



Neighbourhood Watch

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Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

December 2015

Stay safe during the festive season.



Police Report June—November 2015

Since the beginning of June, the local police have attended a number of incidents in the Twin Waters area:

- ◆ 10 burglaries (Living Choice) — Offenders still not apprehended.
- ◆ 1 attempted break and enter in Prestwick and Baker-Finch area
- ◆ 1 stolen bicycle
- ◆ 10 incidents of domestic violence. It is important for residents to realise that Domestic Violence occurs in all areas of our community. Incidents do not have to include physical violence: they can be instances of intimidation and control by one person over another.
- ◆ 4 drug offences (these occurred from the resort to Nojoor Road area)
- ◆ 2 lots of found property
- ◆ 6 lots of lost property including wallets, phones and a necklace
- ◆ 1 stolen vehicle at Nojoor Road — still to be located
- ◆ 1 missing person – a 13 year old boy who was found shortly after he went missing
- ◆ 6 traffic matters.

My Christmas message to the residents of Twin Waters is to get out and enjoy the wonderful parks in your neighbourhood and use the opportunity to meet your neighbours.

I would also like to remind you of the **Fatal Five (Speeding, Seat Belts, Drink/ Drug Driving, Fatigue, and Distraction)** when travelling on your holidays.

Information supplied by Senior Constable Marlene Fisher, Coolum Police

Important Phone Numbers

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

Neighbourhood Watch Contacts: (Also see detailed map on twra.net)

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Block Co-ordinators

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Podium

Desleigh 0402 756 580

The Banks

John, Ruth 5450 7046

The Cove

Brent 5448 8273

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The Landings

Merryl 5448 9414

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The Links

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The Shores

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The Sound (incl. Water Gallery)

Barry 5450 5545

Twin Waters Retirement Village

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Viewpoint

Margaret 5448 7246

BIKE ENGRAVING EVENT — February 2016 —

outside The Friendly Grocer, Twin Waters

Please see TWRA newsletters January & February for details.

Bikes will be engraved for a gold coin donation.. The engraving of a security code will deter others from taking YOUR property because of the difficulties involved in “off loading” identifiable property, and it helps police to recover and return items which may have been stolen.



If you would like one of the NEW Neighbourhood Watch fridge magnets, they are available from your co-ordinator, or by phoning 5448 9414.

Co-ordinators are listed under Neighbourhood Watch on the TWRA web site: twra.net

TAKE CARE ON OUR STREETS. PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

Please slow down and take care at intersections and on corners in Twin Waters. There are many ‘near misses’ on some corners when vehicles are travelling too fast or cut corners. As well as vehicles, there could be cyclists or pedestrians just around the corner.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

7 pm Monday 21st March 2016

Twin Waters Retirement Village Club Room

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

HOLIDAY SECURITY

With the holidays now upon us, please remember that others are just beginning their work. A house left empty for some time is a prime target for criminals to do their 'Christmas shopping'.



Homes with windows or doors left open or unsecured, curtains closed during the day, or mail and newspapers left to accumulate in the letterbox are more likely to attract a potential burglar. A burglar is usually looking for cash or small valuable items, such as jewellery, DVD players, mobile phones, laptops, MP3 players and other small electronic items that can be quickly sold for cash.

Security Checklist if you are going away:

- ◆ Give your house a 'lived in' look by installing automatic timing devices that switch lights and radios on and off.
- ◆ Lock your windows with key operated locks and doors with deadlocks if possible.
- ◆ Disconnect electrical supply to garage doors.
- ◆ Clear your backyard of ladders, wheelie bins and garden tools.
- ◆ Cancel any home deliveries.
- ◆ Arrange for a neighbour to collect your mail or have it redirected.
- ◆ Arrange for a neighbour to collect your junk mail.
- ◆ Turn off your answering machine or leave a message on it that doesn't tell callers you are away.
- ◆ Turn down the volume on your phone.
- ◆ Secure your valuables.
- ◆ Leave some clothes on the line.
- ◆ Ask a neighbour or friend to park their car in your driveway from time to time.
- ◆ Organise to have your lawn mowed.

Additional Hints:

Make a note of your credit card numbers, driver's licence, emergency telephone numbers, airline tickets, passport and travellers cheques. Carry a copy with you and leave a copy with a trusted friend or family member. Also give them a copy of your itinerary.

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Windows 10 is Great, Except for the Parts That Are Terrible!



It uses your upload bandwidth without even telling you.

By default, Windows 10 automatically uploads Windows updates and apps from the Windows Store to other PCs over the Internet. This is a great feature when restricted to the local network, but Microsoft opts everyone into the Internet part of it by default, using your upload bandwidth for something that doesn't help you.

Worse yet, there's no indication this is happening unless you read about it online, find your Internet connection slow, or get contacted by your Internet service provider because you're using up your limited upload bandwidth.

It could appear as an option in the custom setup process or a note about it could appear somewhere, but it doesn't — it just works in the background. You have to find a special option hidden five clicks deep in the operating system to disable it.

Having few Options for Automatic Updates Hurts People on Limited Internet Connections.

Windows 10 forces all home PCs to automatically download and install updates. That's good in one way, as it keeps home Windows systems secure.

But there's a big problem with this: It's not implemented in a respectful way. You can only configure the time Windows reboots — not when it downloads updates.

Many people — again, especially outside the USA, but also in more remote or rural areas in the US — have Internet connections with bandwidth caps. They can't necessarily download hundreds of megabytes of updates every single week. Some people have unlimited bandwidth during certain hours only — perhaps during the middle of the night. Windows 10 provides no way to tell Windows to only download updates during these uncapped hours.

The one solution to this for home users is setting a connection as "metered." Microsoft says you should set every connection with a data cap as a metered connection. This will give you control over when you download updates.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AT TWRA BIRTHDAY IN THE PARK

There was plenty of interest in the information we handed out. We received some interesting feedback from residents, particularly about Telstra and Tax Office phone scams, so please be on the alert when answering the phone .



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