

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2015

New President for TWRA

Rob Ruskin was appointed as the new President of the TWRA for the coming year at the AGM on 17 August. Rob has been an active Committee member for a number of years and has been the lead organiser of our popular Picnic in the Park event for the last four years. Prior to moving to Twin Waters, Rob and Carol Ruskin resided in New Zealand for a number of years where Rob was the MD of a successful company that provided consumables to the newspaper industry. Rob is very keen to maintain our unique and tranquil lifestyle in Twin Waters. Congratulations on your appointment Rob.

President's Report Summary

This has been another successful year for the TWRA.

Our now traditional and anticipated events of Picnic in the Park and the Christmas Carols & Fireworks at Novotel were well attended and all, especially the children, had great fun.

We have had a number of Dine Outs at various locations during the year, which have brought people together in the relaxed atmosphere.

Christmas in July was outstanding again this year and is becoming a must event in the Twin Waters calendar.

The number of people who assist TWRA in all their activities are too numerous to mention. We would not be able to function as a successful community group without their assistance. My thanks and the thanks of the whole committee goes out to them all.

One of our major projects of the year was the revamping of our web site to make it more informative and pertinent to the community and easier to manage and maintain. The new site went "live" a few weeks ago and is a vast improvement on what we had previously. There are further improvements to be made as we go forward which will be carefully handled as we become more adept at managing the site.

A huge thank you to all involved in making this project so successful and thank you for the continuing work in managing the new look site.

Our monthly newsletter continues to be well received in the community. We are considering some changes to style and content, so keep an eye out for your new-look newsletter. Thank you to those who volunteer their time to write edit and distribute it.

A major involvement during the year, which will continue for some time, is our negotiations with Stockland and the Council regarding the new proposal by Stockland to develop the "canelands" into a housing development. We have kept members well informed about the outcome of our discussions to date. This is an opportunity for us to preserve the nature and ambience of the Twin Waters precinct and has only come about because of the efforts the Association put in in opposing the previous Stockland development plans.

We have also been involved in giving support to the Council in regard to the redevelopment of the airport and the building of a new east/west runway. During the year we made a detailed submission in regard to the Environmental Impact Statement which is an essential first step in this project. The outcome of the EIS will be available later this year.

The continued success of the Landscape Maintenance scheme is reflected in the manner in which the parklands and common areas are kept. Our scheme is the envy of other communities and has been used as the basis for schemes in other areas of the Coast.

Neighbourhood Watch continues to be active in our community keeping people up to date and giving appropriate safety messages.

I am stepping down from the position of President after four years. It is time for change, time to bring in new blood and different ideas. I will remain on the committee and render whatever assistance I can to the incoming President. The four years has been an interesting and fulfilling time for me. I thank all the committee members who have served during the past four years for their support and input.

Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting
Maroochy Room, Novotel Resort
7.30pm, 12 October

Twin Waters Birthday Picnic
in the Park, 18 October

I also thank those who sponsor us, providing resources, funding and support. It is great that we have these relationships across the community.

Twin Waters remains a great place to live and has a great sense of community. Our Association, I believe, makes a fundamental contribution to that community spirit.

I believe that our Association will continue to perform a very important role in the future of Twin Waters. I'm sure it, and our community, will continue to thrive.

Peter Braithwaite

A full version of the President's Report is available on the TWRA website <http://www.twra.net> You will find it under the heading 'Information' then the drop down heading 'Meetings'.

Life Membership for Peter Braitwaite

Also at the AGM, Peter Braithwaite was granted life membership of the TWRA in recognition of his contribution over four years as TWRA President. Peter has been the TWRA's longest serving President. He considers the management of the Canelands / Stockland issue as the greatest challenge during his term, but we all know that his contribution and leadership of the TWRA and our community goes way beyond that. Peter's wife, Margaret, has also been a strong support and community stalwart and her contribution was also acknowledged at the AGM. The motion to grant life membership was carried unanimously. Thank you Peter, for your leadership and your contribution. Congratulations on your life membership.

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Stockland Update

Since we reached agreement with Stockland in mid-June regarding the terms of TWRA's support for the commencement of the re-zoning process for the Canelands, there has been continued progress towards this end. The most important step was a special meeting of Council held on 13 July to consider Stockland's formal request for the necessary Planning Scheme amendments. Council noted all the actions that had been taken, including the various consultations and agreements between Stockland and TWRA on behalf of our community. Our "Conditions Precedent" were noted. Council requested further consultations with the stakeholders, but agreed to "work towards formally commencing a proposed Planning Scheme amendment for Twin Waters West before the end of the year".

There have also been further discussions between Stockland and the Department of Transport & Main Roads regarding the location and mode of entry for traffic from the Stockland development and David Low Way. Various options have been developed and traffic modelling has been undertaken, including input from some recent updated traffic counts. A meeting between TWRA and Council was held on 19 August at Council's request. Council officers wanted to make sure that they fully understood our requirements so that the drafting for a possible amendment to the Planning Scheme reflected, as much as practicable, our intentions regarding the re-zoning of the Canelands. This was a productive meeting. Further Council decisions will be required before any request for the amendment is submitted to the State government for their consideration. We will continue to keep you advised of progress.

Birthday Celebrations

Don't forget the annual Twin Waters Residents' Association Birthday Celebrations in Lake View Park on 18 October. This year there is a Halloween theme, so feel free to dress up if you wish. You can also order a copy of the TWRA limited edition Halloween Recipe book for \$5. It's full of yummy, scary treats.

Stalls include a cake stall, a bookstall and new this year a craft stall. There will be raffles to try your luck at as well as an animal farm, face painting, jumping castle, kayak rides and games. Entertainment includes The Jazz Factory and Pacific Paradise School Band.

There will be displays from the Coolum Men's Shed and the ladies from the View Club and all profit on the day goes to help the Coolum Men's Shed.

If you have any queries or would like to help, give Dinah McCulloch a call on 0429 196 206.

Lost Property

A wristwatch has been found on the footpath along Prestwick Drive on Monday 3rd August. For details contact - Rob on Mobile 0407 246386.

Time to Join (or Renew)

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to join the TWRA. A membership form is included in this Newsletter. Just fill in the details and drop it in to The Friendly Grocer, along with your \$10 fee (\$12 if you would like two cards). Your membership card will be delivered a short time later. Please remember that at this stage it is only possible to you're your membership by cash at the Friendly Grocer and that correct change is appreciated. We hope that shortly we will be in a position to offer online payment facilities through our web site.

Being a financial member of the TWRA shows that you support one of the most active community associations on the Coast. We are committed to making Twin Waters the best place to live, or should we say, an even better place to live! Owners or renters - everyone benefits from having a strong TWRA. Last year, more than 350 families were financial members and we want even more members this year. Please join us. Don't delay. Do it now. Thank you for your support.

The TWRA appreciates the support of The Friendly Grocer. Have you shopped there recently? They still have the best roast chicken and on Fridays they have it on special at \$10.99 including a large serve of chips. Unbeatable value!

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September Funny

Facebook for Seniors

This sums up my feelings about Facebook For those of my generation who do not use and cannot comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passersby what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook.

I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist.

Twin Waters View Club

The Twin Waters VIEW Club (Voice, Interest and Education of Women) a friendship club for women of all ages, hold their monthly luncheon meeting at The Loose Goose Restaurant, Twin Waters at 11.00am, on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Cost is \$27.00. New members and guests are always welcome. To join VIEW the Cost is \$20 to join and a \$15 annual subscription, you can contact them at twinwatersviewclub@gmail.com or call 0487 182 644.

Twin Waters View Club supports the Learning for Life program, which assists disadvantaged children of Australia so they can have an education and locally, the Smith family.

At a recent social function, we had "Fun Olympics" at Mudjimba Park. A new lady came along as a guest and wrote this poem describing their fun day out.

Fun Olympics. - Observations of a Guest.

Join the View Club my neighbours said
I left the comfort of my nice warm bed
And to Mudjimba we did go
My neighbours three with me in tow.

The sky was blue the sun was warm
Boy oh boy did those flies swarm
Around the food we were to eat
But those View Club ladies had them beat.

The Mini Olympics were about to start
Line up girls one foot apart
Pass the balloon under your chin
And speed will determine who will win.

On we went with our Olympic quest
Each team hoping they would be the best
Competition was fierce but the battle was won
By the green and gold ladies despite the hot sun.

The winners are waiting all happy and bold
To hang round their necks the medals of gold
Much laughter was heard as they are given their prize
As their heads are too big and quite oversize.

Time to go home I said with a sigh
Back to the grind but I left on a high
What nice ladies, I have decided to join
I will contact the treasurer and handover my coin.

The next Social Function is on Thursday 24 September 2015 at 1.00pm. There is a Fashion Parade, with Champagne, Canapés and great raffle prizes. New members and guests welcome. For further details please contact the Twin Waters View Club and a committee member will get back to you as soon as possible.



Christmas in July

The Twin Waters Residents Association 6th Christmas in July luncheon was held at Lily's, Novotel Twin Waters Resort on Sunday 26 July 2015.

This year, 78 of our residents and friends enjoyed the wonderful smorgasbord of Christmas delights, including magnificent smoked salmon with many returning for seconds.

Thank you to the Lily's team for making our Christmas in July luncheon memorable and an even bigger thanks to the Novotel for providing a complimentary lucky door prize of a nights accommodation and breakfast for a family of four.

The organisers Malcolm and Cynthia Smith donated an Entertainment Book and the TWRA donated two bottles of wine. Next year has already been rebooked so mark Sunday 31 July 2016 in your diaries.

Thanks again to our residents and friends for making the luncheon truly memorable.



Coolum Men's Shed

A shed in the backyard has long been a part of Australian Culture. The Men's Shed movement provides a place for men to be socially active and form friendships. Men's Sheds have spread rapidly all over Australia. In Queensland alone there are over 200 Men's Sheds.

The primary goal of Coolum Men's Shed is to work towards a community where all men have the opportunity to maintain and improve their health and well being by:

- Participating in the Men's Shed Movement. The Men's Shed fills a vital role in the well-being of men by providing a place where men can communicate, interact and ponder life's little problems.
- Promoting, advancing, and supporting an effective and sustainable Men's Shed Movement, representing the interests of men, their Sheds, their communities, business, the health profession and all levels of government.

In doing so, men develop a sense of meaning and value in their life, all of which facilitates a willingness to communicate, all too often uncommon in men. Coolum Men's Shed looks to a future of fostering a communication between not-for-profit groups in Coolum, the wider community, and through our affiliation with Australian Men's Shed Association. Anyone wishing to join can contact their President Trevor Ryan on 0421 341 534 or for more info email coolummensshed@gmail.com



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