



Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

September 2019

WORKING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER



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
DV Connect women (Domestic Violence Hotline) men	1800 811 811 1800 600 636
Lifeline	131 114
Relationships Australia	1300 364 277
Kids' Help Line	1800 551 800



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TWIN WATERS SPEED LIMIT



General Meeting & AGM
Tuesday 10th September 2019
at 7 pm
at Living Choice Retirement
Village Club Room
Members of the community
are most welcome to attend.

Neighbourhood Watch Contacts

Email: nhw.twinwaters@gmail.com

<u>Barcoola</u>	Rob	5448 9998
<u>Baywater</u>	Jenny	5450 5881
<u>Fairways Island</u>	Robert	5450 5711
<u>Karinya Island</u>	Anthony	0428 237 762
<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>	Hugh & Marion	5450 5279
<u>The Landings</u>	Merryl	5448 9414
	Gail	5450 6381
<u>The Links</u>	Peter	5450 5857
	Lloyd (Lytham Ct)	5448 8920
<u>The Shores</u>	Fred	5450 5938
	Bob, Judy	5450 5038
	Rob	5448 9998
	Bill	5450 5387
<u>The Sound (incl. Water Gallery)</u>	Barry	5450 5545
<u>Twin Waters Retirement Village</u>	David	5448 8747
<u>Viewpoint</u>	Max	5448 8973

Twin Waters NHW Activity—

Your Neighbourhood Watch participated in the recent very successful Santa Paws in the Park event held at Warwick Daniels Lake View Park. NHW members and helpers conducted the barbecue. They also encouraged members of the public to be aware of their surroundings when walking their four-legged friends and to report any suspicious activity. If you see a crime being committed, phone 000; if you see something suspicious that is not urgent, call Policelink on 131 444.

All funds raised on the day were donated to 4Paws Animal Rescue.



What is On Line grooming?

Online grooming is when an adult makes online contact with someone under the age of 16 with the intention of establishing a sexual relationship. The offence occurs in the communication phase so no physical contact need ever occur for police to step in and investigate these offenders.



Offenders may create several online identities with some pretending to be another young person in order to build and maintain trust with a young person, while others are upfront about their age or intentions and manipulate the young person into thinking their relationship is okay.

Where can it happen?

Online grooming can take place on instant messaging apps, social media, gaming sites, emails and in chat rooms. It's important to know that all websites, apps, games or pages have the potential to be misused or cause harm.

Many parents and carers may not be aware that chat functions appear on several popular online games, applications and social networking platforms.

Anonymous chat can provide a platform for online child sex offenders to target young people. There have been many instances where online predators have used 'in game' chat as a gateway to access children.

Tip: If you are unsure about the features in the games or apps your child is using, do some research, download them.

How to help minimise unwanted contact

- Your child should not use their full name online; they should use a nickname or their first name only.
- They should not disclose their address or phone number to anyone online.
- They should not post or share photos of themselves that show their identity or location (such as a school logo on a shirt).
- Keep communication open and encourage your child to talk to a trusted adult if they feel they cannot discuss something with you.
- Your child should never agree to meet someone they have met online unless they have your permission and are accompanied by you or a trusted adult.
- If something feels wrong then it probably is; your child should trust their instincts.
- Check your child's security settings on their online networking sites and have them set to protect their privacy as much as possible. Review settings regularly, particularly after updates or changes to the site.
- Consider whether having the 'chat' function enabled on apps and games is necessary.
- Reassure your child that they can talk to you and you will support them even if they have shared something online that they are concerned about.

Fire Prevention—

As the weather is warming up it is time to check your barbecues and cooling appliances.



Barbecues:

Firefighters urge everyone to ensure their gas cylinders have been professionally tested within the last ten years and that all hoses and valves are fully secured and are not split or leaking. If your barbecue is under cover, beware of the effect heat may have on any roofing directly above the barbecue. Never use petrol or flammable liquids on wood barbecues as a way of lighting or fuelling the fire.

Cooling Appliances

that have been stored away should be cleaned and inspected by a qualified appliance electrician before use. Every summer, several Queenslanders lose their homes through fires triggered by fans and air conditioning units that have been damaged during winter storage, not cleaned adequately or allowed to over-heat. Dust that accumulates around fan motors can easily generate a fire.



Other problems arise in coastal areas where householders face the additional hazard of salt deposits in air conditioning units, as salt is an electrical conductor. If an air conditioner draws in salty air, and salt is allowed to build up around exposed electrical contacts, it can trigger a fire.

Portable free-standing fans appear as vulnerable to the kind of damage inflicted by incorrect storage. A fan lead can easily be damaged if a heavy object is stacked on top of it in a cupboard over winter.

More fire safety tips are available at

www.qfes.qld.gov.au

On Line Grooming (continued):

What can you do if you suspect on line grooming?

If you are concerned your child, or a child you know, is possibly at risk of online child sexual exploitation, report it to police. Online child sexual exploitation can be reported to ThinkUKnow at thinkuknow.org.au/report

If a child is in immediate danger please contact 000.