council, Sarah Caddy Century 21, Shane Bird Electrical, LJ Hooker and Blue Dog Digital Marketing.

Any profit from the Birthday Picnic will be donated to the Finn Smith Appeal who you will recall 22 months ago he spent two and a half weeks in a coma fighting for his life after he contracted meningococcal resulting in his having to have his feet and hand amputated. He now has a new pair of prosthetic legs and has learned how to take his first steps. Finn turned two on October 21. This will be his fifth surgery in less than a year and his 17th trip to theatre for delicate procedures.

for evening walks around the suburb and share the joy of the season.

It's a great time of the year for families, children especially, and "Light Up Twin Waters" celebrates this wonderful season.

Emergency Plans

We are now approaching the storm, cyclone and summer flood season. Are you prepared for any emergency?

Remember having an Emergency Kit is an important step to prepare for, survive and cope with emergencies. All members of your household should know where the kit is kept. You should check and update the contents regularly (like NOW) and most importantly have a family meeting to discuss your plan.

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