



# PINE RIVERS DISTRICT CRIME BULLETIN



August 2, 2009

Volume 5

## Help Stop Property Crime



**STOP & THINK  
LOCK IT OR LOSE IT !!!**

**Before you leave your car or  
home; close and lock all  
doors and windows;  
EVERY TIME...**

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## WELCOME TO THE 5th EDITION

Hello and welcome to the fifth edition of the Pine Rivers Crime Bulletin. I hope you are enjoying reading the monthly electronic newsletter produced by the Pine Rivers Crime Prevention Unit.

The Bulletin focuses on crime hot spots and ways you can protect your property, as well as giving details of incidents in your area where you may have seen something that can help police solve a crime.

### Reminder:

If you have seen something suspicious happening in your area please phone your local police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

### *Your Local Police Stations:*

*Petrie: 3897 7222*

*Albany Creek: 3264 0599*

*Dayboro: 3425 1200*

*North Lakes: 3482 1444*

This month's edition with focus on Seniors Week and the new motor cycle rules.

If you require any further information on anything discussed in this month's edition please contact the Pine Rivers District Crime Prevention Coordinator (DCPC) office on 07-38977260 or email [DCPC.PineRivers@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:DCPC.PineRivers@police.qld.gov.au);

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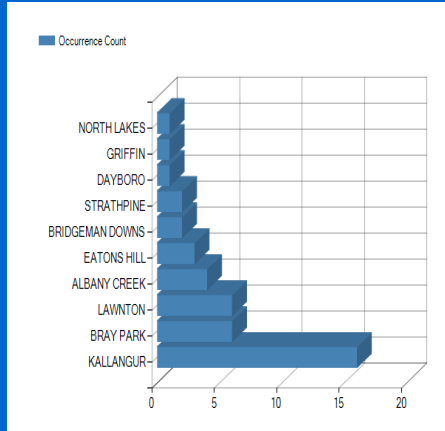
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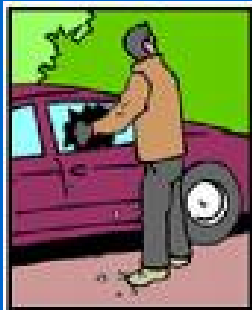
# Areas of Burglar Activity

## HOT SUBURBS



For more information household and business security please click on the above icon

## Theft from Motor Vehicles



**Dial Triple Zero (000) - Emergency**

(If a crime is happening, when a life is threatened, when the event is time critical eg fire)



*The mission of Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is to promote safety, security and quality of life for all residents in Queensland.*

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MEETINGS

GROUP	WHEN	LOCATION
Petrie 8 North Lakes	Monday: August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	Pathways Building North Lakes
Petrie 5 Bray Park	Monday: August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7pm	Prep-room Bray Park State School – Viscount Street
Petrie 1 Rural Watch Dayboro	Thursday: August 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	Dayboro Bowls Club
Petrie 10 Strathpine	Wednesday: August 19 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	Pine Rivers State High School Please meet at front gate at 6.50pm
Albany Creek Rural 2 Bunya	Wednesday: August 26 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm	SES Building John Drysdale Reserve
Albany Creek 3 Glendora	Wednesday: August 17 <sup>th</sup> 7pm	McDowall State School Hall

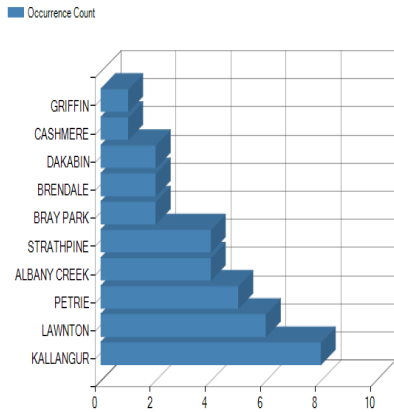
*Should you have any inquires in relation to how you can assist with an existing NHW program, or to develop a NHW program in your area, please contact Acting Sergeant Tammy White, District Crime Prevention Coordinator (DCPC) for the Pine Rivers Police District on (07) 3897 0260 or email [White.TammyA@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:White.TammyA@police.qld.gov.au)*

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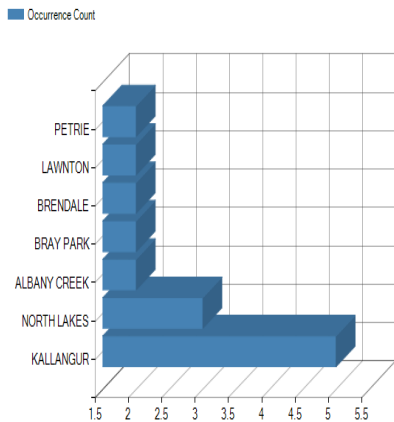


## HOT SUBURBS



## **Stealing Motor Vehicles**

### HOT SUBURBS



## SENIORS WEEK

This year, Seniors Week will be held from **15 - 23 August** and the theme is *Positively Ageless*.

To celebrate the valuable contribution of seniors, community events will be held across the state including concerts, stalls, displays, art exhibitions, excursions, lunches, expos and workshops.

The Queensland Government supports Seniors Week celebrations to promote positive attitudes towards older people and ageing, encourage older people to lead active lifestyles, and to foster inter-generational relationships.

**Seniors Week Events** - Community events will be held across the state during Seniors Week. Check out [this year's events](#) and add your event by registering online.

**Resources** - A range of resources are available to help community groups organise and promote local events during Senior's Week.

**Contacts**- For further information about Senior's Week, phone the Seniors Enquiry Line. Telephone: 1300 135 500 (cost of a local call) † Calls from mobile phones are charged at applicable rates.

### Crime and Older People - Myth and reality

**The myth:** Older people are more likely to be victims of crime than any other age group.

**The reality:** Contrary to common belief, seniors are relatively safe compared to other age groups. Young people are more likely to be victims of crime than other members of the community, and seniors are the least likely age group to be victimised.

The lifestyle of seniors help make their lives safer - they are less likely

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What to help the Pine Rivers  
community or become a  
member, please contact

*pinerivers@csqld.com*

**FREE SECURITY AUDITS**

to go out at night, tend to spend more time at home, and are generally wiser and more likely to take precautions.

However, emotive statements by public figures and the media's tendency to highlight offences against older people can result in a disproportionate fear of crime amongst seniors.

This unnecessary fear can lead to lack of confidence about going out alone, whether it's on public transport or walking in the neighbourhood. It can also result in a decrease in quality of life, deterioration in health and social isolation.

People who are actively involved in their communities, however, tend to be more confident about their safety, have less fear of crime and live longer.

### **Security for Seniors**

Seniors like everyone else have the right to feel safe at all times.

Research shows that those who appear confident and take security precautions are less likely to be victims of crime.

Below are some suggestions in which seniors can increase their feeling of confidence in their own security by reducing the opportunities for crime.

#### **At Home**

Improve your physical security at home. Doors, locks, grilles etc are your first line of defence. Your home should be clearly visible to the street, neighbours and passers-by. Bushes and trees that obstruct a clear view of windows or doors provide perfect cover for intruders.

A good quality security door on all your external doors help with ventilation and are a barrier for unknown callers and offenders.

External doors should be of solid-core construction and fitted with deadlocks. When going out, certain deadlocks can be locked in such a way that they can only be unlocked with a key from either side. This prevents burglars getting into your home and being able to open the door to remove your property. When at home you can lock your deadlock so that it needs a key to open it from the outside, but can be opened with a lever or knob from the inside.

A door viewer (peep-hole) gives you a wide-angle view of the person

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The Pine Rivers District Crime Prevention unit can conduct FREE security audits and provide advice to home owners and businesses regarding security issues.

To access this service please email

[DCPC.PineRivers@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:DCPC.PineRivers@police.qld.gov.au)

OR

Telephone the Pine Rivers District Crime Prevention unit on 3897 7260



For more information about the NHW program in your area please visit

[www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/nhw/innhw](http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/nhw/innhw)

The Crime Bulletin is a joint initiative between the NHW program, Crime Stoppers, & the Queensland Police Service.



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on the other side of the door. Remember, do not open the door to a stranger no matter how urgent it sounds. **CHECK FIRST** and ask for identification before opening the door. If someone is seeking help, leave the person outside while you make the emergency call.

Have quality keyed locks on all windows, unless the windows are grilled. Have all locks “keyed alike” so that one key will open all doors and one key opens all windows. Install security grilles on windows and doors you wish to open for ventilation, but have one or two windows grilles hinged so you can exit in case of emergency.

Do not hide keys under flower pots or door mats. Don't give keys to anyone you do not know – including tradespeople.

Wheelie bins should be locked away or chained to posts away from windows.

Identify your property by marking with engraver or micro dots. Make use of the Queensland Police Service Property Tracing System. Marked property is a deterrent against theft.

### When using Public Transport

At night, wait in well-lit area and near other people if possible. Check timetables beforehand to avoid long waits.

When travelling on buses or trains sit where you can be seen by the driver or guard.

### When Shopping

Consider the following and **DO NOT**

- ◆ Carry large amounts of money on you.
- ◆ Carry signed withdrawal forms with your bank book or in your bag.
- ◆ Leave handbags or personal items in your shopping trolley.
- ◆ Carry your money and credit cards separately from your bag. Consider the type of bag you use and how you should carry it in order to make it harder for the thief to take it from you. Use a small bag with a zip and hold it close to and in front of you.

Information sourced from QPS Security for Seniors Brochure 2008.

### Elder Abuse

Elder Abuse is any behaviour within a relationship of trust that harms an older person. It can happen to anyone, across all ethnic groups, all levels of education and all economic backgrounds. It is estimated that

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## New Motorcycle Licensing and Safety Initiatives – Effective 1 July 2009

### Learner Approved Motorcycle Scheme (LAMS)

Under the new scheme, class RE licence holders will only be able to ride motorcycles that are LAM scheme approved.

Due to advancements in technology, a number of modern 250 ml motorcycles have performance capabilities not suited to novice riders.

So the current 250ml engine capacity restriction applied to class RE

licence holders will be replaced with a combined restriction based on:

A A maximum power to weight ratio of 150 kilowatts per tonne; and

A An upper engine capacity limit of 660ml.

The LAM scheme means class RE licence holders will have access to a much larger range of motorcycles without compromising the safety of

novice riders. This change will not affect the way a motorcycles licence

is obtained in Queensland. It will only affect the range of motorcycles

that class RE licence holders can ride. Class R licence holders will not be

affected by the introduction of the new scheme.

### Pillion passenger restrictions for learner riders

Class RE and R learner riders will be prohibited from carrying pillion passengers (including their supervisor) when learning to ride

in Queensland about 25,000 older people are abused each year by someone they trust.

### Types of abuse

- ✚ *Financial mistreatment* - illegal or improper use of a person's money or possessions.
- ✚ *Psychological mistreatment* – causing fear or shame, intimidating, humiliating or threatening.
- ✚ *Physical mistreatment* – inflicting pain or injury, e.g. hitting, slapping, restraining or over-medicating.
- ✚ *Sexual mistreatment* – sexually harassing, assaulting or embarrassing.
- ✚ *Social mistreatment* – preventing a person from having social contact with family members or friends.
- ✚ *Neglect* – intentional or unintentional failure to provide necessities of life and care.

### Why don't we hear more about it?

- ✚ It is only recently that elder abuse has been recognized.
- ✚ Those who suffer mistreatment are sometimes isolated.
- ✚ People might feel ashamed to admit that someone close to them is abusing them.
- ✚ Some people might blame themselves for what is happening to them.
- ✚ Older people might think that abuse does not happen to others.
- ✚ Some people might be afraid of what will happen to them if they tell others about their situation.
- ✚ Media stories about elder abuse might influence the way the community view older people.

### What contributes to elder abuse?

- ✚ Attitudes towards older people by family members and others in the community.
- ✚ Increased isolation from others.
- ✚ Language and cultural barriers restricting what people know about services or access available to them.
- ✚ Family members feeling it's their duty to provide care to ageing parents and their refusal to accept outside help.
- ✚ Widening cultural gap between the generations in the family.
- ✚ A family member's financial dependence on the older person.
- ✚ An abuser's drug or alcohol dependency.
- ✚ An older person's dementia contributing to the carer's stress.

### What can be done?

The use of services and community resources is everyone's right, not a charity. Many services assist older people to remain living at home and to retain a quality lifestyle.

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a motorcycle on the road. Carrying a pillion passenger requires more advanced riding skills to accommodate the passenger's impact on the balance and stability of the motorcycle.

### Requirement to display a P plate

Holders of a Provisional P1 or P2 driver licence who obtain a class RE or R motorcycle licence will be required to display a P plate of the appropriate colour when riding a motorcycle (including mopeds).

Similar to the display of a L plate on a motorcycle, P1 and P2 licence

holders will be required to display either a red P plate (P1 licence holders) or a green P plate (P2 licence holders) on the rear of the bike,

or on the back of a vest worn by the rider.

The display of P plates on motorcycles will clearly identify newly licensed

riders to other road users.

For more information

[www.transport.qld.gov.au/motorbike\\_safety](http://www.transport.qld.gov.au/motorbike_safety) or

<http://www.motorcyclesafety.qld.gov.au/>



There are organisations and groups that provide assistance to carers. Participation of older people in social and educational activities might benefit the whole family and reduce stress, anger and conflict

Talking it over with someone you trust e.g. your doctor

Develop a network of people you trust and can talk to about anything

Living with the family is not always the best option and separation might improve relationships.

Not making decisions or signing papers without proper explanation or legal advice

Calling police if you are in immediate physical danger

When in need, request an accredited interpreter for a confidential service.

If you have been a victim of elder abuse, you can apply for a protection order at no cost from the Magistrates Court under the Domestic and Family Violence Protection Act 1989 to protect you against future violence or abuse.

### Help and Information

- ✚ Elder Abuse Prevention Unit 1300 651 192
- ✚ Victims Counselling and Support Services 1300 139 703
- ✚ Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000
- ✚ Seniors Enquiry Line 1300 135 500
- ✚ DV Connect 1800 811 811 for Women and 1800 600 636 for Men
- ✚ Office of the Adult Guardian 1300 653 187

### Thoroughly Modern Granny

I have a little Granny. She's really very old.  
But also unconventional in a most unusual mould.  
She doesn't wear her spectacles perched upon her nose  
She's into contact lenses and varnishes her toes.  
Unlike some other Grannies who are home before dark  
She's dressed up in a track-suit and jogging in the park  
And when I wish she'd sometimes stay and tuck me up in bed  
She's off to study yoga and standing on her head.  
Some Grannies sit in rocking chairs and crochet shawls indoors  
My Granny jumps upon a horse and rides across the moors.  
She goes on day trips with her gang - the over 50's club  
They rocket around the countryside and end up in the pub.  
And on the homeward journey like flock of singing birds  
They harmonise old favourites with very naughty words  
I love my little Granny. I think she's really great.  
If that's what growing old is like, I simply cannot wait!  
Sourced from State Newsletter Bribie Island 1 Newsletter many years ago.

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**Will you wake up  
to the facts before  
it's too late?**

Hope you enjoy the third edition of the *Crime Bulletin*  
From the Pine Rivers Crime Prevention Team  
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S/Const Tammy White

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