



# Neighbourhood Watch

Twin Waters Neighbourhood Watch (Coolum 5)

**SEPTEMBER 2020**



<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
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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## Protect against Coronavirus

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Cough into your elbow.



**TWIN WATERS  
SPEED LIMIT**

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## COOLUM POLICE REPORT

by Senior Constable Maria O'Brien

For the months of May, June and July 2020, there have been 63 reportable Police occurrences for the Twin Waters area. These are mostly traffic related offences, including numerous traffic complaints, traffic infringement notices and drink driving offences. Coolum Police would like to remind motorists to follow the road rules and remember the fatal five: **speeding; drink/drug driving; fatigue; non-seat belt use; and driver distraction/inattention.**

Residents will be noticing a higher volume of traffic Police in the area, so please drive with care and caution.

Several property related offences have been committed, including one unlawful use of a motor vehicle (stealing of motor vehicle) and four steal from motor vehicle offences. There were three occurrences involving the stealing of registration plates from motor vehicles. Coolum Police would like to advise residents that anti-theft screws are available for most vehicle types. Anti-theft screws can be used to secure registration plates and cannot be removed with a regular screwdriver. Anti-theft screws can be self-purchased, or are available free of charge at some mechanic workshops within the area.





## MULTI RESIDENTIAL LIVING SECURITY

When it comes to high-rise residential buildings and apartments, security is essential.

The majority of break-ins are opportunistic, especially when there is evidence of quick and easy entry and unsecured valuables are visible.

- Always keep your balcony screen doors locked, even when you are home and at night time.
- Avoid storing excess belongings and valuables in garage areas and lock-up garages.
- Where possible, keep your bicycle in a locked storage area and consider removing the wheel or seat when not in use.
- Take a photograph of your bicycle, including the serial number and save it in your records.
- Secure bicycles and motorcycles, if possible, to something solid in the absence of a locked storage area. Use additional security measures for motorcycles.
- Remove all valuables (including garage remotes) and personal items when leaving your car unattended or ensure they are out of sight.
- Always lock your car, including the boot, and remember to fully close all windows.
- Secure your registration plates with anti-theft screws.
- Check the garage door closes completely each time you enter and exit, so that potential offenders cannot sneak in.

In a multi-residential complex, a lapse in security of communal areas, including garages, compromises the security of the whole building.

Many high-rise break-ins occur through open or unlocked balcony doors—living several floors up doesn't offer security from intruders.

Poor security habits can allow an intruder easy access to your home. External doors and screens to balconies should be locked when the unit is unmonitored.

Due to the nature of multi-residential living it is easy to underestimate the benefits of knowing your neighbour. If you and your neighbour are aware of each other's general habits, you can help prevent crime by being alert to anything out of the ordinary.

You can find more useful tips about home security [here](#). Police also encourage you to consider joining your local Neighbourhood Watch Group.

By Senior Sergeant Brad Grant

**The Mission of Neighbourhood Watch  
is to promote  
Safety, Security & Quality of Life**

**JOIN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND HELP  
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## REPORTING LOST PROPERTY



If you were to lose any property, would you consider reporting it to police?

By reporting your lost property to police, they have a much greater chance of linking found items to their owner, especially if the property has no identifying marks, like keys. When receiving a lost item, police conduct a search for all reports of lost property, which may help to identify the owner.

Without a report, Police will hold the property for a certain amount of time, but unclaimed items are eventually destroyed or donated to charity.

If you ever lose any property, you can contact Policelink 13 14 44 to lodge your report and increase your chances of seeing its return.

## A Reminder to Wear Your Bicycle Helmet

There has been an increase in bicycle riding on the Sunshine Coast, with a large number of people choosing this form of exercise in recent months.

Sunshine Coast Police therefore remind everyone that it is a condition of riding your bicycle that you must wear an Australian Standard approved bicycle helmet, which must be securely fitted and fastened.

A bicycle helmet cannot prevent the seriousness of injury to your head if it is mounted on the handle bars! It is designed to protect your head, not your handle bars.

You can only carry passengers on your bicycle if it is designed for this purpose.

If you have a doctor's certificate, you must carry it with you when you ride without a helmet.