



# Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

MARCH 2021



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

<b>Emergency 24/7</b> (Ambulance, Fire, Police)	000
<b>Policelink</b> (Non-urgent Matters) 24/7	131 444
<b>Crime Stoppers</b> (Report Crime Information)	1800 333 000
<b>Hoon Hotline 24/7</b>	134 666
<b>Coolum Police</b> (Local Police Advice)	5440 2777
<b>S.E.S. (Disaster, Cyclone, Flood, Storm, Rescue) 24/7</b>	132 500
<b>DV Connect</b> women (Domestic Violence Hotline) men	1800 811 811 1800 600 636
<b>Lifeline</b>	131 114
<b>Relationships Australia</b>	1300 364 277
<b>Kids' Help Line</b>	1800 551 800



## Protect against Coronavirus

Are you washing your hands as regularly as you were at the start of the pandemic? If the answer is no, this is an important reminder to keep up good, regular hand hygiene.

Use soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser to stop the spread of germs.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Cough into your elbow.

Subscribe to receive community news and crime alerts:

<https://mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast/>



**TWIN WATERS  
SPEED LIMIT  
ALL STREETS  
ALL TIMES**

## Neighbourhood Watch

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## COOLUM POLICE REPORT

by Senior Constable Maria O'Brien, Coolum Beach Police



It was a very quiet time in the beautiful Twin Waters area during the months of December/January, with only 49 reportable Police occurrences. Of these 49 reportable occurrences, 35 related to parking offences in Nojoor Road and North Shore Road. The parking issues in this area are becoming increasingly worse, with people parking contrary to No Parking signs or contrary to continuous yellow lines. This ends up causing congestion and traffic hazards. Subsequently, the Road Policing Unit and the Sunshine Coast Council will be monitoring those areas closely and will continue to issue infringement notices for detected offences.

There were three reports of vehicles being stolen in the Twin Waters area during December and January and one report of property being stolen from within a vehicle. **Police would like to reiterate the importance of keeping vehicles locked and keys in a secure location. Do not keep any valuables in your vehicle and certainly don't leave your keys in the vehicle.** Good security measures would minimise the number of offences being committed and calls for Police service.

**BEWARE:** Since the above Police report, another vehicle has been stolen in Twin Waters (Livistona Place). Please heed the advice above to avoid this happening to you.

## **RESPONSIBLE CAT OWNERSHIP**

**Register your cat and keep your friendly pet on your property**



Cat owners who have desexed and microchipped cats can choose Lifetime registration. This means you pay a one-off registration fee of \$83 and no annual renewal fees for the life of your cat.

The current fine for not registering your cat with Council is \$261.

Council regulations stipulate that cats need to be contained within their property at all times.

As long as cats are provided their basic needs, they can enjoy longer and healthier lives when confined and they do not need to roam. You may receive a fine of \$266 if your cat is found wandering from your property. If it is impounded, as well as the fine, you may face a fee of \$258 for daily care, and sustenance fees of \$45 are required to be paid before your cat can be released.

There is plenty of information on the internet on ways to contain your cat on your property.

**Some reasons to keep your cat contained:**

- ◆ Indoor cats are not a danger to wildlife.
- ◆ Indoor cats are relatively safe from many diseases.
- ◆ Mice that cats may eat or bring home can cause a host of diseases.
- ◆ Indoor cats do not get hit by cars.
- ◆ Indoor cats do not get stolen.
- ◆ Indoor cats don't get injured by other animals or get abscesses from fighting.
- ◆ Indoor cats are safe from human abuse.
- ◆ Indoor cats don't create neighbour problems.

## **SAFE DRIVING TIPS— FOLLOWING DISTANCE**



The ability to judge distance and speed can deteriorate with age and older people may take longer to react, so always keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front.

Under normal conditions, on most roads and highways, you should try to have a two second gap between your car and the car in front where possible.

The two second gap should be extended to four seconds in the following situations:

- at night or in poor light
- In bad weather conditions such as rain or fog
- when you are tired
- when your vehicle is heavy and can't stop as quickly
- when you are towing
- when you are unsure of the road.

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!**

Scams are rife these days so we all need to beware. If you have been scammed, your local Neighbourhood Watch would like to be able to share details of your experience with others in our community. Please report to [nhw.twinwaters.qld@gmail.com](mailto:nhw.twinwaters.qld@gmail.com) or phone Area Coordinator David on 5448 8747. We would not share your name with others unless you wanted to.

The ACCC reports that already in 2021, more than \$22 million dollars has been reported as being scammed from approximately 20 000 Australians, with almost \$10 million of this being from investment scams; followed by dating and romance scams \$6 million; then false billing scams; remote access scams; online shopping scams; threats to life, arrest, or other; classified scams; identity theft; phishing; and hacking.

Report scams to [scamwatch.gov.au](https://scamwatch.gov.au)

**IDCARE**

IDCARE, which is based on the Sunshine Coast, is Australia and New Zealand's national identity and cyber support service and it is the only one of its type in the world.

IDCARE connects the community to their expert Identity and Cyber Security Case Managers who listen and provide the best advice on how to respond to data breaches, scams, identity theft, and cyber security concerns.

IDCARE responds to many types of identity and cyber security concerns, including identity theft, hacking, phishing, telephone scams, romance scams, investment scams, data breaches, ransomware and lost or stolen credentials.

If you've received a phishing text message, email, or suspicious phone call and need help, contact IDCare via their web site <https://www.idcare.org/> or phone 1800 595 160 for more information.

You can sign up via IDCARE's website to receive their regular newsletters which provide valuable security information.

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