



CABOOLTURE POLICE DISTRICT CRIME BULLETIN



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Caboolture Police District has six (6) Police Stations, two (2) Police Beats and one (1) Police Shopfront and Police can be contacted on the following numbers:-

Policelink 131 444

Caboolture	5495 4444
Bribie Island	3410 9222
Burpengary	3491 2444
Woodford	5496 1202
Kilcoy	5497 1020
Moore	5424 7100
M'field Shopfront	5431 2930
Tullawong Beat	5498 3448
Narangba Beat	3886 8840
Communications	5409 0000

The Queensland Police Service now has both a Twitter and Facebook site that is accessible by the community.

<http://twitter.com/QPSmedia>

<http://www.facebook.com/QueenslandPolice>

Caboolture District Crime Prevention Coordinator (D.C.P.C.) has a mobile phone for urgent calls.



Welcome to the February 2012 edition of the Caboolture Crime Bulletin. The focus in this issue is Neighbourhood Disputes and School Zones, as well as our regular "Can You Help" column.

The production and distribution of the Caboolture Police District Crime Bulletin:-

- facilitates public involvement through enhanced access to crime related information;
- provides information targeting specific crimes and hot spot areas;
- provides crime prevention advice to promote personal safety and property security strategies;
- promotes community participation in crime prevention, solution and reduction; and
- provides current information to the community in a timely and cost effective manner.
- This bulletin can also be accessed on line at <http://www.police.qld.gov.au/Regional+Policing/northCoast/ncrcb.htm>

Please forward this bulletin to your friends, neighbours and business associates.

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Should you need to contact the D.C.P.C. you can either text or leave a message and the Caboolture Crime

Prevention officer will return your call as soon as possible.

The phone will only be in use during hours of rostered duty. Please place this number on your phone list.

0467 747 933

NEIGHBOURHOOD DISPUTES



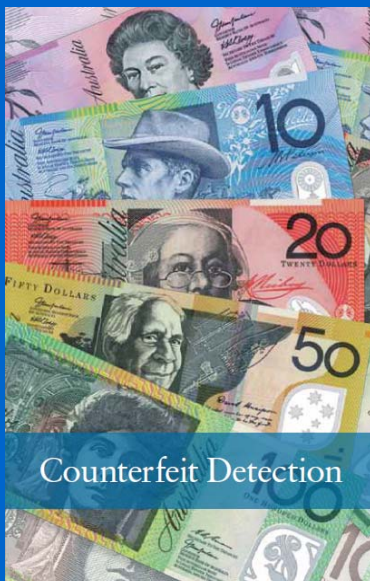
Counterfeit Bank Notes

Australian Counterfeit Banknote Detection

There has been concern by some people in past weeks at the possibility of counterfeit banknotes being in circulation.

Many of these concerns relate to no name under the person printed on the note. However, the name of the person didn't start until 2002.

Here are some tips to help you identify counterfeit banknotes.



Neighbourhood disputes, if left unresolved can develop into serious situations, new legislation *Neighbourhood Dispute Resolution Act* (the Act), which commenced on 1 November 2011 is designed to assist adjoining neighbours to resolve their differences relating to dividing fences and overhanging trees.

There is an option to seek an order from the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) if an agreement is not achieved.

In some instances neighbourhood disputes can attain a stage whereby one party will threaten to harm the other party, either personally or through threats to destroy or damage property. In these instances the Police will advise the aggrieved party to seek advice and make an application under the provisions of the *Peace and Good Behaviour Act* at the most convenient courthouse.

The matter may be dealt with by a justice either by issuing an order against the offending person to be off good behaviour towards the complainant or may, with the consent of the complainant, order the complainant to submit the matter to mediation under the *Dispute Resolution Centres Act*.

Mediation at a dispute resolution centre is not undertaken with matters involving domestic violence, where parties are not willing to negotiate, ongoing criminal cases or where legislation or court orders would otherwise be breached.

The *Neighbourhood Disputes Resolution Act* (the Act) provides options for neighbours to assist the involved parties with issues about trees and fences. In all instances the adjoining neighbours need to agree on the common boundary or arrange for a qualified surveyor to identify the boundary as boundary fences may not be constructed on the true boundary line.

Information to assist and guide neighbours is available on the Department of Justice and Attorney General web site at www.neighbourhooddisputes.qld.gov.au which includes:-

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Common myths about banknotes

Myth: Banknotes without the printed name underneath the portrait are counterfeit.

Fact: A banknote without the name of the person underneath the portrait is not necessarily counterfeit. Printed names were added to Australian banknotes from 2002. This was done to help the public identify the people that our banknotes feature.

To determine the year a banknote was produced, look at the first two numerals of the serial number e.g. 99 means the banknote was printed in 1999, while 03 means it was printed in 2003.

Myth: The Governor's signature is always above the Secretary to the Treasury's.

Fact: The signatures order on Australian banknotes was changed in 2002. Since then, the Governor's signature has been printed above that of the Secretary to the Treasury.

For further information

Call: 1800 633 220

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Email: nienquiries@rba.gov.au

Website:

www.rba.gov.au/banknotes

DOOR to DOOR

Recently it has come to our attention that there have been persons of Irish descent door knocking residences in Burpengary offering work in particular to do drive ways for a 'good deal'

It is feared that these persons may be part of an itinerant group who conduct substandard construction work.

- I. contact advice about free mediation services provided by Dispute Resolution Centres;
- II. contact advice about free legal advice through Legal Advice Queensland or a local Community Legal Centre; and
- III. guidance on the Act.



Under the Act, there should be a sufficient dividing fence between two parcels of land if an adjoining owner requests a fence to be constructed. A fence built on a common boundary is equally owned by adjoining owners and can include structures such as a hedge or vegetation boundary, ditch or earth embankments.

The Act specifically excludes retaining walls and a wall that is part of a house, garage or other building forming part of the boundary.

If an owner wishes to 'conduct 'fencing work' under the Act, a 'Notice to contribute for fencing work' and at least one quote must be provided to the adjoining owner seeking contribution to the cost of the work. Work must not commence until both owners have reached consensus on the work to be completed and the cost or an order has been issued by the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT).

Urgent fence work, due to damage or destruction may be completed prior to obtaining the adjoining owners approval or contribution in certain circumstances in accordance with section 28 of the Act. Under section 26 of the Act, if an owner damages a dividing fence, that owner is responsible for the repair of the damage.

Complaints in relation to pool barriers located on common boundaries are administered by the Department of Local Government and Planning under the *Building Act*. Where the pool barrier incorporates the common boundary, the pool owner is responsible for costs involved in building or modifying the dividing fence to comply with the pool safety standard.

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Police would like to urge residents to be wary of people offering work without checking their credentials

If it sounds too good to be true.....

IT NORMALLY IS !

CAN YOU HELP?



If you can identify the above persons please contact Const ROOTS, Morayfield Police Beat on 5431 2930 and quote occurrence number QP1200102500



Anyone who can identify the above pictured persons or has any information please contact Senior Constable PIPIA at Burpengary Station on 34912444 and quote reference no. QP1200059660

Disputes may be resolved through QCAT and orders may be issued by that tribunal. For further information refer to the Building Act.



Overhanging trees have been the cause of a number of neighbourhood disputes and the Act specifies 'a tree includes a plant which resembles a tree in size and form, e.g. bamboo plant, palm or cactus, a vine, a bare trunk, rooted tree stump or a dead tree.'

The owner of the property where the tree is situated is deemed to be the 'tree keeper' for the purposes of the Act. If land is 'affected by a tree' then QCAT has power to make a range of orders about the tree upon application by the neighbour.

Land is deemed to be affected by a tree from adjoining land if:-

- I. branches from the tree overhang the land;
- II. the tree has caused, is causing, or is likely to cause within the next 12 months to cause:
 - a. serious injury to a person on the land;
 - b. serious damage to the land or property on the land; or
 - c. substantial, ongoing and unreasonable interference with the neighbours use and enjoyment of the land.

Vegetation protection orders of the State or local government are not overridden by this Act, however under certain conditions QCAT may override the vegetation protection orders.

Common law right of abatement is included in the Act subject to vegetation protection orders, with the Act providing a notice system to address minor encroachment for trees which

- a) extend more than 50cm over the boundary line and
- b) are less than 2.5m from the ground.

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This person may have a tattoo on his lower left arm

Any one who can identify this person or has any information contact Senior Constable GRETSCHMAL at Morayfield Shopfront Police Beat on 54312930 and quote QP1101151569.



Any one who may be able to identify the above female is requested to contact OIC Caboolture CIB on 34912466, or PCC Nigel LYNDON Caboolture CIB on 34912484 and quote reference no. QP1200058500.



This notice may require the tree keeper to remove the branches within 30 days of delivery of the notice.

If the tree is not trimmed as requested, the landowning neighbour may remove the overhanging branches or make arrangements for them to be removed, with the tree keeper being liable for reasonable expenses for the removal. The neighbouring land owner is not required under the act to return the branches to the tree keeper and may dispose of the branches themselves.

Under the Act a person may enter land owned by the adjoining landowner to carry out 'relevant work' on fencing or a tree if:

- I. The adjoining landowner has agreed with the person to carry out that relevant work; or
- II. QCAT has ordered the relevant work to be carried out by the person.

The person must give the adjoining landowner, and any lessee of the land, a written notice of intention to enter the land to carry out the relevant land. When the notice is given an employee or agent may enter the land to conduct the relevant work at a reasonable time and for a period of time reasonable to carry out the relevant work.

For further information and notices that may be downloaded, please refer to:-

- I. In the case of dividing fences (not pool barriers) and overhanging trees www.neighbourhooddisputes.qld.gov.au or
- II. In the case of pool barriers making part of the dividing fence www.djgp.qld.gov.au.

The notices can be delivered by:

- (i) personal service to the adjoining owner;
- (ii) leaving it with an adult at the land owner's home or business address (the relevant address);
- (iii) leaving it in an obvious place at the relevant address; or
- (iv) posting the notice to the relevant address.

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Anyone who can identify the above pictured person or has any information please contact Constable LEDERHOSE at Burpengary Station on 34912444 and quote reference no. QP1101158044

SCHOOL ZONES – ROAD SAFETY

SCAMS

Betting & Computer Prediction Software Schemes



Australians love gambling. Don't be tempted to buy software packages that claim they can predict results with a high degree of accuracy. Gambling is risky and there is no guarantee that you will make a profit.

What to look for:

Gambling software packages promise to accurately predict the results of horse races, sports events or movements in the share market. Hugh returns are promised based on past results and trends. But when they fail to work, refunds are hard to come by. Scammers can charge a lot of money for these systems, ranging from around \$1,000 to more than \$15,000.

There are legitimate software programs to help people monitor share prices, but the scammers go one further and claim that their software can accurately predict movements in share prices. Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance when evaluating the results advertised.

Betting software scams claim that the predictions are based on weather conditions, the condition of the horse, the draw of the condition of the jockey. It promises huge returns



There are currently more than 2000 school zones across Queensland. The operating times for each school zone are set by the road owners – the Department of Transport and Main Roads or local councils. This means there are many variations of the operating times within the same towns and suburbs, making it difficult for motorists to remember what times they are required to slow down.

In order to assist motorists driving within school zones or travelling between local government areas, school zone times will be standardised in Queensland during 2012. The '**New rules around schools**' campaign launched in January 2012 to educate the community about these changes to school zone times and signage being implemented.

The new school zone operating times for all schools in Queensland will be standardised 7–9 am and 2–4 pm, unless specifically signed. This will come into effect gradually in 2012 as signs are upgraded.

By 16 April 2012, all school zones across south-east Queensland will be upgraded to 7–9 am and 2–4 pm.

From 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2011 the numbers of infringements in Caboolture District school zones on Narangba Rd were sufficient to be recorded in the top 25 for Queensland. No other Caboolture sites were recorded in the top 25.

Year	Offence Location	Offence Suburb	Total
2010	Narangba Road	Narangba	172
2010	Beerburum Road	Caboolture	85
2010	Buchanan Road	Morayfield	79

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based on past results and trends. However, once you buy it and it does not work as promised, you won't get your money back. Scammers usually advertise these systems as business opportunities or investments (or approach you through unsolicited emails, letters or phone calls). They often target professional people or those getting close to retirement.

PROTECT YOURSELF –

Remember even if a promoter tells you a scheme or program has the endorsement of a reputable betting agency or share trading company, you should always seek advice from an independent professional.

Caution never think you won't be targeted because you are not a gambler. Sometimes the scheme is promoted as an *Investment Program* not a gambling or punting system.

Think, don't be fooled by claims of *high accuracy or high strikes rates*. It's easy for a scammer to manipulate the statistics and give you the impression that a system will be highly profitable for you.

Investigate if you are interested in a software package that you think may assist you to manage or monitor investments, seek advice from an independent professional.

Ask yourself if someone can accurately predict gambling results, why would they need to sell their secret to earn money



ROAD RULES



In what order should the vehicles go through the roundabout? (Vehicle A and Vehicle C are travelling straight ahead.)

At a roundabout you must give way to all vehicles on the roundabout. Vehicles A and C must give way to Vehicle B as it is on the roundabout. When Vehicle B has passed vehicle A it will be able to enter the roundabout. When Vehicles A and B have passed Vehicle C it will be able to enter the roundabout. Therefore the vehicles will pass through the roundabout in the order Vehicle B then Vehicle A then Vehicle C.



In speed zones where the speed is not more than 70km/h, when are you required to give way to a bus leaving a bus stop?

You must give way to a bus which is leaving the kerb or a bus zone provided the speed limit is 70km/h or less, the bus is signalling to enter the traffic and there is a give way sign on the rear of the bus.

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