

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

March 2016

*Stay safe during the festive season.*

**Police Report by Senior Constable Marlene Fisher,  
Coolum Police**

Wilful damage has occurred on the ovals at North Shore Football Club on Nojoor Road, on the nature strip at the Yango Street and Ocean Drive intersection, and at the intersection of Ocean Drive and Nojoor Road.

Police and residents have identified that the offending vehicle is a 4WD. Hooning offences can be reported through the Hoonline on 134 666, Policelink on 131 444, [online](#) or by uploading a photo through the Policelink mobile app.

Police have also identified the owner of the unregistered Holden Commodore wagon that was burnt out at the North Shore Community Centre. Police and Queensland Fire and Emergency Services attended in early January and investigations are continuing.

Property theft has also been occurring from Twin Waters shops. It is an offence to walk out of a store without paying for property and if goods are consumed within the store they must also be paid for prior to leaving the store.

Overnight campers are still being directed to move on from Nojoor Road and Bli Bli boat ramps. Residents can contact council or their local Neighbourhood Watch to report these free campers. They should provide registration numbers and photographs where possible. Council are also regularly patrolling these areas for offences.

Police, in partnership with the Council, have continued their beach patrols along the North Shore stretch for community safety and building stronger relationships.



Residents are reminded to click or follow the link below and sign up to the myPolice website to get information on what is happening within your area.



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Subscribe to receive community news and crime alerts  
[www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast](http://www.mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast)

**Important Phone Numbers**

<b>Emergency 24/7</b> (Ambulance, Fire, Police)	<b>000</b>
<b>Policelink</b> (Non-urgent Matters) 24/7	<b>131 444</b>
<b>Crime Stoppers</b> (Report Crime Information)	<b>1800 333 000</b>
<b>Hoon Hotline 24/7</b>	<b>134 666</b>
<b>Coolum Police</b> (Local Police Advice)	<b>5440 2777</b>
<b>S.E.S. (Disaster, Cyclone, Flood, Storm, Rescue) 24/7</b>	<b>132 500</b>

**Neighbourhood Watch Contacts:**  
(Also see detailed map on [twra.net](http://twra.net))

<u>Barcoola</u>	Rob	5448 9998
<u>Baywater</u>	Jenny	5450 5881
<u>Fairways Island</u>	Robert	5450 5711
<u>Karinya Island</u>	Anthony	5450 5576
<u>Magnolia Lane Apartments</u>	Judy	5448 9892
<u>Podium</u>	Desleigh	0402 756 580
<u>The Banks</u>	John, Ruth	5450 7046
<u>The Cove</u>	Brent	5448 8273
	Hugh & Marion	5450 5279
<u>The Landings</u>	Merryl	5448 9414
	Gail	5450 6381
<u>The Links</u>	Peter	5450 5857
	Margaret	5448 7246
<u>The Shores</u>	Bill	5450 5387
	Fred	5450 5938
	Tony B	5448 7624
	Bob, Judy	5450 5038
	Rob	5448 9998
<u>The Sound (incl. Water Gallery)</u>	Barry	5450 5545
<u>Twin Waters Retirement Village</u>	David	5448 8747
<u>Viewpoint</u>	Margaret	5448 7246
Jennie		0421 162 181
Kerryn		5450 7404
Mary		5448 7820

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

**7 PM MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2016**

**Twin Waters Retirement Village Club Room**



*Our Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch is in need of more helpers. If you would like to learn more about Neighbourhood Watch and become involved, please call Jenny on 5450 5881 or Merryl on 5448 9414.*

*Members of the community are most welcome to attend our meeting and be informed about safety and security in Twin Waters.*

## NEIGHBOUR DAY:

27th March 2016



Neighbour Day is an ideal day to get to know the neighbours in your area and feel part of your community by having a neighbourhood get-together. As 27th March is Easter Day, you might prefer to choose another day that suits you and your neighbours better.

You may prefer to have it at your nearest park or in a quiet cul de sac. Early evening is an ideal time and everyone can take along their own food, drinks, tables, chairs, etc.

Information on Neighbour Day is available on <http://www.neighbourday.org/>. If you register your event you can download various resources from the site, but if you just want to have a casual get-together then that is fine.

**Work as a group:** Get some neighbours involved in the planning and work out what needs to be done – invitations, publicity, food, name tags, balloons and cleaning up. Get children involved – they love a party!

**Invite your neighbours:** Decide the best way to invite your neighbours. Knocking on the door and handing them an invitation is a nice personal touch, but you could pop it in the letterbox or come back later if they are not home. Perhaps organise some stickers for name tags.



## SMOKE ALARMS

If your smoke alarms have a radiation symbol as shown, they are ionisation smoke alarms.

All Australian fire services now highly recommend that they should be replaced with photoelectric smoke alarms because of their better smoke detection qualities, giving earlier warning of smouldering fires (one of the most likely domestic fires). They are not expensive.

Photoelectric smoke alarms are more likely to alert occupants in time to escape safely. When you go to sleep, your sense of smell also goes to sleep. If there is a fire, toxic fumes may overcome you before you wake up. Photoelectric alarms are less prone to nuisance alarms and so are less likely to be disabled to stop annoying and unwanted alarms.

The life expectancy of smoke alarms is generally 10 years, after which point their sensors can begin to lose sensitivity. The test button only confirms that the battery, electronics, and alert system are working; it doesn't mean that the smoke sensor is working.

NEW Neighbourhood Watch fridge magnets (which list important emergency numbers) are available from your block co-ordinator, or by phoning 5448 9414. Find your co-ordinator on the NHW zone map on the TWRA web site: [twra.net](http://twra.net).

## Theft Thwarting Tips for Travel Safety:



- ◆ Don't flash your cash. Use a credit card for most purchases. You'll save on currency exchange commissions, too.
- ◆ Travel with three credit cards (three different accounts) but keep one in your hotel safe.
- ◆ Dress down so the thief won't presume there's wealth in your wallet and take an extra risk to get it.
- ◆ Women: Keep your purse/handbag closed and in front of your body. Don't hang it on your back, on the back of a chair, or put it on the floor. No, your inside jacket pocket is not perfectly safe, either.
- ◆ Men: Carry your wallet in your tightest pocket, or, better yet, carry cash and credit cards in a thin pouch that hangs from your belt inside your trousers. Wrapping a rubber band around the wallet makes it easier for the thief to grab, and compresses it so it slides out of the pocket without catching.
- ◆ You are most vulnerable in crowded situations, like shopping in busy stores, getting on public transport, and waiting to cross a congested intersection. In crowds, hold your purse securely, or keep your hand on your wallet.
- ◆ Airports are more secure these days, but thieves still prey around baggage carousels, stealing luggage and picking pockets while travellers are distracted.
- ◆ Be alert to the stranger who gets unnecessarily close. Protect your personal sphere.
- ◆ Be kind to strangers, but keep a good grip on your valuables at the same time. Strategist thieves create devious scenarios to divert your attention or gain your confidence (hence: "con artist"). Be wary of the unknown person who suddenly wants to be your friend — the stranger who wants your confidence.
- ◆ Just in case: write down your credit card account numbers and the phone numbers to call if your cards are lost. Leave the information in your largest luggage, not in your purse or wallet.
- ◆ Send a pre-trip email to yourself with attached copies of your travel documents, including the first two pages of your passport, as well as important phone numbers, or use your on-line storage. If you lose your documents, vital information is as close as the nearest internet access point. Be sure not to delete the email message during your travels! Alternatively, leave this information with a trusted person.

More information: <http://bobarno.com/thiefhunters/theft-thwarting-tips/>



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