

TWIN WATERS

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter - August 2024

Important Dates 2024

TWRA General Meeting & AGM –
Monday 5th August 7.30pm
Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort

Golf Day – Twin Waters Golf Club.
Date: 15th September 2024

Neighbourhood Watch AGM –
Monday 16th September 4.30pm
Living Choice Club House adjacent to
bowling green

Gardening Competition.
Entry forms available from 1st to 30th
September.
Judging: Saturday 12th October 2024

Party in the Park –The Twin Waters
Shopping Village. 20th October 2024
3pm to 7pm

Christmas Cocktail Party –
Loose Goose Restaurant.
Sunday 24th November 2024
6pm to 10 pm

Light Up Twin Waters –
The magic of the
Christmas lights we place on our
homes each year.
Details later in the year.

Christmas Carols –
Moorings Circuit Park 15th December
2024 5pm to 7.30 pm.

President's Report from Sophie Lever

Well, it's that time of year again, when we face up to the challenge of renewal for the TWRA. On Monday, 5th August, we hold our Annual General Meeting for the election of our Management Committee. Last month we called for nominations to reach out to the membership and the people of Twin Waters – and were greatly heartened to receive a record 17 residents prepared to serve. It's an amazing response that speaks loudly of the interest our members have in our community and the Association. If approved by the Annual General Meeting it nearly doubles the size of the Committee, which currently stands at 12.

See Page 2 for details of the new nominees, as well as a summary of the existing committee members prepared to return for another year. Full details of the existing Committee are on our website at: <https://twra.net/twra-committee/>

We will report more about the new committee in next month's edition of our newsletter.

This will be my last President's Report – I have really enjoyed being President for the last two years, as some of the photos show... but it's time to hand over to someone else who has some fresh ideas and energy. I have nominated to remain on the committee, to support the new President upon election.



The TWRA Christmas Party 2022 at the Loose Goose.



Drawing the Lucky Dip at Clean Up Day January 2023



Sophie with Member for Maroochydore, Fiona Simpson at the 2022 Christmas Carols at Novotel Sunshine Resort.



While the next month sees us welcome new colleagues, it's also the time to note the retirement of one of our more experienced and dedicated committee members. I would like to personally and on behalf of the Association extend my gratitude to Geoff Billard. Geoff has been a committee member for the best part of the last 20 years including many years as president. His leadership during some difficult times in the last 10 years has been flawless.

Geoff has unwittingly become a mentor to me and I'm sure to many others who have come and gone on the committee during his involvement. I think Twin Waters would not be the place it is today without Geoff's involvement.

Geoff is remaining in Twin Waters with his wife Jocelyn so be sure to thank them personally for their contributions when you see them around the traps.

Enjoy this edition - lots of news inside regarding landscape maintenance arrangements, and Neighbourhood Watch happenings – and see Page 4 for Geoff's reflections of more than two decades of living in Twin Waters.

Thank you for your support during my time as President, it has been greatly appreciated.

Sophie.

News & Issues

New Nominations for TWRA Committee!

The TWRA welcomes 5 new nominations for the Association's Management Committee scheduled to be presented to this month's Annual General Meeting.



Linda Martin

Linda grew up on the Sunshine Coast going to high school in Nambour before leaving, meeting husband Mick and spending 20 years as a military wife. They briefly spent a couple of years here in Twin Waters owning an apartment at ViewPoint before travelling for work and eventually spending nine years in Malaysia. Linda then returned to the Sunshine Coast and moved into Living Choice village in 2012. Linda has been an active part of the community in that time mainly in the Pacific Paradise Bowls Club and after that volunteering in a veteran's disaster relief organisation throughout Australia. Linda is a current member of the Coolum Beach Bowls Club and Mick is a member of Twin Waters Golf Club.

Karen Willett

I was born and raised in Brisbane and 5 years ago my husband Peter and I retired from the Australian Public Service and moved from Canberra to live in Twin Waters. Since retiring Peter has been active with the State Emergency Service and I have been busy helping with our 3 beautiful grandchildren. I enjoy photography, keeping fit and spending time with family and friends. We love living in Twin Waters and have made great friends in the local community.

The TWRA plays an important role informing and engaging with residents and I believe I can contribute to the Association to support their work to maintain this beautiful patch of the Sunshine Coast



Jo Reilly

Mother of four, Ethan 23, Chelsea 21, Paige & Ella 19, Joanne has been a resident of Twin Waters for 16 years and a local business owner for 16 years. The move from Sydney was an easy one, she always loved Twin Waters and she wanted to be close to her parents who already lived here. Well known for her PINK Real Estate Business and commitment to the community, Joanne is the major sponsor of the Mudjimba SLSC.

Joanne is a former committee member of the TWRA and feels it's time to give back to the Twin Waters community again.

Martin Haase

We moved to Twin Waters 2 years ago. Through 6 years in the Navy and 37 years with a major international engineering/construction company retiring in 2015. We have moved 25 times during my career and Twin Waters represents our favourite location. We moved to Australia in 1998 for a company assignment and have lived in Perth, Newcastle, and Brisbane (Brookfield) where we have spent the last 20 years. We have two adult children, one of whom has also recently moved to Twin Waters, and one grandson.

Now that I am retired and not moving or traveling on a regular basis, I am interested in getting involved with the local community which has never been an option before.



Virginia Buckley

Born in Melbourne, raised in Albury NSW where I spent 10 years at an RSL before moving to Brisbane in 1996. Worked in hospitality for a few more years before starting with Translink as a safety officer on the Brisbane busways for 4 years then moving across the division to Main Roads where I have been in facilities maintenance for the past 17 years. I contract manage the 70 lifts & escalators on the busway as well as managing the cleaning, horticulture and minor building maintenance of selected bus stations, interchanges and park n rides across the regions. Ray and I married in 2017 and we made the move to TW in 2019 which is the best decision we have ever made. I kept my position with TMR and look after sites on the sunny coast as well. I like music, concerts, movies, travel, spending time with friends and now just recently looking after my new Cavoodle puppy Marley.

Existing Committee Members Re-Nominating.

Committee members re-nominating are: Sophie Lever, Christine Bormann, Derek Brown, Tony Freeman, Kevin Lyons, Colin Legg, Michael and Karen Stapelfeldt.

Full details of all re-nominating members are available on the TWRA website: <https://twra.net/twra-committee/>

The Executive

The TWRA Committee has been led up to this point by a three-member Executive consisting of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The current Secretary, Emilia White and Treasurer, Nathan Dadds have both re-nominated. Their details are available on the TWRA website:

<https://twra.net/twra-committee/>

As Sophie has retired as President, but is still nominated for the Management Committee, a sole replacement nomination for President has been made for Mark Hamlyn – a member of the current Management Committee. Mark was nominated by Sophie and seconded by Geoff Billard – a former President. Details below.



Sole Nomination for President – Mark Hamlyn

Mark has been a member of the Committee since 2022, where he edited the TWRA newsletter in a rejuvenated effort to reach out to the TW community. He and wife Margaret bought their TW home in 2003 but rented it out while working in Sydney till 2016. In that time, they enjoyed an on-going commercial relationship with TW businesses, visited regularly and watched Twin Waters evolve as it switched from the Lendlease era to Sunshine Coast Council. In his media career Mark was a journalist, Factual TV Producer and Executive for the ABC, Federal & State production funding bodies and independent production companies, working on local and international television documentary co-productions. Margaret has also been an active TWRA member re-vamping the annual Christmas Carols event for 2 years, after her own career in TV management. Both Mark and Margaret were born in Queensland before their travels and value Twin Waters as a special community that needs to pay attention to changing times to preserve the qualities that make it special. Apart from enjoying the Twin Waters environment, Mark is also a member of the Twin Waters Golf Club, which he enjoys, but where he regularly disappoints himself. He has taken on the Presidential nomination to support his colleagues on the Management Committee and consolidate the past achievements of the TWRA and the Twin Waters Community. In other words, it's not about him, but you!

Vice President

Also please note this year, the Executive is expanded to re-introduce the role of Vice-President – as a vital partnership with the Committee and the President. In this role, Mark is delighted to welcome the nomination of Sue Smith whose enthusiasm and commitment have supported the committee over the last 12 months.

Sue moved to Twin Waters in 2020 with her husband Greg after leaving home in Brisbane for a 3-year sea change in Cairns. They found Twin Waters a little by accident and are very pleased they did. A perfect place to meet new friends and their 3 children and old friends love to visit. Her In-laws loved the area so much they left Brisbane to join them. Sue continues to work as an Occupational Therapist and welcomes being an active member of the TWRA and engaging with the community. Sue has played 4 games of golf in her life and has committed to giving the game a chance!



All nominations will be offered to the Annual General Meeting on 5th August at 7.30 at Novotel Sunshine Resort, which, as is usual practice, will form part of the bi-monthly TWRA General Meeting due on that date and open to both TWRA members and the public.

Good News on Crime for Twin Waters

Our good friends at Neighbourhood Watch report that the last month has seen just one theft, excluding unlawful entry at Nojoor Road & Maroochy River Conservation Park reported to Police. That compares to 5 unlawful entries, plus one unlawful use of a motor vehicle for the previous May/June period. However, that's no reason to stop being careful and locking up. For instance, theft, excluding unlawful entry applies to items lying around in the yard that are easily pinched – and where it hasn't been necessary to enter the house. Items can be gone in a flash!



And...watch Out For Scams – They're Everywhere!!!

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Call for Artists for Party in the Park

The raffle baskets are a big draw card to our annual BIRTHDAY PARTY IN THE PARK and for the past 2 years local artist, Kerry Keyte, has donated functional artwork in the form of acrylic art decorated lazy susans. See photo... Now we're calling on more artists in our community to follow Kerry's example and donate art works to be included in the raffle baskets. Your name will be included in the "sponsors list" and acknowledgment will be given to you for your donation on social media as well. Art-work should be dropped off to LJ Hooker Twin Waters' office no later than 8th October 2024.

To find out more - Contact the team at LJ Hooker Twin Waters on 5450 6188 or pop into their office.



Maintenance Main Points From Meeting With Council At End Of June

Council advised the TW Maintenance Levy remains at the annual figure of \$130 per property. The balance of the TWRA Levy account is currently around \$61,000. A further meeting with the Council finance people is scheduled for Tuesday 30th June. TWRA has provided Council with a detailed analysis of the parks in Twin Waters and suggested a priority order for refurbishment and attention. A follow up meeting with Council is scheduled for Monday 29th June. The Council reported that mulching was carried out where needed during winter. Some small garden areas had been missed but are now being attended to. Council noted the request from TWRA regarding vehicle site lines and visibility at some roundabouts; overhanging trees over footpaths and near street lighting were being attended to. At Moorings Circuit Park, the tree over the picnic table is being addressed, as birds on the branches above leave a mess on table. Further reports on footpath maintenance and the repainting of Twin Waters entry signs will be in next month's newsletter.

Airport Developments Now Open for Public Comment Till 8 August.



Twin Waters residents recently received a brochure in their letter boxes advising that the public consultation period had opened for the proposed further development of the Sunshine Coast Airport. In case you missed it, future planning responsibility for the Airport is controlled by the State Government following its declaration of the site as a Priority Development Area (PDA). While the draft Planning Scheme is a high-level planning document, we believe it is comprehensive and provides a good basis for possible future development of the whole airport site.

There are two precincts of interest to us in Twin Waters - the Gateway and the Northern precincts.

Both could include future hotel and/or tourist developments and other aviation-linked developments, with the Northern Precinct connecting to David Low Way at the northern end of the site. For more information go to:

www.edq.qld.gov.au/our-work/priority-development-areas-pda/sunshine-coast-airport



Here's hoping these recent additions to the lake encourage the speedy types to keep it under 6 knots!

Reflections on life in Twin Waters from retiring TWRA Committee Member and Former President Geoff Billard

Community was at the heart of what Lendlease created when they developed Twin Waters. Their by-line was "Twin Waters – A Coastal Community".

They supported the fledgling Twin Waters Residents' Association formed in 1998.

Jocelyn and I bought land in the first release in 1997 and built our home by 1999. For 25 years, Twin Waters and TWRA have been a big part of our lives.

We still live here and will maintain our interest in all things Twin Waters!

Over my more than 20 years on the TWRA Committee my interest was principally in the issues that helped shape Twin Waters – the development of our then unique landscape maintenance arrangements (since adopted for other master planned communities), getting the Airport's 2006 Master Plan to adopt the east-west runway rather than extending the north-south runway, opposing Golf Club buildings on the existing tennis courts, opposing a proposed desalination plant adjacent to the airport, even a proposed nudist beach at Mudjimba (!) and the various versions of development of the former canelands west of Twin Waters and shaping its evolution to ensure it would be equal to or better than Twin Waters.



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My other main interest was our various communications – Newsletter, website etc in conjunction with others who knew a lot more about them than I did.

The TWRA Committee was always comprised of committed people who gave their time and ideas generously. We all came from different backgrounds and brought different experiences, interests and skills. All of this energy was marshalled for the betterment of our community. Plus, we made friends we may not have otherwise met. It was always fun!

<< Geoff in 2009, as President overseeing the placement of the Twin Waters time capsule

After my time on the Committee, I reflect with gratitude and satisfaction at the results we achieved. We are very fortunate to live here. But we should not take the richness of our community for granted. My plea is for the everyone who lives here to be thankful and also, if you can spare the time, get involved whether by attending events or helping to organise them.

I sincerely thank everyone who has worked with me. You are amazing people!

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