



Gympie District Crime Bulletin



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Do you have any information about crime? You can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



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

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

www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/crimePrevention/nhw/innhw



Partners in community safety

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Gympie District Crime Bulletin. This is a monthly electronic newsletter produced by Gympie Crime Prevention Unit. It will focus on community safety, crime trends and crime prevention initiatives.



Neighbourhood Watch State Conference

The 2009 Neighbourhood Watch State Conference will be held in Brisbane at the Novotel in Brisbane on **Saturday October 3, 2009**. The theme for this year's conference is "Coming of Age" and the key message is "Property to people".

It is a great opportunity to be informed on emerging issues in Neighbourhood Watch and how the program is working to foster safer communities throughout Australasia.

Due to space, nominations are being restricted so please get your registrations in. Follow the below link for more information.

www.police.qld.gov.au/nhw

Great Neighbourhood Watch News!

Reg Leis, Marelene Emmerton and Chris Reed from Gympie Rifle Range Neighbourhood Watch received their Gold Award Certificates and badges recently for lengthy and dedicated support to Neighbourhood Watch. Congratulations to the three of you.





Speeding continues to be one of the major killers on Queensland roads.

Speeding contributes to numerous crashes involving serious injury and increases the severity of crashes caused by other factors, such as drink driving and fatigue.

Speeding is defined as driving at a speed over the posted speed limit or at a speed that is inappropriate given the driving conditions (for example rain, fog, traffic volume, traffic flow and so on).

Speeding is dangerous. It is not safe to speed in any circumstance. Speeding increases stopping distances and your risk of a crash.

The potential consequences of speeding are just not worth the risk, and include:

- killing or injuring yourself, loved ones or other innocent road users in a crash
- paying for fines and car repairs
- losing points or your licence.

Speed limits are set and enforced for a reason — to save lives and reduce crashes.

Traffic issues

Here for Life

The Here for Life campaign was launched on May 19, 2009, and is the current Queensland Government road safety campaign. The campaign focuses on the sentimental moments that motivate Queenslanders to drive safely and be here for life — birthdays, anniversaries, holidays, and special moments shared with family and friends.

The Here for Life road safety campaign features an interactive social networking website (www.hereforlife.qld.gov.au) where everyday Queenslanders can share 'LifePIX', read other people's stories and actively demonstrate their support for safe driving. The campaign also incorporates television, outdoor and online advertising.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads anticipates that showing people's motivations for driving safely will highlight the fact that road safety is a community issue that is everyone's responsibility.



During the last four weeks, police across the Gympie District performed more than 7600 random breath tests, with the highest reading detected being 0.257% at Murgon.

Over 940 traffic infringement notices were issued for life endangering offences during this time. These offences include speeding, failing to wear a seatbelt and using a mobile phone while driving.

There were 17 disqualified and 53 unlicensed drivers caught by police during the period. Police are determined to improve the safety and welfare of all road users by maintaining high visibility on our roads.





Neighbourhood Watch meetings for September

- Rifle Range Road - Tuesday 1 AGM
- Imbil Rural - Monday 7, AGM
- Gympie Southside - Monday 7
Wondai – Tuesday 8th
- Jones Hill - Wednesday 9
- Nanango – Tuesday 11, AGM
Wondai – Tuesday 11
- Glastonbury Rural–Thursday 17



Information in this bulletin is accurate as at August 28th 2009

National Police Remembrance Day

National Police Remembrance Day is held annually on September 29 when we remember and honour our police officers killed in the line of duty. We also remember those officers whose deaths did not occur as a consequence of their duty.

The Remembrance List of 136 names is a list of all Queensland Police Officers killed on duty or died on Active Service in WW1. All police officers, and the community at large are reminded of the names of officers who have paid the ultimate price to keep the peace and enforce the law.

National Police Remembrance Day Service commenced in 1989 and the date was chosen as it was the Feast of the Archangel, St Michael, who was always fighting evil. Since this date, services have been held in Brisbane and many regional centres throughout Queensland.

The Gympie Memorial Service will be held at the St Peter’s Anglican Church, Lady Mary Terrace on Tuesday September 29 commencing at 10am. For further information please contact Acting/Senior Constable Rolly Manthey on 5480 1410.

Members of the Queensland Police Service and the community are encouraged to pay tribute by wearing a blue ribbon, which can be obtained from your local police station, and attending this service.





*Gympie Blue Light Disco
Friday September 18*

*Gympie Civic Centre
Ages 8 to 14 years*

6.30pm to 9.30pm SHARP

NO ID = NO entry

Visit the website

www.gympiebluelight.org

Murgon Blue Light Disco

Friday 18th September 09

Diggers Room at Murgon RSL

6.30pm to 8.30pm



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Property Identification

Engraving or marking your property leaves no doubt as to ownership. It deters others from taking YOUR property because of the difficulties involved in “off loading” identifiable property.

Personal Inventory – A detailed inventory should be kept of all your property. Record serial numbers, makes, models and full description of items and keep the list in a safe place.

Marking or engraving your property - Engravers are available for loan from you local police station or Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator (at no cost). Seek operating advice **before** using an engraver. Not all items are suitable for marking by electric engraver.

Using a Camera or Video – The following items should be photographed or videotaped, with a ruler or matchbox beside them to assist in determining size.

Jewellery, watches, silverware, collectables, stamp or coin collections, antiques and paintings. These photographs or negatives should be retained with your inventory.

Identification Code – Where possible, place your identification code in the top right hand corner of the item. Use your personal I.D. number or you may wish to use your Queensland drivers license number as you personal code.

How to make up your code – The first initial of you first name, the first initial of your family name, date of birth, and the letter Q which signifies Queensland. For example:

Cameron Edward Peters

Date of Birth 01-08-74

His personal code - CP010874Q

