

# TWIN WATERS

## RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

#### Nojoor Boat Ramp Upgrade

The boaties among us will be pleased to know that the upgrade of the Nojoor Road boat ramp has begun.

The upgrade includes a new two-lane boat ramp with a floating walkway. The access way is to be sealed and parking for cars and boat trailers increased.

Construction is due to be completed by the end of the year, just in time for summer boating!



#### Parking Regulations

We are all aware that the streets around Twin Waters are narrow and street parking is limited. As a consequence drivers have been observed to park obstructing the footpath or encroaching onto one of the local parks or reserves.

We would like to remind residents that local government regulations prohibit parking on a footpath, median strip, bicycle path, footway, shared path or nature strip. Regulations also state that a person may not bring a motor vehicle onto or park a motor vehicle in a park or reserve, unless the whole of the park or reserve is designated as available for motor vehicle access.

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Local government parking regulations exist for safety of both motorists and pedestrians and to allow access and flow of traffic. With our narrow streets you must not park your vehicle so that it restricts the lane to less than three (3) metres. This will restrict access by emergency and local traffic. Please be aware of these regulations when parking around Twin Waters as fines can be issued to those not complying.

For further information please refer to the Sunshine Coast Council Parking Regulations webpage.

<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/Living-and-Community/Roads-and-Transport/Parking/Parking-Regulations>

#### Neighbourhood Watch

Did you know that you can sign up to receive email updates on police incidents that have occurred around Twin Waters?

When an incident occurs, the details are uploaded onto both the MyPolice website and Neighbourhood Watch Qld website.

You can sign up to receive notifications of incidents as they occur by following the links below.

MyPolice Qld website  
<http://mypolice.qld.gov.au/sunshinecoast/2013/09/13/welcome-to-mypolice-sunshine-coast/>

Neighbourhood Watch Qld website.  
<http://www.nhwq.org>

You can narrow the criteria of the updates you receive by selecting the frequency of notifications as well as the area to receive updates from. The Sunshine Coast region is located in the Central dropdown box on the My Police website.

When subscribing to Neighbourhood Watch notification select Cooloolah as your region.

To cancel your subscription, click the unsubscribe option at the bottom of the notification email.

Recently we have requested to be kept more informed when police incidents occur in our area. Let's not forget that the main priority for the police during an incident is to catch the offender or deal with the situation that is occurring at the time.

#### Date Claimers

TWRA General Meeting  
Maroochy Room at Novotel Resort  
7.30pm, Monday 13 June

Their priority is not to be calling representatives of local Neighbourhood Watch.

We therefore ask that you let your local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator know about any incidents that may occur in your street. We can then update residents via our Neighbourhood Watch newsletter and on the TWRA website. There have been incidents that have occurred in the past that we haven't been advised about that we would like to keep you all updated on.

Contact details for your local coordinator can be found on the TWRA website and on the back page of the NHW newsletter.

#### Poor Cellphone Reception in Twin Waters

If you have tried to make a mobile phone call in Twin Waters you may have experienced the poor phone coverage that plagues many Twin Waters residents.

The TWRA has met with Telstra and other mobile phone service providers in an attempt to address our situation without much luck.

One of our new members has been proactive and has designed a website where we can go to make a complaint, leave a signature etc. to highlight mobile phone coverage issues in our area.

Telstra may not initially take notice of the website, but if we managed to draw attention to the issue by attracting 300 or so members signing up, it would make a very interesting story for the local news, and as a collective group we might be able to rally MP's, Telco, consumer affairs to make a change.

We encourage you all to take advantage of this website and lodge your complaints to give this worthwhile project great momentum and hopefully get decent mobile reception in Twin Waters. We can only try. Please follow the below link to add your voice.

<https://poor-mobile-reception-twin-waters.com/>



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## Barking Mad? DNA Testing Dog Poo?

One English council is set to introduce technology that will enable it to trace owners who don't clear up after their dogs.

Barking and Dagenham Council (love the name!) are the first UK council to use DNA testing to catch dog owners who fail to clear up their pet's waste. The council is funding the initial testing at a cost of £30 a dog. Each DNA match costs a further £70, but typically the incidents of fouling decline once the programme is in action. Similar systems already operating in the United States have reduced dog fouling by up to 90 per cent.

Under the plans, the dogs' DNA would be collected by a cheek swab, which is then sent to a laboratory. The dog's profile is then added to a central register, compiled by PooPrints UK.

Barking & Dagenham council hope to have a scheme going with local veterinarians where people can get the swab and microchip done together. The council plan to make DNA testing mandatory for all dog owners.

If an owner fails to pick up their dog's mess, a DNA test will be taken from the offending poo which can be traced back to the registered dog with 99.9 per cent accuracy. Pet owners could then face fines as part of the borough's crack down. Something to think about for our local council?

## Airport Update

Many thanks to Ken Vaughn for attending and reporting on the most recent Airport Forum. Keep reading for his summary.

The Sunshine Coast Airport continues to see a steady growth in passenger numbers. Visitor numbers are up 19% compared to the similar period 12 months ago. This equates to a 25% growth between 2015 - 2016.

As of yet there is no result on the Environmental Impact Study for the new East-West runway. We do not have a date for a result to be announced, but as soon as we hear anything, you can be assured that we will let you know!

You may have noticed an increase in the number of helicopters flying around in the past few weeks. This is due to a new intake of pilots at the local helicopter training school.

Night training will commence shortly, but we have been advised that the flight path will take them away from residential areas. Air Services Australia will be conducting a study on noise levels associated with the airport. Three noise monitors will be placed at selected locations around the airport to record any noise levels 10dB higher than ambient background noise over a 6-month period. Twin Waters is being considered as a possible locator for one of these monitors. We will let you know more as we hear it.

## Entertainment Book

Please note that the Entertainment Books or Digital Memberships will become available from Tuesday 11 April.

To be eligible for your free Bonus Offers please pay for your books, by clicking on the below link.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/225403g>

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## Safe Driving Skills - A Matter of Life or Death

Many thanks to Evan Flower for the following article.

Taking your eyes off the road for two seconds at 100km/h means you will travel how far?

Is it 55m/ 40m/ or 20m? A practical trial to find the answer is definitely not recommended.

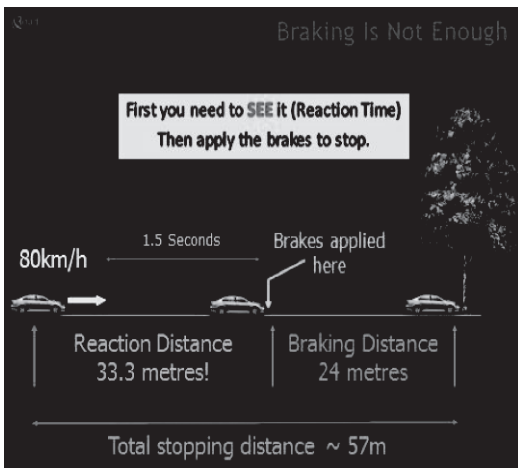
Recently about 5.00pm on a walk around Lakeview and Stillwater Drive with my wife we witnessed a near fatal collision with a young schoolboy. He was riding a home-made 3 wheeler through the wrong side of a roundabout. He could not be seen as he was below the level of the shrubs. Fortunately the driver was travelling around 40 km/hr and alerted by one of the boy's friends at the last minute and took evasive action.

The instance of motorists ignoring the 40 km speed signs is increasing along Lakeside Drive and no doubt other areas in our suburb. At the same time there are now more youngsters out and about. The combination of the two could lead to a very sad situation. I'm sure we often ask ourselves "What can I do about it?"

The good news is there is an action all drivers can take to reduce their risk to an absolute minimum. We recently attended the Roadcraft Safe Towing Course and found it an excellent program with many insights into safer driving techniques.

Like understanding how time to react to a risk is more vital than how quickly the brakes will stop your car.

Check out the chart below that clearly shows the difference.



Slide courtesy of Roadcraft Driver Education

Roadcraft instruction shows that allowing an extra 1 second to react and where you look as you drive can make a significant difference between life or death. This is of real concern to pedestrians as the following table shows the possible outcomes of being struck by a car.

Speed (km/h)	Serious Injury %	Death %	Return to Normal %
25	Approx 3%	<1%	96%
40	35%	62%	3%
60	5%	95%	0%

Crash statistics of death and serious injury. (Provided by WHO)

Roadcraft Driver Education Centre in Gympie is a not-for-profit organisation staffed by highly experienced instructors with a long history in road incident investigation.

The centre has a range of driver instruction programs and we can personally recommend the Safe Towing Course to all current and intending caravaners.

We have no affiliation with Roadcraft other than to holding a strong desire to have our roads safer and in particular our fellow residents in Twin Waters.

Ensure that the odds of life or death are in your favour and check out Roadcraft at: <http://www.roadcraft.org.au/>

While you are "driving" your mouse also check out the latest safety campaign at:

<http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Safety/Safety-campaigns/Current-safety-campaigns>

If you're game try taking the Quiz for each.

For example for Distraction go to:

<http://jointhdrive.qld.gov.au/on-the-road/driver-distraction>

Make it a fun contest to see which person will get the most correct answers at your place.

### Celebrate your Mum this Mother's Day at Novotel Twin Waters Resort

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