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The rain has certainly arrived with a vengeance however, Bundaberg has been fortunate to have missed much of the flooding that has occurred within the southern parts of the State. Nonetheless, it is very important to ensure that you are prepared for any eventuality. This includes having an emergency kit at home which allows you to be self sufficient for up to 3 days. There has been quite a bit of publicity regarding this in the past few months. If you require further information on this subject, I recommend you visit <http://www.qld.gov.au/emergency/dealing-disasters/emergency-kit.html>.

One other clear message that has to be reinforced is the danger you face driving into flooded roads. This has caused tragic loss of life, loss of property, and put emergency service personnel in danger performing high risk rescues. Remember, you do not know the condition of the road under the water, the depth or speed of flow of the water, or what your vehicle will do if it is swamped. These roads will normally be subject to road closure. There is no excuse for disobeying these signs if you drive around them. If there are no signs, please be aware that the danger is still acute, so don't drive into the water.

On a more positive note, this month has seen some of our prominent citizens being recognised for their efforts and achievements. There have been some very well deserved acknowledgement of many Bundaberg and district residents. I would particularly like to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the following members of our community/police partnerships:-

- *Roger (Bushfire) Saunders the primary artist and mentor in the 2011 "Art from the Heart" project received the Creative Spirit Award and has been invited to be the artist in residence at Albury NSW;*
- *Roslyn Turner, one of our excellent Volunteers in Policing and a dedicated NHW participant received the Bundaberg Regional Council Citizen of the Year Award;*
- *Joe Brown-Addo who took part in the "Art from the Heart" program received the Bundaberg Regional Council Young Citizen Spirit Award; and*
- *Jade Parker, daughter of the Kepnock High School Based Police Officer, received the Junior Sporting Spirit Award for her achievements in BMX on the world stage.*

I would like to personally congratulate each and every recipient of these prestigious awards, and look forward to continuing the great partnership Bundaberg Police have with its community.

Until next month – stay safe and secure.

Superintendent Rowan Bond





Roger 'Bushfire' Saunders



Mayor Lorraine Pyefinch and Citizen of the Year – Roslyn Turner



Joe Brown-Addo and his mother at Bundaberg Regional Council Australia Day awards



Kepnock High School Based Police Officer Kris Parker and Joe Brown-Addo

Reduce your risk of motor vehicle crime

Before you leave your vehicle, ask yourself these 5 questions:

These questions are available further on in the Bulletin. Can you think of them before you scroll through?

2012 Australia Day Spirit Awards

Bundaberg Regional Council Australia Day Spirit Awards were awarded as follows:

- Citizen of the Year – Roslyn Turner
- Young Citizen Spirit Award – Joseph Brown Addo
- Senior Citizen Spirit Award – Jackie Habermann
- Community Spirit Award – Bundaberg SES Unit
- Community Event of the Year – Bundaberg Distilling Company (Watermark)
- Creative Spirit Award – Roger Saunders
- Junior Creative Spirit Award – Maddy Giudice
- Green Spirit Award – St. Lukes Anglican School
- Sporting Spirit Award – Darren Enslin and Gillian Webb-Enslin
- Junior Sporting Spirit Award – Jade Parker
- Business Spirit Award – Bundaberg Distilling Company Launch Event

Bundaberg Police would like to congratulate all recipients of Australia Day Spirit Awards and is proud to be associated with many of them.



Safer Internet Day 2012



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2012

Discover the digital world together... safely!

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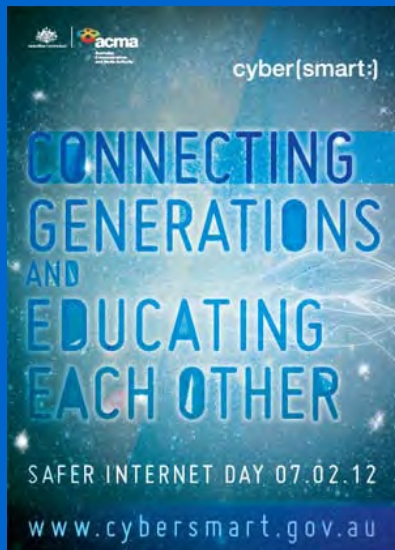
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Talk about online safety—with all members of your family and school community

Protect Your Privacy—Check your privacy settings and update your software

Educate yourself about the online world—checkout the Cybersmart resources

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Its%20your%20life%20and%20youre%20in%20control.aspx>



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What is Identity Theft?

Identity theft is stealing your name for the purpose of obtaining money, goods, services or other benefits. This could include:

- opening fictitious accounts in your name at banks, credit card providers or department stores
- accessing your bank accounts and credit cards.

Identity theft often results in fraud by a 'takeover' of the victim's existing bank accounts or by the fraudulent operation of new accounts opened in the victim's name.

What do thieves actually steal?

Identity thieves steal information containing your personal details, for example bank and credit account statements, utility accounts, driver's licence or other identifiers.

They can obtain this information by asking you over the phone or internet or remove it from your letterbox or even rubbish bin.

How does identity theft affect you?

If you are the victim of identity theft you may have difficulty in undoing the damage that has been caused to your name, reputation and credit rating. Correcting this damage with banks, financial institutions and other agencies is often a time consuming and frustrating process.

Where can I obtain more information?

<http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.phtml/tag/identitytheft>

<http://www.aic.gov.au/>

The 5 Important Questions You Must Ask Yourself

Sourced from Office of Crime Prevention WA



These 5 questions are important but they really are quite simple and common sense.

They could prevent the inconvenience of having to walk everywhere because your car was stolen, or having to spend a lot of time and money replacing your property (eg laptop, MP3 player), personal papers, wallet and cards including drivers licence.

Some of these items can become forms of identification for thieves to create accounts in your name and get you into debt that becomes your responsibility to disprove.

You have just become a victim of identity theft ... it really is that easy for offenders to wreck your life. Could you have done something to prevent it occurring?

This is what the opportunistic thief is taking from your car.





NHW Bargara 3 Innes Park Area Coordinator Rex Suosaari with some participants in the art project proudly displaying their creations. When viewed with 3D glasses they are even more striking.



Members of the Elliott Heads Surf Lifesaving Club ran an outpost patrol at the Innes Park inlet to ensure everyone was safe, particularly with the high tides and the real danger with the notorious outgoing tide. Members conducted water safety talks to educate the public during the day.



Out and About in the Community

Neighbourhood Watch Bargara 3 Innes park



"Let's go ahead! We will not cancel because of a little rain!"

Rex Suosaari, Area Coordinator of Bargara 3 – Innes Park Neighbourhood Watch, made the difficult and courageous decision.

Our third Australia Day Celebration, Carnival 2012, is ON!

It rained all night. But at 5 am, as everyone began to set up, the rain stopped. By 8:30 am it was still dry and we were ready to begin.

There were disappointments: the Barr Family of Whip Crackers could not get past their swollen creeks; it was too dangerous to operate the Dodgems; a shower of rain made the pony saddles too slippery for little riders; some of the stallholders were flood bound; others were worried about their stock.

But Old Macdonald's Travelling Farm was a huge success. The Kids from 'Art from the Heart' with their mentor, Roger 'Bushfire' Saunders, showed their eager clients how to create 3D art of their own. Mr Zink showed off his Aussie friends - half a dozen snakes of varying threats. Matt the Clown with Little Clown entertained the children with his antics and the Brown Jug Polka.

There was rock'n'roll and zumba and bush poetry and fairy floss and carnival rides – and so much to eat! There were vintage cars and Ulysses bikes and BMX, fire trucks and hoses. There was thong throwing and water bombing.

MC Trevor Stewart controlled a smooth program of top entertainment including Rod Bryant, Neil McCabe's Homebrew Bush Band and Sing Australia Choir.

NHW emphasis on community safety was not forgotten, with Elliott Heads Lifesavers conducting sessions on Water Safety, and Kevin Delaney gathering kids to talk about Bike Helmets and Road Safety.

Visitors had to pay for very little beyond food, drink and rides. If it wasn't free, we made it as low-cost as possible. Bundaberg's Stewarts Buses ran five free trips throughout the day. All this was made possible because of HOLCIM (AUSTRALIA) QUARRIES & CONCRETE. We sincerely thank them for their generosity to our community.

Roslyn Cairns and Rae Suosaari (Organisers of 2012 Aus Day Carnival)



<http://www.holcim.com.au/>



QLD Alert



Please visit the QLD Alert home page to view up to date information about any current emergency occurring throughout the State.

At the time of compiling the Crime Bulletin the website contains details about the township of Mitchell flooding, and important information from Energex, Councils, QPS Media, ABC radio, SES, and Dept Education & training, as well as 131940 Road Closures.

It really is a one stop - up to the minute site.

VISIT <http://qldalert.com/>

Clandestine Laboratories

Signs of the presence of a clandestine lab may include but not be limited to

- Strong unusual odours
- Traffic at extremely late hours
- Covered windows and reinforced doors
- Exhaust fans and pipes on windows
- High security measures including bars on windows
- An accumulation of chemical containers and waste.

REMEMBER CAUTION:

“Laboratories are dangerous, they produce substances that are toxic and corrosive and carcinogenic. They can pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the public and the environment”

From BCD Crime Bulletin Feb 2012

Did you know....?

- Facebook - did you know you can find information about 10 Privacy settings every Facebook user should know? This will enable you to protect your privacy and not share all your information with the world. Check them at this link <http://www.allfacebook.com/facebook-privacy-2009-02> .
- Police in the Bundaberg District are continually being kept busy with reports on stealing from vehicles. Substantial amounts of property are being removed from vehicles left unlocked in public places, including caravan parks. There have been 30 reports for January with the majority relating to unlocked vehicles or the removal of number plates. Please check your vehicle plates are securely attached each time you get in your vehicle.
- Traffic crashes reported to police – injury and non injury

TRAFFIC CRASH	TOTAL BUNDABERG DISTRICT	BUNDABERG DIVISION
January 2012	65	35 (53% of total)
January 2011	45	27 (60% of total)
January 2010	57	28 (49% of total)

The reason for the decrease in traffic crashes for January 2011 may be because there were less vehicles travelling on the roads due to the extreme weather conditions and floods.

- The 'Meet the Police in the Park' project in the Avenell Heights and Kepnock areas was very successful with over 25 people attending each site on a very wet night. Police urged people to change their routine of leaving doors unlocked and to place their keys, wallets and mobile phones away securely at home rather than just on a table which is the most likely spot the opportunistic thief will target.
- Brisbane police recently responded to an unusual fire alarm in a city office building. After speaking with the owners of the office space it became apparent there was more to the story, and detectives were called in. A short time later a clandestine laboratory was discovered. It was being used for the production of MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy. The specially trained officers from Illicit Laboratory Investigation team (ILIT) were called in to dismantle the lab after everyone was evacuated. Offenders were arrested and charged with numerous offences.
- The North Coast Policing Region, in particular Bundaberg District, has a very high percentage of clandestine labs discovered. The excellent rate of detection is because of the positive relationship police have with members of the community who are forthcoming with information.
- Any information about any offence can be reported to Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 00** or on line at www.Crimestoppers.com.au and you can remain anonymous – Tell us what you know – not who you are. You may receive a reward. Help make Queensland a safer place to live.





For emergencies call Triple Zero (000)



For non-urgent matters contact Policelink 131 444



Report information on crime anonymously to Crime Stoppers 1800 333 000

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<http://twitter.com/QPSmedia>

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WHAT THE? Friday

Queensland Police Facebook page now has a **WHAT THE? Friday** focusing on unusual incidents that come to police attention. This has proved popular with the public with over 1500 likes last week.



WHAT THE? Friday
From the Metro North Region
To legally use a T2 transit lane, a vehicle requires two or more occupants. This motorist tried a novel approach to getting around that rule, but keen-eyed traffic officers didn't fall for it and fined him \$100.

The first picture relates to use of a T2 transit lane in Brisbane, and not to be out done below is the Eidsvold alternative in Bundaberg Police District.



WHAT THE? Friday
From the North Coast Region
It's not quite a Ferrari, but at least it has a horse on the front! Police pulled this horse-drawn hotrod over in Eidsvold, but after a quick safety check he was hot to trot.



PCYC Blue Light Pool Party

For Primary School Students

Inflatable
Torpedo

Games
Competitions
Prizes



Blue Light
Disco Trailer

Sausage
Sizzle
Slushies

When

6pm to 8pm Friday 16 March 2012

Where

Norville Pool

Tickets

**Pre-purchase tickets from Norville Pool or PCYC til 15 March
(Members \$4; Non-Members \$5)**

All tickets \$7 on the night (Members & Non-Members)

Supervision

Fully supervised by lifeguards, police & volunteers
Students must be accompanied by a parent
(free entry for parents)

What to bring Togs, towel, money for food



PCYC's - Improving Communities Through Youth Development

