



# Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

December 2019



<http://coolum.nhwq.org/>

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



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**TWIN WATERS  
SPEED LIMIT**

**General Meeting  
Tuesday 17th March 2020  
at Living Choice Retirement  
Village Club Room  
Members of the community  
are most welcome to attend.**

## Neighbourhood Watch Contacts

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	Bob, Judy	5450 5038
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## **Coolum Police Report—**

From September to November this year there have been 34 reportable Police occurrences in Twin Waters. This is a low number of incidents, confirming that Twin Waters is a very safe community. Occurrences included: State false name 1; traffic infringement notices 15; domestic violence 5; stealing 3; lost property 3; found property 2; steal from vehicle 1; wilful damage 1; offences against person/life endangering acts 1.

One of the offences was the stealing of a set of keys which a swimmer had left on the beach when he went swimming at Twin Waters dog beach on 8th September.

On 14th and 24th October, jewellery and cash were stolen from apartments at The Sebel. This is a reminder to keep all valuables out of sight and in safes where provided. Lock doors and windows when leaving apartments. Often, balcony doors are left open or unlocked, providing easy access for offenders.

On 25th October, registration plates were stolen from a vehicle parked at Lands End Bridge boat ramp. Anti-theft screws are available for most vehicles to ensure registration plates can't be stolen. Look online or attend your local mechanic to inquire about purchasing anti-theft screws for your plates.

Coming up to the Christmas period, Coolum Police would like to remind motorists to drive to the weather conditions and stay safe at the wheel by remembering the fatal five: speeding, drink driving, seat belts; driving whilst fatigued; mobile phones, distractions.

Coolum Police would like to remind residents to keep their dwellings and vehicles locked. The majority of property offences in this division are committed by opportunistic offenders. Please also remember to keep garages and windows locked. If you are leaving your dwelling unattended over Christmas, think about adding extra security measures such as dowels in doors and windows, and do not leave spare keys in easy to find places.

**Coolum Police wish everyone a safe  
and happy Christmas and New Year!**

*Snr Constable Maria O'Brien*

## **SCAM INFORMATION EVENING FOLLOW-UP—**

Nearly 100 residents attended the Scams evening we presented at Living Choice Retirement Village in August.

The key lesson from the presentations was that anyone with a phone or a computer is at risk of being scammed, and extreme caution is needed in complying with requests or instructions received from unknown callers.

The most alarming example tabled was by a local resident who lost a very large sum of money following advice—from a person he believed was from the security section of a bank—that he was being scammed. He then followed instructions given by the caller and subsequent supposed bank officials to transfer funds in order to protect his bank holdings. These funds disappeared.

If you are contacted by an unknown person claiming to be from a specific organisation and wanting to discuss financial or personal matters which appear to be of interest to you, it is recommended that you ask for the name of the person and their position in that organisation, and then phone that organisation—using its *published* phone number—and ask to be connected to that person.

This way, you will know if the caller is who he claims to be. Whether you pursue the particular subject is another matter.

Similar precautions should be taken with emails requesting information or suggesting certain actions. The “From” titles at the top of emails can be misleading, so once again, if you are interested in the matter, phone or email the believed originator using published phone numbers or email addresses.

*Never* let a caller offering to correct a problem such as an NBN issue have access to your computer.

*Have you checked the flexi hoses that may be under your bathroom, kitchen or laundry cabinets?*



Please take a few minutes to check the hoses under your bathroom basins, kitchen and laundry sinks and those behind your toilets. If there are any signs of deterioration in the hoses — which include bulging or rust spots on the braided metal — have them replaced by a plumber as soon as possible. Replacement hoses cost only a few dollars and could save your house from major damage. Imagine what would happen if you were not at home and one of these hoses burst in your house, so if you are going away during the Christmas holidays it would be a good idea to check now.

Commonly known as flexi-hoses, these have been installed in homes since about 15 years ago and have a limited life span (5—10 years) It is known that these have burst in quite a few Twin Waters residents as many of the homes in our area are at the age when this problem is very likely to occur.

## **VEHICLE PARKING REGULATIONS—**

***Please be considerate of your neighbours.***

Many of our local streets are narrow, so parking can often be an issue, however these are the rules for parking in Queensland.

### **Prohibited parking places**

You must not park or stop:

- on a road with a yellow edge line
- on a painted island
- within 1m of another parked car
- where you would have less than 3m of road between your car and the other side of the road, or any continuous marked centre line or double lines
- where you would have less than 3m of road between your car and a vehicle parked on the other side of the road.

### **Regulated parking**

Parking on roads and in regulated parking areas is regulated and enforced by local governments. Parking is also enforced by the Queensland Police Service.

### **How to park**

You must obey an official sign or line marking telling you how to park. If there is no sign or line marking on the road, park the left side of your vehicle parallel to and as close to the left side of the road as you can safely. You must park facing the same direction as traffic in the adjacent lane or line of traffic.

If you are in a one-way street (not a divided road), you may park parallel to and as close to the left or right side of the road as you can safely.

*‘Your Keys to Driving in Queensland’*

## **QUEENSLAND ROAD RULES—**

Did you know that you can download the latest Queensland driving rules book for free? Rules change from time to time so if you haven't kept up to date you might like to do so. 'Your Keys to Driving in Queensland' can easily be downloaded from the internet. Alternatively you can purchase the latest copy on line or at a motoring and transport customer service centre.

